



Abbey Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2023

Autumn Term 2023 - Issue 6

News and updates

As we come to the end of the month of November, it will not be long until we start our focus on Christmas activities. Please see below for the activities taking place for different year groups. Please can you ensure that this information is passed on to other members of the family so they are aware of events in school.

Children In Need—Friday 17th November 2023

Last Friday all the children took part in the challenge for Children in Need, doing as many 'Bearpees' as they could. It was an excellent day and the children really enjoyed themselves. All together we raised approximately £160 which will be sent to Children In Need charities.

School Council visit to Foodbank/Harvest donations

I am pleased to say that we have received a certificate to say that we collected over 78kg of food for the Food Bank in Walsall. Thank you again for helping this year.

Attendance

The winning class for Autumn term 1 was Y3, well done to them. They get an extra break time and well done for an improved attendance compared to this time last year, across the school. I am thankful for your support in this improvement.

Christmas Dates and activities

Christmas Dinner and dress-up day

Wednesday 13th December will be Christmas Dinner day and a chance to dress up as an elf, wear a Christmas jumper, Santa hat etc. Children can bring a voluntary donation of any amount which is for 'Dress as an Elf' day for dementia. As stated, children don't need to be an elf, any Christmas themed item of clothing will do.

Look out for slips that need to be completed and returned to book a Christmas Dinner. For all YR and KS1 this is free of charge, and for any parents that need to pay in KS2 the cost is £2.05,. If your child is free school meals in KS2, there is no charge for dinner on this day.

Christmas Fayre

After school on 29th November, until approximately 4.15pm. This is run by staff and PTA, and we invite all to come. We have games, tombolas, activities and challenges. It is always busy and provides a festive start to Christmas.

PTA Christmas activities

Christmas Raffle will continue until the last day of term. We have a magnificent hamper as first prize, plus other prizes that the children can select from. Tickets continue to be on sale, 50p a strip or three strips for £1. The raffle will be drawn in the last assembly on Thursday 21st December.

Christmas Disco

On Friday 8th December we will be holding a Christmas Disco in school. Y1 -Y3 will be 4.15pm-5.15pm and Y4-Y6 will be 5.30pm-6.30pm. It will be £1 to pay for each child on the door and can only be children that attend Abbey Primary School. Sweets, crisps and pop will be available to buy. Fake tattoos will also be available for 50p for 2 during the disco. Parents will not be allowed to stay.

The Early Years Nativity will be two performances and will be a 9.30am start on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December.

Our annual Carols Around the Christmas tree will be held on Wednesday 20th December at 6pm. This wonderful Christmassy evening will be for all children in year

1,2,3,4,5 and 6. It is optional for children to attend, but we would welcome your support in running this festive evening.

Other Christmas activities

10am-11am on Tuesday 19th Early Years parents are invited to a play and stay for all YN and YR children in the hall.

Monday 18th December—throughout the day, children from YN-Y2 will be able to visit Santa, travelling by coach to The Hive in Willenhall.



Class Dojo

I want to say a big thank you to all parents who have taken the opportunity to join class dojo. We encourage all parents to use their invite codes to ensure you do not miss any important information as this will be our main form of communication with you. Going forward from after Christmas we will phase out the use of Google Classroom as parents have responded positively and are finding it is easier to use.



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.

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

Wednesday 29th November—PTA Christmas Fayre, after school

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

Thursday 21st December -9am WOW of the term assembly and PTA raffle draw, 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.

Wednesday 10th January 2024—9am Y5/6 parents meeting for children going to Brynysilio.

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

Thursday 25th January 2024—Y2 visit to Warwick Castle

Friday 2nd February 2024—Safer Internet Day Assemblies for KS1 and Reception & KS2 by Mrs. Rudge from the Local Authority.

Monday 5th February & Wednesday 7th February—Pupil Progress Evenings 3.20pm-6.00pm

Tuesday 6th February—Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February—Break up for half term

HALF TERM—Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February 2024

Monday 19th February—children return to school.

Monday 26th February-Wednesday 28th February—Y5 & Y6 residential visit to Bryntysilio, Llangollen.

Thursday 7th March—**WORLD BOOK DAY** and author visit from Cheryl Boot