



Abberley Parochial V.C. Primary School

Inspiring Hearts & Minds

NEWSLETTER 15th November 2017

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Bee assembly

Yesterday we had a visitor in school. Mrs Thornton, a volunteer for Worcestershire wildlife trust spoke to all the children in assembly about the importance of protecting our environment to preserve the habitat for bees. She explained all about pollination and how important it is to have plenty of bees. The children learnt about the different types of bees and where they lived. They asked some very interesting questions which indicated that they had listened well and were starting to think about what they could do to help the bees.

Letters to Children

We are concerned that a few parents feel that their children are not being given letters when these are sent home to parents. We would like to assure you that every child has a letter. In KS1 letters are placed in the children's book bags. However, once they are in KS2 children are told to pick up a letter and put it in their own bags to take home. This is an important step in encouraging their independence which I am sure you would wish to support. If you do not receive a letter please do not assume that your child has been missed out. Remind your child to collect their letter and bring it home.

Changes in the School Office

Mrs Day will be on Jury Service from Monday November 20th so we ask for your patience and understanding during this period. It also may take a little longer to answer the phone or door!
Thank you.

Christmas Market

As part of our Christmas Fayre on Thursday December 7th, we plan to include a Christmas market. If you would like to set up a stall in the Sharks Classroom please contact the school office for more details.

KEY STAGE 1 MESSAGES

Lobsters

This week we are very excited to have started learning some of our nativity songs! The children have also started creating their brilliant leaflets about amazing places on the computer.

In phonics we have recently covered the following sounds:

Y1: ay, ou and ie

Y2: i-e, o-e and u-e

At home, please encourage your child to spot these sounds in their reading books and when out and about.

Next week in maths, we will be looking at shape. Can you help your child spot 2D shapes around the house?

Seahorses

This week we have been learning about the Hindu Festival of Lights – Diwali. The children have enjoyed learning a story from another culture. We had lots of fun making shadow puppets and making up our own stories.

Home learning challenge.

In numeracy this week we have been looking at addition and putting two groups of objects together and finding the total. Perhaps you could help your child practise this skill in practical situations at home.

Please could I remind all parents that the children are now doing outdoor learning on a Wednesday and they need some old clothes and a named pair of wellies in school for this activity?

KEY STAGE 2 MESSAGES

Seals

This week we have been focusing on friendships and showing kindness as part of Anti-bullying week. We have discussed what bullying actually is and how to show kindness to others.

We are quite limited for space with the children's personal belongings. The children have a small locker each and there are a number of pegs which they can hang their coats on. In the classroom, there is also a basket in which the children can put their book bags. Please could you ensure your child has a suitably-sized bag as a few of the children's bags can't fit in the lockers and it is becoming increasingly untidy in the locker area.

Sharks

This week we have been delving further into our current topic of Conflict. In English, the children have been analysing the figurative language used within poems based upon 'The Blitz' of WW2, building up to writing their very own poems on the same subject.

In Dance, the children were each delegated a topic theme. The objective of the lesson was to create a routine that not only focused upon the 6 movements of dance and the skill of synchronisation but also considered the issue of conflict and the impact of war across the world (these will be shared on Class Dojo).

In Science, we have been investigating and comparing the communicative methods used in WW1 & 2 such as Morse code and Semaphore flags and the children have conducted their own investigations into each using torches, flags and circuits.

REMINDERS

Children in Need

Friday 17th November is a non-uniform day in aid of Children in Need. Please bring in a £1 donation to wear your own clothes.

There is a cake sale after school in the school hall, so could any donations of cakes be brought into the school office on Friday morning.

Any bears that have been dressed up especially for Pudsey can be brought into the school hall on Friday morning.

Thank you

Christmas Fayre Thursday 7th December 3.15pm Onwards

Non uniform day so please bring in donations for Christmas tombola
Thank you

Book Fayre

There are some lovely books on sale in the book fayre so come in and have a look. The book fayre will be open after school until Monday has begun and will be on all week from 3.15- 3.45.

Photographs

All orders need to be back in school by this Friday 17th November.

After this date you will need to order directly from Next Gen School Photography.

101 Dalmatians

Please could we have any outstanding payments for the theatre trip in December as we need to confirm numbers with the theatre next week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

KS1 Nativity and Christmas Fayre

The younger children will be presenting their Nativity in the village hall on Thursday December 7th at 2.00. This will be followed by the school Christmas Fayre which will be held inside the school from 3.15. Please come and support your child and enjoy the start of the Christmas festivities!

Carol Service 2pm and 6pm

Two services will be held at the church on Thursday 14th December. Children from KS2 will be expected to attend both the afternoon and evening service. We hope you will all be able to join us for this wonderful celebration.

Response to Parents' Questionnaires November 2017	Strongly agree	Agree	Total % agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My child is happy	32	6	97 %	1	0	0
My child feels safe	34	5	100 %	0	0	0
My child makes good progress	22	16	97 %	1	0	0
My child is well looked after	33	6	100 %	0	0	0
My child is well taught	27	11	97 %	1	0	0
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	20	17	95 %	1	0	1
School ensures pupils are well behaved	28	9	95 %	2	0	0
School is well led and managed	22	14	92 %	2	0	0
School responds well to any concerns	27	8	89 %	2	0	0
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	21	17	97 %	0	1	0
I would recommend this school to another parents	28	8	92 %	3	0	0