



Abbey Primary School Newsletter

PTA Halloween Raffle—

Children can bring 50p for 1 strip or 3 strips for £1. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 27th October

Friday 20th October 2023

Autumn Term 2023 - Issue 4

News and updates

This last week, we have started our OPAL lunchtimes. I have to say spending time outside at some lunchtimes this week, it has been great to see the children engaging in different activities and playing with different children. I know that it is a different way of working and learning and staff are learning along with children and parents. Miss Bullock and myself welcome feedback from parents, and although we may not have the answers to some questions straightaway, we aim to find someone that does.

Some parents have asked what things can be brought in from home. Old mobile phones, keyboards, laptops are all great as they promote role-play, but if you are unsure about any items please go onto the Pupil section of the website and click on OPAL for a list of loose parts that we welcome in school. These can be brought in anytime. We will provide details of a parent sessions very soon, to find out more!

NSPCC workshop & assembly

This week KS1 & KS2 children took part in an assembly prepared by the NSPCC, using the 'Speak out Stay safe' programme. This is a safeguarding programme consisting of assemblies and workshops, for children aged 5-11 years-old. The assemblies were virtual, which feature Ant and Dec, but also have questions and answers with myself and class teachers. They support children to feel empowered - knowing how they can speak out and stay safe, with the help of the mascot, Buddy the speech bubble. Using this mascot, children will know they have the right to:

- speak out and be taken seriously
- be kept safe
- get help when they need it.

More information can be accessed on the NSPCC website.

Collection arrangement Procedures

The school expects children to be collected at the end of the school day, which is 3.10pm. Children in YR-Y4 are handed over to their parent/carer. We do not allow children in these year groups to walk home by themselves or with a sibling in Y5 or Y6.

A password system is in place for close family/friends who collect children where adults in school do not recognise them. We will often double check with parents/carers if we have not been notified that someone else is collecting the child.

It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that children are collected at the end of the school day.

It is essential that parents/carers provide the school with a record of their contact details i.e. names, addresses, home, work and mobile telephone numbers. Parents should also provide the school with the contact details of at least two other relatives/carers who can be called when the parent/carer cannot be contacted or in the event of an emergency. Should any of these details change, parents/carers should inform the school immediately.

If parents are unexpectedly delayed and are unable to collect, or will be late collecting children from school, they should contact the school immediately by telephoning 01922 710753.

If parents/carers arrange for another adult to collect children, they must let the school know the details of that person.

Attendance

The class winners for Week beginning 9th October was Y4, well done to them.

All the pupils who were here 100% of the time in September went into a prize draw and 4 winners were randomly selected, who won £5 each to spend at Asda. They were Billy in YN, Ivy-Rose in Y2, Annie in Y4 and Billy in Y5. Well done to them all.

Be Bright Be Seen- 6th -10th November

As clocks will go back on the 29th October we will start to have the darker winter nights. The first week back after half term will be the 'Be Bright Be Seen' week. Each child will receive a bookmark and will have an assembly that week to remind children about keeping safe at this time of year.

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.

PTA—HALLOWEEN Non-uniform day—Friday 27th October

On the last day of half term, we would like all children to come in non-uniform. This can be Halloween themed. As a donation we would ask children to bring a bottle and/or chocolate, instead of money.

If it is glass or alcohol, please send donations to the office, with an adult. Please make sure clothes can be worn outside at break times, especially suitable footwear.



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- All children must be accompanied by their parent/carer

**Friday 27
October
4pm-6pm**

**Central Drive Community Room, 35 Central Drive,
Dudley Fields. Walsall WS3 2QH**



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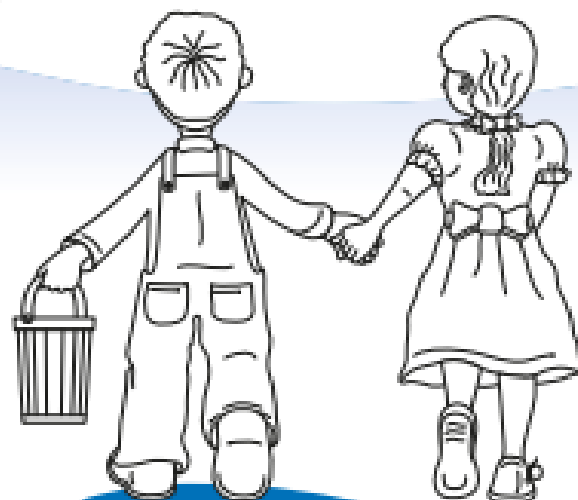
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Dates for the diary

Wednesday 25th October—NSPCC workshops for Y5 and Y6

Thursday 26th October—after school, PTA KS1 Halloween film night, see Miss Powell for more details.

Friday 27th October — Halloween Non-uniform day for PTA, please bring a bottle or chocolate instead of money. PTA Halloween raffle will be drawn.

Break up for half-term at normal time.



HALF TERM—Monday 30th October—Friday 3rd November 2023

Monday 6th November 2023—**TRAINING DAY—no school for pupils**

Autumn Term 2—Tuesday 7th November—Thursday 21st December 2023

Tuesday 7th November—children return to school & 'Be Bright, Be Seen' week

Thursday 9th November—A-stars Reception Parents and children walk 1-2pm and 2-3pm.

Friday 10th November—9am Y6 Assembly—Armistice Day (Y6 parents are invited to attend)

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

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

Friday 17th November—Children In Need Day—Bearpees (burpees) theme—more details to follow



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

Wednesday 29th November—PTA Christmas Fayre, 3-4pm.

Thursday 21st December -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

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

Lost property

Please can we ask that all uniform and coats are labelled with your child's name as we are having increasing amounts of lost property left around school. If your child has lost anything please see your child's class teacher who may be able to locate the items.

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.