



# Abberley Parochial V.C. Primary School

*Inspiring Hearts & Minds*

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## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

### The Friends' 100 Club

So far 28 people have signed up for the Abberley Friends' Association 100 Club, which will run from July 2017 until June 2018.

The first draw will be for July which will be drawn next week on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> so you still have time to join before the first draw is made.

The prize money is worked out on how many members there are, so at the moment the prize will be £14 per draw.

Letters were sent out last week with details on how to join, but there are more copies in the office if you need one.

### School Lunches

Could we please ask that when you order lunches for your children you please take a note of what you have ordered. We are increasingly having to contact parents to ask for a packed lunch to be brought in or packed lunches are sent in when a hot lunch has been booked. In this instance we will expect the child to eat the hot lunch and we will send the packed lunch home, to avoid the wastage of food.

Again we ask you to name the lunch menu, only book one lunch per day, one child per menu and payment must come in with the menu.

Thank you.

### The Wooden Sculpture

Several parents have commented about our wooden sculpture which is currently lying underneath the blue fir tree. It used to stand at the corner of the playground but was moved when our new classroom was built. We would love to place it on the grass outside the office but it is a considerable weight to move and would require the correct equipment.

If anyone has an idea of how to move the statue safely and make it secure when standing, please contact the school office.

## KEY STAGE 1 MESSAGES

### Lobsters

We had a wonderful time on Monday with Trevor the Animal man. He bought an amazing array of animals and we were very excited to meet the snakes, skunks, meerkats, tortoises and armadillos. Trevor was very knowledgeable and we all learnt a lot. The children may well be requesting some unusual pets in the future! They used his visit to inspire some fantastic artwork.

We must also say a big thank you to Mrs Arif for a very interesting morning last week when we learnt all about Islam. She brought in a range of artefacts and the children enjoyed tasting dates and having a go at writing in Arabic.

### Seahorses

The children all had a wonderful time on Monday morning with the Animal Man. They especially enjoyed seeing some really exciting minibeasts like giant millipedes, cockroaches a scorpion and a tarantula as well as all of the other amazing animals.

Please remember that as it is Sports Day next Monday, we will not be having library next week, so can all library books please be returned to school ready to be collected in. Children will be sent home in their P.E kits after Sports Day and these do not need to be returned to school until September.

## KEY STAGE 2 MESSAGES

### Seals

Much of the work this week has been connected with rehearsing and preparing for the school production. This year for the first time, we have a back stage team of children responsible for preparing and moving the props and scenery. We also have a team of children responsible for the technical side, including the sound system. You will be able to spot them at the back of the hall. They have worked incredibly hard to learn the skills necessary and we are very proud of what they have achieved.

The children have also been preparing for the French café next Wednesday.

### Sharks

It's a hive of activity in Sharks this week. Everybody is busy putting the finishing touches to what looks to be an amazing production. The children have worked so hard! Well done Sharks!

Our StopMotion films about The Highway Man are beginning to take shape, it takes a great deal of perseverance and dedication, both of which the children have excelled in. They have used their initiative and artistic skills to create the scenery, which enhances the overall effect.

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## REMINDERS

### Lunch Menus

Lunch menus for September went out in book bags on Monday. Could all orders be back in school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Thank you

### Library Books

If you have any library books still at home please return them to school by this Friday. Thank you.

### Lost Property

Could you please check to see if any of the items in the lost property box belong to you. At the end of term any items left will be given to Acorn Children's Hospice Charity Shop.

### Childminder Required

If anyone knows of a childminder who is available from September please contact the school office as we have a request from a parent who is looking for a childminder.

### School Production

Our school production is happening at the end of this week and we are all very excited! The performances start at 6pm so children need to arrive at 5.30pm. Some children have been asked to arrive at 5.15pm as their costumes require more time. **CHILDREN NEED TO BE DROPPED OFF AND COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL and not the village hall as previously stated.**

We anticipate the play will finish at about 7.15pm. There are still tickets available if you have not purchased yours yet.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sports Day

Sports Day will be on Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> at 1.15 on the school field. Parents are welcome to come and support and might like to bring a picnic blanket/ chairs etc. to sit on. Please be aware that there is no shade on the field and therefore we would be grateful if we could borrow some additional gazebos for the children to sit under.

All children will need their PE kits in school on Monday.

### Leavers' Service

The Leavers' Service will be held on Thursday at 2.00 in the village hall. All parents are welcome to attend.

### French Café

Year 3 and 4 will be running a French Café for their parents in the school hall on Wednesday. Details were sent home yesterday.