



Abbey Primary School Newsletter

Class Dojo is coming soon, please look out for joining instructions and please come to a drop-in on Wednesday 15th November at 2.45pm, if you need any help with set-up.

Friday 10th November 2023

Autumn Term 2023 - Issue 5

News and updates

Welcome back to Autumn Term 2, in what is always a busy half-term. We are continuing to work hard on our school development plan for the year, and for further details on our specific actions this year, please see the school website.

Year group newsletters should be coming out either today or early next week. This will provide you with specific learning for your child's year group and what is going on up to the Christmas holidays.

Children In Need—Friday 17th November 2023

Next Friday the children can come to school prepared to take part in the 'Bearpee Challenge'. Children can come dressed in yellow, spotty, children in need or sports clothes, for any cash donation you wish to give, not via Parent Pay.

NSPCC workshop with Y5 and Y6

I am pleased to let you know that before half-term Y5 and Y6 took part in sessions with volunteers from the NSPCC. Claire from the NSPCC said;

"Thank you to staff involved in the meetings this week, the pupils were really responsive and they conducted themselves so well when discussing, what is, a sensitive topic."

Please see the previous newsletter for details for parents of the work that goes on in schools.

School Council visit to Foodbank

On Wednesday 8th November the older pupils in the school council had the opportunity to take the Harvest donations to Ablewell Foodbank in Walsall. It was great to see so many donations, probably our best ever for many years. The children were able to take all of the items and see how the food is processed and who is helped. I am hopeful the children can share this with their classes. Please see some of the photos of the session at the foodbank.



Attendance

The class winners for Week beginning 16th October were Y6 and week beginning 23rd October were Y3, well done to them.

I can announce that the following children have won a prize for 100% attendance in October. Heidi (Year 5) Noah (Reception) Luis (Year 4) Kai G (Year 1). They were chosen at random, well done to them. The November 100% attendance started this week, we want more children to be in the draw at the end of November, who will have a chance of winning.

Incident outside of school

Some parents are aware of an incident on the path behind school, before half-term. I want to reiterate that the school has not been affected and children not targeted. If parents could be aware of anyone suspicious hanging around and to report this to the Police. Please do not be alarmed, but be alert, particularly as the nights get darker.

Mental Health Parent Workshop

As part of Mental Health Hello Yellow Day, we held a parent workshop, which was attended by over 30 parents. This is an amazing response and shows the needs and concerns that some parents have around their own and their child's mental health. Mrs. Baker is keen to build on this enthusiasm for support so please watch this space for further sessions and support.

Remembrance/Armistice day

Today we have been treated to a wonderful assembly by Y6, to mark Remembrance Day this weekend. The children have worked so hard to produce some wonderful displays and have also shared with all children the importance of the poppy and the significance of remembering Armistice Day and previous wars.

Thank you if you have supported buying a poppy or other merchandise, and also a big thank you to Journey's family, in Y1, who have donated a banner to the school that we have put up on the mobile.

Dates for the diary

For all Nursery parents, a reminder that admissions to Reception class for 2024 has opened. Please go to the Walsall Council website for how to apply. If you need any further advice, please see the office or any of the early years teachers.

Monday 13th November—9am YR and Y6 Heights and Weights measurements in school via school nursing team

Tuesday 14th November—Y1 at the Toy Museum in Hednesford all day

Wednesday 15th November—Y5 attending Sports Hall Athletics at Streetly Academy—1pm-3pm, children will be back to school for approximately 3.30pm.

2.45pm—Class Dojo drop-in for parents in the hall with Mrs. Richardson

Friday 17th November—Children In Need Day—Bearpees (burpees) theme—see details above



Thursday 23rd November—2.30pm, OPAL parent information session in the hall with Miss Bullock.

Tuesday 28th November—9am-12pm Flu vaccinations in school

Wednesday 29th November—PTA Christmas Fayre, 3.10-4.10pm.

Thursday 14th December and Friday 15th December at 9.30am—EYFS Nativity to parents.

Monday 18th December—throughout the day YN-Y2 will visit Santa via coach at The Hive in New Invention

3.10pm—parents are invited to look at pupil's books in classrooms.

Tuesday 19th December—No swimming for Y6, 10-11am EYFS Play and Stay in the hall.

Wednesday 20th December—6pm Carols Around the Christmas Tree for KS1 and KS2 children (more details to follow)

Thursday 21st December -9am WOW of the term assembly for children & break up for Christmas Holidays at 1.30pm

Friday 22nd December—**TRAINING DAY—no school for pupils**

CHRISTMAS BREAK—Monday 25th December 2023—Friday 5th January 2024

Monday 8th January 2024—children return to school.

Monday 22nd January 2024—Young Voices Concert at Resorts World Arena

Thursday 25th January 2024—Y2 visit to Warwick Castle

Diving Programme Success

I am pleased to let you know that following the diving coaches coming into school last half-term, two of our pupils have been selected for further trials. It is well done to Anna-Maria in Y4 and Ameera in Y5 for getting further in the diving talent programme!

Forest School Request

Mrs Sheargold is asking for your help to collect the following items;



Conkers, acorns and pine cones.

Please bring in and hand to the office or Mrs Sheargold in Y3. Staff can also take them from you on the gate in the morning.