



# Abberley Parochial V.C. Primary School

*Inspiring Hearts & Minds*

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### WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

#### Eisteddfod next competition:

Our next Eisteddfod competition focuses on handwriting and presentation. The children have been asked to copy a poem about a tiger in their best handwriting and to decorate the page either with a border round the text or with an illustration. The poems, together with the instructions, can be downloaded in the letters tab. Look for your class as it has been made age appropriate. Please see Miss Ashtiyani if you have any questions.

#### KAB Tournament

Congratulations to the KAB team who won the Archery event at the School Games KAB tournament last week. Well done to all the children involved. We have now qualified for a further archery tournament later in the year.

#### Indoor Athletics

Well done to all the Year 5 and 6 children who took part in the indoor athletics tournament last week. All the children performed really well. We are still awaiting the overall results.

#### Y5 Residential

Due to unforeseen circumstances at Folly Farm, the dates for the Y5 residential have been changed to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Internet Use

It has been brought to our attention that some children are accessing unsuitable material on YouTube, mainly channels with adult themes. We advise checking what parental controls you have set on your child's internet access.

### KEY STAGE 1 MESSAGES

#### Lobsters

'Stripy' our class pet has asked Lobsters to research where in the world he used to live. So this week Lobsters have been looking at rainforests and jungles and researching which animals live in rainforests, to see if this could be Stripy's home.

A reminder that wellies and P.E kit need to be brought in every Thursday to ensure your child can take part in their activities.

#### Seahorses

This week we have been learning about time. The children have been thinking of different ways of measuring time and looking at calendars and clocks. We have been learning to tell the time to "o'clock." Please continue to practise this skill at home.

Tig the tiger is very excited about coming to spend the weekend with the children. Please help your child to fill in his diary at home so they can share what he did during his weekend visit with the rest of the class.

### KEY STAGE 2 MESSAGES

#### Seals

Seals have had an exciting week finding out about 'The frost unicorn' as part of our English unit on non-chronological reports. They have created their own pictures of the unicorn and carried out reports where they took on the role of unicorn experts.

As part of our times tables practice, we have been testing ourselves using an interactive speed times tables test. Please find the link below if you wish to use this to help your child learn their times tables:  
<https://www.timestables.co.uk/speed-test/>

#### Sharks

This week we have been exploring bias and objectivity in newspaper reports through the analysis of fact, opinion and emotive language. The children have been analysing interview technique and the use of leading questions to elicit specific information from interviewees.

In Topic we are exploring the physical characteristics of habitats and how certain animals are suited to living in specific environments and how, over time, certain species adapt to live in new surroundings with particular physical characteristics.

# REMINDERS

## Shopping at Tesco

Please remember to shop at Tesco and put your blue token in our pot. All the money we raise from the scheme will go towards replacing the markings on the playgrounds.

Thank you



## School Milk

If you would like your child to receive milk you need to register at and pay 'Cool Milk'. There are order forms in the school office or apply online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

**SATs meeting for parents of children in Year 5 and 6  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January in Sharks classroom.**

## School Disco

A reminder about the school disco this Friday at 3:45 in the village hall.

## Half Term Dates

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February -  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

## Abberley Acorns' Questionnaire

*'My child is always happy to attend Abberley Acorns.'*

*'It's a happy environment – it gives children time to chill and mix with all age groups after a more formal school day'*

*'Both my children love coming to Abberley Acorns'*

*'Thank you so much for such warm and caring wrap around'*

Thank you for taking the time to complete the recent questionnaire. We are continuously evaluating Abberley Acorns and we would like to share some suggestions we are going to implement from this recent survey, and also address a couple of misconceptions.

71% of parents were not in favour of introducing a set weekly menu so we are going to continue to allow children to select their own snack. We are going to increase the range of snacks available and one of the options will be slightly more substantial. New options will include: pasta, jacket potatoes, toasties, scrambled eggs, boiled eggs and soldiers, soup. If you prefer your child to have the more substantial snack then please speak to Acorns' staff.

Porridge will be added to the breakfast food list. Honey will be available to sweeten the porridge, if requested. No sugar will be added to any breakfast cereals. Parents and children are asked if a breakfast is required when children are signed in. This is not an option children can later request (unless you have a prior arrangement whereby your child can choose – please ask staff if you would like this option) due to financial implications as there are two prices for the breakfast club, £2.50 without breakfast and £3.00 with.

Children will continue to be offered slices of fruit with their snack; a fruit bowl will contain whole pieces of fruit for children who prefer to eat fruit this way. Children who attend Abberley Acorns from 3.15pm will also be able to help themselves to fruit and a drink if they are hungry after school. The main snack will remain to be served at 5pm as after the 4.30pm activity has finished this allows sufficient time to tidy up after the activity, clean the surfaces and prepare the snack.

A 'homework station' will be introduced for children to have the option to carry out their homework while at Abberley Acorns. For children who attend regularly and stay late into the evening this will hopefully help as they have less time at home in the evenings to complete their homework compared to their peers.

We are pleased that parents are enjoying the range of activities on offer and we have already implemented a music activity this term with the recorder group. We are investigating other suggestions and have contacted some outside agencies, we are awaiting responses. The programme of activities is always put together in conjunction with the children. During school assemblies children are asked what clubs they would like and if they would like any existing activities repeated. While children are attending Abberley Acorns feedback and suggestions are continually gathered and this all feeds into the programme that is offered.

Morning club will continue to start at 8am. Some parents asked if we could open earlier. This is not possible at present but will be reviewed in the future.

We hope this answers the queries outlined in your responses and reflects suggestions made. If you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Shelley.