



Abberley Parochial V.C. Primary School

Inspiring Hearts & Minds

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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Rocket Science

The children are preparing to become space biologists and embark on a voyage of discovery by growing seeds that have been into space. Our school will be one of 10,000 schools to receive a packet of seeds, which we will grow alongside seeds that haven't been into space and measure the differences over 7 weeks. The seeds have now arrived! Rocket Science is a project developed by the UK Space Agency to celebrate astronaut Time Peake's mission to the ISS and to inspire children to look into careers in STEM(Science, technology, engineering & maths) subjects and horticulture.

KS1 and KS2 Tests

Children in Years 2 and 6 will be sitting the national tests in May and June.(SATs) As there has been much discussion in the news about the changes in assessment this year you may wish to look at this link from the Government Standards and Testing Agency.

[2016 national curriculum tests for key stages 1 and 2: information for parents](#)

[Assessment update.](#)

New Parent Governor

Abberley Primary School Governing Body are pleased to announce that Mrs Charlotte Turner has been elected as the new parent governor.

Aerial Drone

Mr Sharpe is looking for anyone who has access to a drone that can take photos from above for one of our class projects. If you know of anyone who has access to one, or even if you have access yourself, could you please get in contact with Mr Sharpe. Thank you!

KEY STAGE 1 MESSAGES

Lobsters

Summer Term Timetable.

Monday – Library books
Wednesday – Homework due in
Thursday – Outdoor PE
Friday – Spellings

It has been lovely to see all the children back after the Easter break and I have enjoyed reading their recounts of what they had been doing during the holidays. We will be continuing with our topic "The Golden Ticket" this half term as we still have plenty of the Chocolate Factory to explore. In Numeracy we are continuing to work on the 4 operations.

Seahorses

The children are really enjoying our new topic on dinosaurs and we have had some lovely models and posters in that the children have made. Mrs Postlethwaite is going to be starting a junk model dinosaur art project with the children on Fridays. If you have any clean boxes, cartons or containers that we could use please bring them into Seahorses class. The more boxes we have the bigger the dinosaurs we can make!

Please remember it is Outdoor Learning on Wednesdays and children will need their wellies on this day. Thank you.

KEY STAGE 2 MESSAGES

Turtles & Dolphins

Monday – King Kong Times tables. Year 4 Maths questions will be sent home. In response to parent questionnaire this homework will allow you to support your child at home in areas where they may require extra support. Please work together on the questions.

Tuesday – Gardening Clothes
Wednesday – Swimming Kits
Thursday- Ukulele lesson. Spellings
Friday – Outdoor PE.

Children should read for 10 minutes every night and be asked questions about the text to develop their comprehension understanding. Remember 'Education City' can be accessed at home and has online activities to extend learning in Maths and English.

Sharks

Monday – PE Kit
Tuesday – PE Kit
Wednesday – (Year 6 only) Maths SATs books
Thursday – Year 6 Maths & SPAG SATs books
Friday – Year 6 Maths SATs books & Pentorbia Maths

We have started our new topic this week called 'The Road to Rio'. The children are going to be racing around the world to complete lots of different challenges for the Olympic Sports Committee. This week we've been travelled to London and Belgium whilst looking into the EU and also learning about different governments. Where will we go next?

REMINDERS

Abberley Acorns

Could parents please ensure they are signing the register correctly when picking up their children from Abberley Acorns. This information is used to generate your invoice.

Malvern Show Garden visits

KS2 Children will be visiting Malvern show ground to help build the garden on the following days. They will be travelling in a minibus with their teacher.
 Yr 3 – 25/4/16 & 5/5/16
 Yr 4 - 26/4/16 & 5/5/16
 Yr 5 – 28/4/16
 Yr 6 – 29/4/16

Lunch Menus

You should have received a copy of the new lunch order form today.

May we remind you not to book a lunch for the days when your child will be out of school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATs Countdown 26 Days To Go

They will begin the week starting 9th May so Year 6 are encouraged to get as much practise in as possible.

Year 3/4 & 5/6 Cross Country Thursday 14th April

Letters were sent out at the end of last term for the event this week at the Chantry. This event does tend to finish early.

Y5 Residential Parents' Meeting Thursday 21st April

There will be a meeting for parents at 3.30pm in Sharks' classroom so that we can share with you information you may require prior to the residential.

ADDITIONAL NEWS

Response to Parents' Questionnaires March 2016	Strongly agree %	Agree %	Total agree %	Don't know %	Disagree %	Strongly disagree %
My child is happy	88	9	97	3	0	0
My child feels safe	88	12	100	0	0	0
My child makes good progress	64	30	94	6	0	0
My child is well looked after	85	15	100	0	0	0
My child is well taught	79	18	97	3	0	0
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	48	36	85	12	3	0
School ensures pupils are well behaved	79	21	100	0	0	0
School is well led and managed	79	21	100	0	0	0
School responds well to any concerns	76	18	94	6	0	0
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	67	30	97	3	0	0
I would recommend this school to another parents	82	15	97	3	0	0

My Experiences

This year and a couple other times I had the chance to visit Africa, Gambia and visit a school in the village of Brufrut this was an amazing experience and I will never forget it. As my family and I went into the different classrooms they sang us welcome songs and danced as well! As you can tell the classrooms weren't at the best quality the chairs and tables were broken and in some class rooms they were just on benches crammed in! In some classroom the pencils where as small as my pinkie and they were sharpening the pencils with razor blades!!

If the parents of the child couldn't afford for their child to go to school they would take a year off but when they came back a year later all their friends would have gone into the next year and they have to stay behind in the year below to catch up!



So...

I am now going to conclude this by saying we are very lucky and we just need to look around us and we can see how much more we have. So when you get a chance just sit and think about how lucky you are. We have new technology, better doctors, better education and many other things are different but it's not just other countries some people in the UK are homeless and have nowhere to go. So go raise some money!

By Molli (Year 6)