



Abberley Parochial V.C. Primary School

Inspiring Hearts & Minds

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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Garden Quiz Winner

Congratulations to Heather Dale whose name was drawn out of the hat and is therefore the overall winner of our competition. There were 9 entries each scoring 49 out of 50 correct answers. Thank you to all of you for taking part.

We would especially like to thank Martley Horticultural Society for supporting our school so enthusiastically.

New Intake September 2016

We received a record number of applications for a place in Reception for September 2016 and are delighted to announce that the Local Authority and our Governors agreed to extend our admission number to 22 for this year. The additional numbers are intended be for one year only and will help to balance the low numbers in Reception over the past two years. We have always been flexible when arranging class groupings and have already planned how to retain manageable class sizes in the future. We feel that the large number of applications reflects the strong reputation of the school in the wider community which can only be good for the future of the school.

NSPCC

Each class is running their own sponsorship event to raise money for the NSPCC. All sponsorship money and forms need to be in by next Wednesday (4th May).

Gardening in Malvern

Year 5 need to wrap up warm tomorrow (Thursday, 28th) for their trip to our garden in Malvern and Year 6 will need to do the same on Friday (29th) when they go over.

KEY STAGE 1 MESSAGES

Lobsters

In Lobsters this week we have been using our knowledge of shapes to design some fantastic packaging for our chocolate products. We had to think very carefully about the different properties of 3D shapes when drawing our nets. We have also had some Kung Fu experts in class as the children have been awarded their first belts for using brilliant punctuation.

On Thursday we will be doing our sponsored obstacle races in aid of the NSPCC. Please do not forget to return all forms and sponsor money to School by Wednesday 4th May 2016. Thank you.

Seahorses

This week the children have been enjoying learning even more about dinosaurs and how they lived. Year 1 children have been writing their own dinosaur riddles and Reception children have been writing descriptions about their favourite dinosaur.

On Thursday (28th April) the children in Key Stage 1 will be having a special P.E lesson to help raise money for the NSPCC. Please remember if your child has a sponsorship form that they will need to be returned to school by Wednesday 4th May. Thank you.

KEY STAGE 2 MESSAGES

Turtles & Dolphins

What an exciting, and cold, couple of days creating our school garden at Malvern. Well done everyone.



This Thursday will be our special NSPCC sponsored event so please have your outdoor PE kit in school.

Sharks

NSPCC

We completed our class event of 'Goals, Goals, Goals' as chosen by the children. They decided that they wanted to see how many goals they could score in 10 minutes. Scoring an amazing total of 52 goals. Now they are going to be trying to earn as much sponsorship as they can over the next week.

Today, Sharks class had a special lesson with the NSPCC and they have taken some leaflets home for parents to read about being safe online.

REMINDERS

NSPCC Sponsor Forms Wednesday, 4th May

The children have been completing their NSPCC events this week and have to have their sponsorship forms and money back in by next Wednesday.

May Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May

Just a reminder that the school is closed next Monday for the Bank Holiday.

Y5 Residential

Your child will have brought home some forms today asking for medical and dietary information as well as emergency contact details. Please could these forms be returned to school by Friday 29/04/16.

RHS Malvern Spring Festival

There is an opportunity for children to be involved in speaking to members of the public about our garden at the Malvern show on Friday 6th May, Saturday 7th May and Sunday 8th May. A free adult ticket is available for the parent who accompanies the child to the show.

Malvern Tickets

We have a limited number of £10 tickets for the show on 6th, 7th and 8th May. They are on sale now from the office.
All children get in free.

Sainsburys' Active Kids Vouchers

Reminder – last day for collecting Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsburys is the 3rd May.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATs Countdown 12 Days To Go

KS2 national tests will begin the week starting 9th May so Year 6 are encouraged to get as much practise in as possible.

Key Stage 1 Football Tournament Monday 16th May

A team from Key Stage 1 will be representing Abberley at the outdoor football tournament at Chantry. Letters will be going out soon to the chosen team..

Spring Disco Friday May 13th

We will be holding a children's disco in the village hall on Friday 13th May to coincide with the end of SATs week. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

School Governing Body News

We wish to announce some changes to the school's Governing Body:

One of the governors is well known at school. She is Sallie Butcher, Vice Chair of Governors, who runs our popular Fish Club. She has served on the Governing Body for some time now and has brought her particular knowledge and expertise to the role. Unfortunately for us, we now have to announce that she will be stepping down from her involvement with the school as she has embarked upon the path of ordination and will soon be ordained vicar and will be required to use her skills to support those in another benefice. We will be extremely sorry to say goodbye to her although we are delighted that she will be able to remain with us until the end of this term.

As you know, we recently held an election for a parent governor – the position having come about due to the end of the term of office of James Hill, parent governor and Chair of Governors. We were delighted that two parents put their names forward for the role so Mr Hill decided that he would not stand for election as he felt it was time to welcome new blood to the Body. However, we did not know at the time that the Governors were also about to lose their Vice Chair. This meant that in one fell swoop the Governors would lose a great deal of skill and expertise.

In order to address this it was suggested by the Diocese that the Governing Body might be able to invite Mr Hill to return if a suitable vacancy arose. Due to the resignation of one of our co-opted governors a vacancy did arise and the subsequent issue of the co-option of Mr Hill to the Governing Body was discussed at the meeting last night. We are very pleased to announce that co-option was unanimously agreed and Mr Hill was subsequently voted back to the position of Chair of Governors. We are pleased to welcome him back and look forward to continuing to work hard together to keep this thriving school moving ever forwards. The position of Vice Chair will be discussed at the first meeting of the new school year.