



# Abbey Primary School Newsletter

Monday 18th December 2023

Autumn Term 2023 - Issue 8

## News and updates

This is the final newsletter for this term, and I would like to start by thanking you for your continued support. The children have continued to work hard and as we have developed several focus areas around Reading, Maths and Handwriting, behaviour at lunchtime with a focus on outdoor play.

Last week we had a wonderful nativity from Early Years, the children performed so confidently and were a credit to the staff who have been working so hard to help children learn the songs and remember their lines and the dance moves. This coming week, we have our annual Carols Around the Christmas Tree, with KS1 and KS2 children performing. We are sure everyone who attends will have a fantastic time and the weather looks set not to spoil it.

### Staffing update

I have realised last week that I did not inform you of some wonderful news earlier this term. Mrs Waring, our YN teacher last year, who started her maternity leave at the start of September, had a little boy. Mr and Mrs Waring have called him Jack and although late, we would like to send our well wishes. Mrs Waring came in to school a couple of weeks ago, to visit and brought Jack to show the children.

### Class Dojo

A reminder that after Christmas we will no longer be using Google Classroom, and will continue to use Class Dojo to communicate. Please can I request that any urgent messages to myself or teachers are directed via the office as for me personally, I don't always get the messages promptly.

### Governor update

In the last few months we have had additional governors join our governing body, firstly two co-opted governors, Miss Amber Stewart who works at a local primary school as a senior leader and Mr Mark Burrows who works for an education company and is a former headteacher.

Please go to the governors part of the website for an update on governance and to find out who our governors are.

### Swimming from 9th January

From the first Tuesday back after Christmas, Y5 will be the class who will be going swimming each week. This will be every Tuesday morning until Easter, and will involve travel by coach. No costs are involved however Y5 pupils will need swimming trunks/costume, a towel and a swimming hat. They will be taught by qualified swimming teachers from Super Sharkies swim school and Miss Bullock. They will be accompanied by two other members of staff from school.

If you have any questions about this, please contact the school office or Miss Bullock via class dojo.

### Reports to Parents

This week, all classes, from YN to Y6 will receive an updated overview report of their child's progress. This will include how well they are getting on in school subjects and attendance and effort. If you wish to discuss any of these reports further please make contact with your child's class teacher.

Please accept our apologies that due to staff absence and the need for accuracy with assessments, we are delaying Y4 reports until the new year. Please know that children have completed their assessments and for the majority of the time continue to be taught in their split morning groups.

### Y3 temporary staff change

After Christmas, for a period of four weeks, Miss Brunell will be working on placement at another school in Walsall. In the meantime, we will have a teacher to cover, who we will inform you of when this is confirmed. In the meantime, please know that Mrs. Richardson will still be teaching for some of the time and liaise with the temporary teacher.

### Dates for the diary

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**

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.

Friday 8th March—9am EYFS Mother's Day assembly for all mum's in EYFS.

Monday 11th March—Professor Bubbleworks in school all day to start Science Week

Thursday 21st March & Friday 22nd March—Bikeability for 12 children in Y5/6

Thursday 21st March Y3—all PM—A-stars Pedestrian training & 2.30pm—Y1 Easter assembly for Y1 parents

Friday 21st March—WOW of the term assembly and break up for Easter, at normal time.

### **EASTER HOLIDAY—Monday 25th March—Friday 5th April 2024**

Monday 8th April -Back to school to start Summer Term 1

**Future Holidays Dates can be found on the school website.**



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## Christmas Services December 2



<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Christingle – All Saints, High Street</b> <i>A family service to get us ready for Christmas</i>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Midday</b>	<b>Travelling Nativity</b> <i>Meet at Bloxwich Park – come dressed up!</i>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Christingle Service – St Thomas, Mossley</b> <i>A family service to get us ready for Christmas</i>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Carol Service – All Saints, High Street</b>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Nativity service – Holy Ascension, Lower Farm.</b> <i>A family service, the children tell the Christmas story</i>
	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Crib Service – All Saints, High Street</b> <i>A service for all the family</i>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Carol service – Holy Ascension, Lower Farm</b>
	<b>11.00pm</b>	<b>Midnight Mass – All Saints and St Thomas, Mossley</b>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist – All Saints, High Street</b>