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MISSION STATEMENT
Believe and Achieve

We are committed to the protection and safety of our pupils and safeguarding is a priority

NEWSLETTER - Autumn Term 2015 - Issue 6 - Friday 13th October 2015



Dear Parents,

Please be aware of the dates for the rest of this term at the end of this newsletter. For some of the events we will send out letters closer to the time, where needed, but I would suggest writing them on your calendar at home as we enter, what is traditionally, quite a busy time in school.

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

WB 19th October - AM Nursery

WB 2nd November - Year 5

Well done to all the children in each class. They have received the trophy and attendance teddy, with a lollipop for each child.

ABBEY PRIMARY SCHOOL RESULTS SUCCESS

I thought it would be good to inform you of a forthcoming press release that is to be sent out by Walsall Council regarding Abbey Primary School. I was informed last week that our school has been singled out for praise along with several others from the borough for achieving excellent results. The reason is that the Y6 results from last year dramatically improved at Level 4+ by 36%, in Reading and Maths.

Councillor Chris Towe, Cabinet member with responsibility for Education Services said:
 "I am absolutely delighted with the continuing improvements in our Primary schools. Results like these do not happen by magic. It's all about strong

leadership, teamwork, great teaching and support from home. These factors will always lead to great results. I congratulate all the schools, parents and pupils for their continuing commitment and hard work. Well done!

EARLY YEARS DIWALI DAY

On Friday 20th November Nursery and Reception will be having an Early Years Diwali Day. The children do not need to wear uniform and can come dressed in party clothes. The children will be joining in with activities to celebrate the 'Festival of Light' and a special visitor will also come and speak to the children in Reception.

SEN INFORMATION PARENT WORKSHOP - MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

At 9am in the dining hall, on the above date, we are holding a Special Education Needs Information Workshop for all parents, but particularly those parents whose children have a special educational need. The meeting will run for approximately 60-90 minutes with an introduction to parents about the schools SEN information report and then an opportunity to gather parent's thoughts, ideas and concerns, about SEN provision in school. Parents will also have the opportunity to mingle around different "stands" where professionals who work in school will showcase resources and discuss with parents how a certain strategy would help a child who may be



struggling to read or with their behaviour, for example. Refreshments will also be available.

AUTISM AWARENESS CHARITY DAY

Well done to a group of Y6 pupils who organised cakes and other items to be sold for Autism Awareness. The money raised, £187.00 has now been sent to The Autistic Society.

READING IN SCHOOL

Over the past few weeks a number of queries have come to the attention of myself, teachers and teaching assistants in regards to the reading books at home and school. Hopefully the following information clarifies the procedures in school. Each week your child will be heard read at least once in school, although we will endeavour to hear them more frequently. Sometimes this is individually and sometimes this is in a group, known as guided reading. The individual reading books will be changed at least weekly, when they are heard. On all these occasions we will put this in the reading record.

I would like to thank you for your support with hearing your child read at home, and ask that you continue to fill reading records in, a maximum of once a day. If children finish their reading books, I would suggest re-reading again for better fluency, expression and understanding, dependent on the age of the child, or perhaps read an additional book from home, or their library book, which can also be added to their reading record. If you require any further information please see your child's class teacher at the end of the school day, or send a note with your child in the mornings so that the information can be passed on.

PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE AND DRESS UP DAY

The Christmas Fayre will be held on Wednesday 2nd December 2015. Miss Powell has asked for donations of new looking toys, items that can be used as raffle prizes, including unused gifts, bottles of wine etc. Please bring these in to school as soon as possible.

On Wednesday 9th December to run alongside the children's Christmas Lunch, the children can bring £1 to take part in the PTA Christmas dress up day. Children can come dressed in a Christmas jumper, a Christmas hat or Christmas themed onesies - the choice is yours. All money raised will go towards the PTA in school.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 16th November - Anti-bullying week

Thursday 19th November AM - 'Power of One' anti-bullying performance for Reception to Year 6 pupils

Monday 23rd November - Special Education Needs Information Workshop/Morning - for parents

Wednesday 2nd December - 3pm PTA Christmas Fayre

WB 7th December - last week for after school clubs

Wednesday 9th December - Children's Christmas Dinner (letter to follow)

PTA Christmas Dress up day - £1 contribution with money going to the PTA

Thursday 10th December - KS1 (Y1&Y2) Pantomime, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs 9.30am and 1.30pm performances

Monday 14th December - Early Years NATIVITY Performance 1.30PM (Nursery in all PM)

Tuesday 15th December - Early Years NATIVITY Performance 10.00 AM (Nursery in all AM)

Wednesday 16th December - Nursery in all PM, Christmas Parties & visit from Father Christmas in the afternoon, children can bring party clothes to change into at lunchtime.

Thursday 17th December - 10am Y3&Y4 Carol Service at St. Thomas Church, Mossley Estate, with Y5&Y6 in attendance, parents arrive not before 9.45am

Friday 18th December - 9am WOW of the term assembly, including swimming awards & 100% attendance

Break up for Christmas holidays at 1.30pm (please be aware of early finish)

