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Abbey Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

Autumn Term 2023 - Issue 1

News and updates

Welcome back after what I hope has been a lovely Christmas and New Year. We have a very short term this year, with Easter being so early, but still the same amount of things to fit in. In a few weeks we will be holding our follow up parents evening from the Autumn Term, and this will be a chance to speak to your child's class teacher about the progress that has been made and to view work for Maths, English and Science. The signing sheets will be in the entrance soon and you will be notified by letter of when you can select a time. If mums and dads are separated and need a separate appointment please speak to the office.

Y3 temporary staff change

From next week, for four weeks, Miss Brunell will be working on placement at another school in Walsall. In the meantime, we have Mrs Powell who will be covering. Mrs Powell worked at Abbey as a teacher some years ago so knows the staff and some children, and maybe some parents as well.

Eco-update

We are pleased to let you know that the eco-committee have now finished their work with the project called, 'My School, My Planet'. It brought together 16 schools in Walsall where children learnt about improving and protect their natural heritage by exploring biodiversity loss and climate change and making community areas greener.

A new project that all the school will be completing this term is from Walsall Council, called 'A cleaner tomorrow'. We will update you in the coming weeks with how children can get involved and when events will be taking place.

World Book Day—Thursday 7th March 2024

This year to celebrate World Book Day children can come dressed in their **pyjamas/onesies** ready for a bedtime story, or come as **a character from a children's book**. Please do not go to any additional expense for the one day. Children can bring some slippers to wear inside school, if they want to change from their school shoes.

On this day in school, we also have an author visit, a lady called Cheryl Boot. The classes will get time during the day to work with the author and see how stories are written. We want to inspire our children to be the next Roald Dahl or Jacqueline Wilson, and this may be the inspiration that they need.

Rock-it music celebration

On Thursday 18th January, John Baugh, who leads Rock-it music, our provider for music lessons, has offered to come and do an additional session with Y4, Y5 and Y6. This will be in school time and the last part of the day, with Y6, will be an opportunity for parents of Y6 only, to come and see what the children have achieved. **Parents of Y6 pupils** should arrive for 2.45pm for a short performance.

PE Kit

Can I please remind parents that PE kit should be a t-shirt in your child's house colour, a black jogging top and plain black joggers or leggings.

Football tops are not allowed. If children do not have the correct colour t-shirt, please wear a white plain t-shirt as a back-up. Tops can be purchased from the school office.

This term, letters and sanctions will start to be issued.

Forest School

I am sorry to say that during the Christmas Break, we have once again had intruders come over the back fence and destroy parts of the forest school. Mrs Sheargold has taken pictures of the damage and we will share with the relevant people, however because of where it is situated it is hard to find a deterrent. What we would like to ask is that if any of you are walking down the back path, please keep a look out and report anything that may be suspicious.

Election Day closure—Thursday 2nd May 2024

Just before Christmas we were contacted by the electoral service for Walsall to confirm that they need to use the school again for local elections on Thursday 2nd May. Once again we have no say on whether they use the building or not, and it is not possible to remain open and keep children safeguarded by having members of the public inside at the same time, therefore I am giving as much notice as possible that we will be closed to children on this date.



Dates for the diary

Thursday 18th January—CENSUS DAY, please try and make sure your child is in school on this day.

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

Thursday 25th January 2024—Y2 visit to Warwick Castle

Wednesday 31st January & Monday 5th February —Pupil Progress Evenings 3.15pm-6.15pm

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

Monday 5th February—A Cleaner Tomorrow assembly and start of the work for the week.

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.

Tuesday 27th February—Y5 and Y6 children in school who are not on the residential will go swimming as one group, as a one off.

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 YN and YR.

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

Monday 18th March—Assessment week in school

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

Thursday 2nd May—closed for elections

Monday 6th May—closed for May Day

Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May—Y6 SAT's week, all Y6's need to be in school for these days

Friday 24th May—Break up for Whitsun Holidays

Future Holidays Dates can be found on the school website.

