



# Abberley Parochial V.C. Primary School

*Inspiring Hearts & Minds*

## NEWSLETTER 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

#### Year 6 Residential

Our year 6 children arrived safely yesterday at Oakerwood, near Leominster, and have spent a good night. Teachers reported that they are very well behaved and a credit to the school.

Our year 6 are staying with children from Broadwas and Grimley and Holt Primary schools. The visit forms part of the transition process which prepares them for high school.

We look forward to welcoming them back tomorrow and hearing about their time at Oakerwood

#### Volunteers

Every year we rely on the goodwill of parents who volunteer in school to help with a number of activities which may include swimming, reading, gardening, art and craft etc.

If you would like to help and could spare some time during the week to help in school please speak to Mrs Day in the school office or your child's class teacher.

Your help is very much appreciated and the children really benefit from the support.

#### Abberley and District Gardening Club Show Results

On the 8<sup>th</sup> September our KS2 bug houses went on display at the gardening show.

There were so many wonderful creations that the judges were unable to choose between them, but 6 were chosen as Highly Commended.

They were:

Harriet  
Annabel  
Charles  
Adam

And two children who left in July: Anya and Ben. Well done to all the winners.

### KEY STAGE 1 MESSAGES

#### Lobsters

We have had a very creative week in Lobsters. We have been looking at the story of the Rainbow Fish and the children have produced some impressive work. Soon you may be able to spot some of the children's fish artwork hanging in the windows and on the display boards.

This week you will find a new spelling book in your child's book bag. On the inside of the book cover there's some information about what the children need to do with their spellings. Their spelling books need to stay at home or in their book bags until Monday, when we will have a very informal 'test'. If you could help your child to learn their spellings ready for Monday, that would be brilliant. If you need more guidance with this, please do let me know.

#### Seahorses

The children are really enjoying their "Down on the Farm" topic and have been learning about the story of "The Enormous Turnip" this week. We have used our fruit and vegetables to practise our weighing and measuring skills.

A big thank you to Mr Marriott for bringing in a hand grindstone. The children were very excited to grind some wheat and Arthur did a great job of explaining how to use it.

#### Home learning challenge.

See if you can provide opportunities for your child to practise their weighing and measuring skills at home. We would love to see some photos of these.

### KEY STAGE 2 MESSAGES

#### Seals

We have had a fantastic week in Seals, finding out more about African animals and beginning to write kennings about these. We have also been working hard to learn our times tables and had our first weekly times tables test this week.

In your child's reading record book, you will find the class weekly timetable. Every Monday, there will be a spellings test and a times tables test. I will be keeping track of the children's scores and moving them on when needed. New spellings will go out on a Monday. These will consist of ten spellings altogether; five of these will be personal spellings taken from the English books and five will be National Curriculum spellings. Please come and see me if you have any queries about the class weekly routines.

#### Sharks

We have been reasoning and problem solving using positive and negative numbers.

Children have been learning about the features of an instructional text before creating their own piece.

The Year 5 children are having a different timetable this week with Mrs Wylie and Mrs Shelley. They appear to be enjoying their position as the oldest pupils in the school for a short time until the Year 6 pupils return tomorrow.

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## REMINDERS

### Collecting Children from School

We are concerned that a small number of children are not being collected on time at the end of school. If you know you are going to be late we would appreciate a courtesy call so that we can look after your child and avoid any distress.

If we don't hear from you and your child is left with us we shall try to contact you by phone.

Any child who hasn't been collected by 3.30 will automatically be booked into Abberley Acorns and parents will receive a bill to cover this.

### Jigsaws

Abberley Acorns would love some more jigsaws. If you have any at home that are no longer played with and would be kind enough to donate them to Abberley Acorns could you please drop them at the school office? Thank you.

### Speeding in the village hall car park

We have received some complaints about cars speeding in the village hall car park. This is incredibly dangerous with so many children about so please be considerate for the safety of others when using this car park.

### Lunch Menus

The new lunch menu went out on Monday and all orders need to be back in school by Friday. Please remember to put your child's name on your menu. Only one child per menu, only one choice per day and if applicable payment with the menu please.

### Football Kit.

We are missing one of our school team football kits. The kit consists of a shirt and shorts with the Abberley logo and should be in a drawstring bag.

If you know the whereabouts of the kit please could you let Mrs Lightfoot know.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Harvest festival  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
2.15pm in the Village Hall

Open Day  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October  
2017  
9am – 12noon