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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 2016 - Issue 7 - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Parents,

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER/HAT DAY

A few parents have seen me regarding a Christmas jumper day. We hadn't planned one, but would like to announce that the last day, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 children can come dressed in Christmas jumpers, onesies, pyjamas, hats, socks etc. We will not charge for this, and children can come in uniform if they wish.

### BEFORE SCHOOL

We are starting to notice a number of children arriving at school very early, either before breakfast club, before the first bell or walking around the estate, by the petrol station etc. This is predominantly Y5 or Y6 pupils. It is important that you know how long it takes for them to get to school, either walking or by bike, and what time they should arrive. We need to ensure they are safe, and arrive at an appropriate time. Please can you check that you know where they are, and that they take the fastest route to school, even if this means leaving a little later from home. The children in Y5 & Y6 have been spoken to by their class teachers.

### AFTER SCHOOL

Unfortunately I have had some worrying news from a conversation I have had with the Chair of the Mossley Residents Association. It has been brought to my attention that a particular group of parents and children are dropping litter outside the school; children are running into the old caretaker's garden next to the school and generally being anti-social after school. This continues to be unacceptable and goes against our high expectations that we have of behaviour in school. You will have noticed we have invested in new bins at the front of school, and I would ask that you use these, and encourage children to do likewise. We are a community school, and our links to the neighbourhood are very important. The Chair of the Mossley Residents Association will seek

advice from the police on this matter especially if the behaviour continues. Thank you to the majority of parents that continue to have high expectations and encourage their children not to drop litter, to treat their local environment with the respect it deserves and to be thoughtful about the neighbours that we pass on the way home.

### ATTENDANCE

WB 21<sup>st</sup> November - Y2 & Y6W

WB 28<sup>th</sup> November - Y6W (again)

Well done, to all the classes that have worked hard at increasing their attendance.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All clubs will finish on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016, so no clubs in the last week. Also clubs will not start until week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Also, please be advised that on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 no clubs will take place due to staff training.

Please can you continue to pay for clubs on a daily or weekly basis. Those children owing money for more than two weeks could forfeit their place for other children on the waiting list.

### CHILDREN IN NEED

The money raised on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016 was £635.22. This included sponsor money and donations on the day. Thank you so much for a brilliant effort.

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, children and other visitors who supported the Christmas Fayre this week. Miss Powell, Mrs Friend and other parents, volunteers and staff have spent weeks of preparation and it was very worth their while, as altogether we raised over £1200 for the PTA. For a relatively small school and within one hour, this is amazing.

### PANTOMIME



A big well done to all year 1 and year 2 children who took part in this year's Pantomime. Thank you to all parents and visitors who came to watch - we hoped it got you in the festive mood. We look forward to our EYFS nativity next week.

#### CAROL SERVICE - ST THOMAS'S

The carol service at 10am on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 for Y3 & Y4 will start at 10am, with doors opening at 9.50am. I have now been informed that pushchairs are allowed in the church, this is a change from the previous letter sent out

#### WEBSITE

At Abbey Primary School we are very proud of our website. We endeavour to keep it up to date with all the things that go on in school. Children can access the learning platform through the link on the tab - they will need log-in details to access.

I would also like to encourage you to visit the new tab for parents, called 'Learning at Home'. This is another way that children can access additional support and activities.

#### A-STARs

Please meet on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30am at Abbey Square for our next walk to school morning. Next term, different year groups will continue with a variety of activities related to the A-stars curriculum. More details to follow.

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December - 2pm, EYFS Nativity for Nursery and Reception parents.

3-4pm, Parent's Open Evening to view work completed this term and meet with your child's class teacher to informally review progress.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - 9.30am, EYFS Nativity for Nursery and Reception parents.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Walk to school morning - meet at Abbey Square at 8.30am. PM - YR-Y6 Class Christmas Parties, children can bring a plate of food and a bag of party clothes to change into after lunch.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December - 10am, Carol Service at St Thomas's church for KS2 children. Y3&Y4 children will be leading the service, although all of KS2 will be in attendance at the church. If the weather is poor, a

decision will be made to hold the service in school. We will notify you via text if this is the case.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - CHRISTMAS DRESS-UP DAY & 9am, Wow of the Term & **Break up at 1.30pm**. All 3 & 4 year olds nursery in AM session, no two year old nursery on this day

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - **TRAINING DAY, school closed for all pupils**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Children back to school, swimming starts in Y3-Y5

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January - Y3 Author session in school

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Young Voices concert at the Genting Arena for the school choir

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Parents Evenings after school

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - World Book Day, children can come dressed up as their favourite book character

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March - 9am, Y2 parents meeting, SAT's preparation and expectations

