



Abberley Parochial V.C. Primary School

Inspiring Hearts & Minds

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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Children in Need Friday 17th November

The children's charity committee have organised the following events for Children in Need: Fluffy key rings will be on sale at a cost of £3.50. Supplies are limited so these will be sold on a first come, first served basis starting from next Monday. On 17th November there will be a cake sale after school in our hall – donations of cakes for this will be most welcome. Finally children will be asked to dress their teddy bears in a Christmas outfit and the best one will receive a prize. Please bring cakes and teddies into school on Friday 17th November. This is also a non-uniform day for which we ask for a donation of £1.00 to go towards Children in Need.

Book Fayre

The Scholastic book fayre will be in school from Tuesday 14th November. Parents will be able to look at the books in the school hall from 3.15 to 3.45

Parents' Evenings

We look forward to seeing you either this evening or tomorrow evening for your interview with your child's teacher. Could all parents please come to the school office from where they will be collected by the teacher.

My Childs Art

Every child in school has produced a piece of artwork for www.mychildsart.co.uk This company can reproduce your child's work on various items for Christmas. The parents portal is now live – Password: sYxBQLrw. See leaflet in child's book bag for more details.

Lunch Menu Error

On the latest lunch menu Tuesday 14th November should say 'Both served with mash and veg of the day' not 'Both served with rice'

KEY STAGE 1 MESSAGES

Lobsters

This week we have been designing some brilliant leaflets about our amazing places. The children are looking forward to learning how to create their leaflets on the computer.

In science the children have been looking at different habitats around the world and which animals live there and why. I have been most impressed with their wildlife knowledge!

We have also been practising our football skills in preparation for our first football tournament on 30th November- more information to follow.

Seahorses

We have had a busy week in Seahorses sharing our experiences of bonfire night and learning about the importance of Remembrance Sunday. The children also enjoyed their first outdoor learning session last Wednesday. Please can you ensure they bring sufficient layers of clothing as we will go outside whatever the weather.

Home learning challenge.

We are coming to the end of our Phase 2 single letter sounds. Please continue to practise these at home with your child – maybe you could play "I spy." I'm sure they will amaze you with their knowledge.

KEY STAGE 2 MESSAGES

Seals

This week, we have had remembrance week and explored the events of World War 1. In English, we have been looking at war poetry, considering what information this gives us about the war and its effects.

In P.E, we have been focusing on creating a dance related to the war. Each week, we have thought about a different aspect of the war and created a dance piece to reflect this. This week, we created a part of our dance relating to the Blitz.

Sharks

This week, we have been inspired by several wartime artists. We have been developing our colour mixing skills in order to imitate the techniques used by these artists

We have been planning our topic-based biographies. These biographies will detail the main events and achievements in the life of a child during WW2. We will be experimenting with direct and indirect speech in addition to other technical vocabulary, grammar and punctuation.

In Dance, the children have created firework inspired routines which incorporate all 6 movements of Dance and consider the many shapes, levels and pathways of modern fireworks.

REMINDERS

E-safety

Seahorses have been talking about technology and life online in class. They have read the story of Smartie the Penguin who was given a new tablet for his birthday, and needed help with lots of different things. We also learnt the e-safety song that Smartie's parents teach him.

To hear the story, visit Childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin. Maybe your child could teach you the e-safety song too.

Christmas Fayre

The school Christmas Fayre will be held on Thursday 7th December at 3.15pm at school. Please come along and support us. Children will be busy making items to sell at this event.

Bags for School

Your child will have now received a "bag for school" We receive a payment based on the total weight collected so please try to fill your bag and bring it to the back gate of the school on 30th November by 9.00am. Extra bags are available from the school office.

Carol Concert

This year's Carol Concert will be held in the church on Thursday, December 14th. There will be two performances, 2.00 and 6.00 and you are all welcome to attend.

101 Dalmatians

We have now received the majority of payments and are looking forward to taking all the children to this exciting Christmas event. May we politely remind those who have yet to respond that forms and payments need to be in by 24th November.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nativity

The KS1 Nativity will be held in the village hall on Thursday December 7th at 2.15pm

Sports events.

Thursday 23 November 2017 – Key Stage 2 KAB Festival (kurling, archery, boccia) at The Chantry

Thursday 30th November 2017 – Year 1 and 2 Indoor Football Tournament at The Chantry.

Both these events are team events and if your child is selected they will receive further details by letter.

Christmas Lunch December 19th (last day of term)

Menus will be sent home next week for you to order a Christmas meal for your child. The whole school community traditionally gets together in the village hall for their Christmas lunch, which is cooked by our usual provider and served by a group of parents. Children with packed lunches generally bring them across and eat with their friends.

It is a most enjoyable occasion and is usually followed by a visit from a "very special person!" All in all it is a fitting end to the term.

If you wish your child to have a hot Christmas lunch please complete and return the forms next week. Please note there is a small extra charge for children in KS1 who normally receive free school meals.

Thank you.