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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 - Spring Term 2016 - Issue 13 - Friday 11th March 2016

Dear Parents,

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

WB 22nd February - Year 6

WB 29th February - Year 6

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

EASTER

A letter came out last week with arrangements for Easter. Children can make bonnets or Easter gardens for the Easter competition, to be in by Monday 21st March.

Tuesday 22nd March at 2.30pm is our Easter Service led by Y3, but all parents are welcome to attend.

BAKE FOR BLISS

Thank you to all staff and parents who contributed cakes to sell and attended the cake sale. It was one of our most popular cake sales we have had in the time that I have been at Abbey. The cake auction raised £31.00 and in total, with the other cakes sold we raised £168.62 for premature and sick babies and their families.

EDUCATION AGAINST HATE

In January 2016, a website for parents and school leaders was launched to provide advice, support and resources in helping adults protect young people from extremism and radicalisation. It helps parents understand the threat from extremism, how radicalisation happens, the warning signs and sources of support when concerned.

The 'Education Against Hate' website can be found by going to <http://educateagainsthate.com/> and clicking on parents.

ONLINE SAFETY

A new report published in November 2015, found that children between the ages of 8 and 15 spend at least

15 hours a week online, and 1 in 10 believe information on social media is 'all true'. There is a new guide to help parents keep their children safe online, which is intended to help families understand the risks and benefits of social media. Information can be found at the following address: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

WALSALL YEAR OF READING

The World Book Day & Bring and Buy Book Sale last week, was a great success, some fabulous costumes and great reading activities. In total we raised £33.30 for Readathon.

This week the Walsall Year of Reading mascot, Woody the Dog, visited the school. The visit was enjoyed by all and will hopefully go to continue the enthusiasm for reading that has already begun.

MARIE CURIE

In the entrance to the school, Marie Curie has a Great Daffodil Appeal where you can donate a suggested amount of £1 and wear a daffodil. Please see Mrs Bowater in the office.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 16th March - Dance group attending Dance Festival at Forest Arts Centre & Y4 challenge day at Bescot Stadium for 6 pupils

Friday 18th March - **Sports Relief** - children will be able to dress as a sports star, run a mile and attempt to Beat the Goalie (which teacher will be in goal?)

Tuesday 22nd March - 2.30pm Easter Service at school, led by Year 3

Wednesday 23rd March - Y5 challenge day at Bescot Stadium for 6 pupils & **Parents Open Evening 3-4pm**

Thursday 24th March - 9am WOW assembly & Break up for Easter Holidays (at normal time)

