



# Abbey Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023

Autumn Term 2023 - Issue 7

## News and updates

Firstly thank you for your support this week, with the Christmas Fayre. It was an amazing turn out and a great time was had by all that attended. Thank you also to Miss Powell and Miss Friend who spend a lot of their own time preparing all of the stalls and prizes. In total, without the raffle, we have raised £1466 in total, which is outstanding and will go towards all the children in school.

### Class Dojo

Well done to Reception parents as 100% of families are now connected to Class Dojo. We hope that it will prove to be useful for communication between home and school and would encourage any other families who haven't signed up, to do so, so you don't miss out.

Nursery have 69% of families connected

Year 1 have 86% of families connected

Year 2 have 90% of families connected

Year 3 have 72% of families connected

Year 4 have 70% of families connected

Year 5 have 69% of families connected

Year 6 have 80% of families connected

If you need help or the set up details again, please contact the school office.

## 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.

Slips to order a dinner need to be returned, although children can also bring in their own lunch as normal on this day.

### PTA Christmas activities

The Christmas Raffle will continue until the last day of term. Tickets are 50p a strip or three strips for £1. The raffle will be drawn in the last assembly on Thursday 21st December.

### Christmas Disco

Friday 8th December is the PTA 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 do not need 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 where it is optional for them to attend.

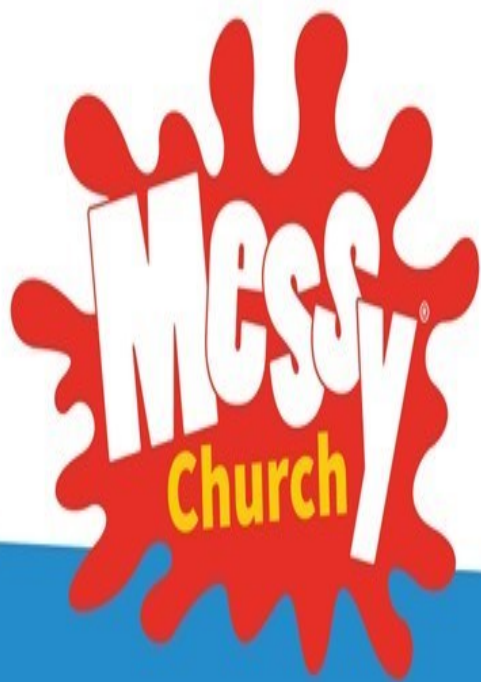


### Other Christmas activities

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.





**Nativity!**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>  
December at Midday**



**Meet in Bloxwich Park – Come dressed up!  
Walk to All Saints for food and singing**

### Food for Life Update

We had the Mayor of Walsall come and visit us just after half-term to see the wonderful work we have been doing in school. Thank you to the SNAG team for making him feel so welcome.

Also recently Abbey has won a small wooden greenhouse/cold frame. This was because of the Father's Day planting event that was run last year. Thank you to Mrs Jones for organising and all who took part last year.

We've also been given a £25 supermarket voucher as part of cook and share month so we're hoping to use that in the next few weeks for cooking activities.



### Dates for the diary

Friday 8th December—PTA Christmas Disco, Y1 -Y3 will be 4.15pm-5.15pm and Y4-Y6 will be 5.30pm -6.30pm.

Wednesday 13th December—Christmas Dress up day and Christmas Dinner

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.

Tuesday 9th January—Y5 start swimming.

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

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.

Wednesday 31st January & Monday 5th February — Pupil Progress Evenings 3.20pm-6.10pm

Friday 2nd February—Safer Internet assemblies for KS1 and KS2

Tuesday 6th February—Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February—Break up for half term

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

### Swimming—Spring term 2024

After Christmas it will be the turn of Y5 to go swimming. This will start on Tuesday 9th January 2024 and run every Tuesday until Easter.

The children will need a towel, swimming costume or trunks/shorts (not Bermuda style), and a swimming hat. Children should come to school in normal uniform.

Children will travel by coach to Great Wyrley high school, and will be taught by Super Sharkies swim school. No money is required from parents for this, as it comes from the school budget.