



Abberley Parochial V.C. Primary School

Inspiring Hearts & Minds

NEWSLETTER 13th September 2017

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Instrumental Lessons

Children in Seals class will begin their ukelele lessons next week. Every child will have access to a ukulele and will be taught in their year groups by Mr Rob Marshall. This is an excellent way of delivering the music curriculum for this age group and we are delighted to be able to continue this provision for the coming year.

The group of children learning to play the guitar and violin has increased and we look forward to hearing our musicians perform later in the year.

Mrs Amies

Friday 22nd September will be Mrs Amies' last day in school before she starts her maternity leave. She plans to return in the summer and in the meantime Mrs Lightfoot will teach Reception Class with support from Miss Williams and Mrs Birch.

We are sure you will want to join us in wishing Mrs Amies all the best.

Y6 Residential Visit

Y6 are looking forward to going on their residential to Oakerwood next week. They will be taking part in a range of activities: challenging themselves; working together and developing their independence.

The children need to be in school for 8.50am on Wednesday (20th) as the coach will be leaving promptly at 9am.

Fingers crossed the sun keeps shining!

KEY STAGE 1 MESSAGES

Lobsters

We have been thinking about keeping safe on the computer and the importance of not putting any personal information online. Children have watched the first episode of Hector's World to reinforce this. You could watch it together at home and talk about this important message

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/hectorsworld/Episode1/

KEY STAGE 2 MESSAGES

Seals

To learn how to keep safe while online we have started a class film this week called SMART. Next week we will be using Movie Maker to edit our film. Ask your child what SMART means. Children have been introduced to <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> a site they can visit to learn more about online safety.

As part of our morning routine, we have been practising our times tables. Each child has a particular table they are learning. Please could you practise these with your child. Little and often always works best. I have been very impressed with how far the children have come with learning these so far!

Seahorses

This week the children have been learning all about positional language using the story "Rosie's walk." We have had lots of fun acting out the story and climbing in, under, over and through all the obstacles. We have also been busy doing some fantastic artwork so watch out for our new classroom displays!

Home learning challenge.

This week we are starting our handwriting activities. Please encourage your child to have a go at drawing or writing at home so that they can practise holding their pencil with the correct "crocodile fingers" grip.

Sharks

Children have been revisiting the important message about what they should upload online and what can happen if they do not remember the SMART tips. You might like to watch these two clips again with your child and further this discussion at home.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/Films-to-watch-with-your-children/Jigsaw_original/ (CEOP)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sch_WMjd6go (NSPCC)

REMINDERS

Term Time Absences

We would like to remind you that it is inadvisable to book term time holidays. We know it can be cheaper but the impact on your child's education is only too real. Often parents are unaware of the impact on their child of missed days off school but there are several common concerns which we would like to bring to your attention:

Children can become anxious when they miss days off school as they realise that they have missed out on vital learning and may be behind their class mates on their return. Socially too it can cause anxiety as children returning from holidays in term time sometimes find that friendships have shifted and they are no longer included in groups.

While the teacher has to sit with the child who has missed school, to enable them to catch up, she is unable to meet the needs of the rest of the class. In this way one holiday has an impact on many more children.

We therefore ask you to be considerate and avoid booking holidays during school terms.
Thank you.

Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on the 31st October.
8.30 - 9.00am group photographs with pre-school children.
9.00am onwards individual and sibling photographs.

The Book People

We have a wide range of books and gifts for sale from the Book and Gift People. Please pop in to have a look, for every 10 books we sell, school can choose a free one. Orders need to be in by Tuesday 19th September.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sports Events.

This half term we will be taking part in the following sporting events.

Thurs 5th Oct 2017 – Quick Sticks hockey 4.00 – 6.00 pm (**Year 3/4 Team**)

Thurs 10th Oct 2017 – High 5 Netball 4.00 – 6.00 pm (**Year 5/6 Team**)

Letters will be sent out to all children selected to participate in the events with further details.

Dates for football and further netball matches will be finalised shortly!

Harvest festival

Our Harvest festival service this year will be held in the village hall on Thursday 19th October at 2.15. All parents are invited to attend as every class will be participating. Children normally bring a contribution of tinned or packaged goods which are sent to the local food bank.

OPEN MORNING October 14th 9.00-12.00

For parents new to the school or for prospective parents with children due to start school next September, we hold an Open Morning in October.

The school staff will be on hand to show you round and to answer any questions you might have. Existing parents are also most welcome to come and look around too.