



Abbey Primary School Newsletter

Friday 30th November 2024

Autumn Term 2024 - Issue 5

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.

We invite all parents in Reception to Y6 on Monday 16th December, after school to come and view books and children's work in classrooms. Doors will be open until approximately 3.45pm.

Attendance

The winning class for the last two weeks were Y2 and Y4, Y2 won Hot chocolate and Biscuits and Y4 have won an extra playtime—great teamwork everyone!

In Autumn Term One, we made a slight improvement in attendance compared to this time last year, however we are still below national averages compared to other primary schools. Our aim all year is to achieve above 96% and we can only do this with your support.

Christmas Dates and activities

Christmas Dinner day

Thursday 12th December will be Christmas Dinner day. The order forms need to be returned by Tuesday 2nd December to the office. Children will not be able to order sandwiches on this day however jacket potatoes are available. For all YR and KS1 this is free of charge, and for any parents that need to pay in KS2 the cost is £2.15. If your child is free school meals in KS2, there is no charge for dinner on this day.

Rudolph Run

Friday 13th December—Rudolph Run, raising money for St Giles Hospice. Children can come dressed in Christmas themed clothes and on the day and will be given a red nose and some antlers (just like Rudolph). They will benefit from wearing trainers or suitable shoes to run in.

PTA Christmas Fayre

After school on Wednesday 11th December, until approximately 4.15pm. This is run by staff and PTA, and we invite all to come. We have games, tombola's, activities and challenges. It is always busy and provides a festive start to Christmas.

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 19th December.

Other Christmas activities

The Early Years Nativity will be two performances and will be a 9.30am start on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th December. Tickets will be released for EYFS parents soon.



Our annual Carols Around the Christmas tree will be held on Wednesday 18th December at 5.30pm. 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. Please note the time change to start at 5.30pm.



WB 16th December—class Christmas Parties, details will follow via class teachers or phase groups.

Wednesday 11th December—EYFS visiting Holly Bush Garden Centre to see Father Christmas.

Wednesday 18th December— children from KS1 are visiting Santa, at The Hive in New Invention.

Thursday 19th December—WOW of the term assembly, break-up at 1.30pm.

Values Assembly winners—wb 25th November 2024



On Monday of this week we had a new set of Abbey Values award winners.

They showed their teachers and peers in class great examples of achieving, nurturing or believing in themselves. Well done!

Dates for the diary

For all Nursery parents, a reminder that admissions to Reception class for 2025 has opened.

Please go to the Walsall Council website for how to apply. If you need any further advice, please see the office or the Nursery teachers.

Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th December—9.30am—EYFS Nativity for all YN and YR parents. This changed slightly due to the trip for EYFS changing,

Wednesday 11th December—AM—EYFS trip to see Father Christmas & 3.10-4.10pm PTA Christmas Fayre.

Thursday 12th December—Christmas Dinner Day in school.

Friday 13th December - Rudolph Run to raise money for St Giles Hospice—more details to follow soon.

Monday 16th December—3.10pm parents can come into school and view the children's work in books for this term.

Tuesday 17th December—Y6 final swimming lesson

Wednesday 18th December—Final wraparound club of the term. 6pm Carols Around the Christmas Tree, for Y1-Y6 who wish to participate.

Thursday 19th December—9am, WOW of the term assembly. Break up at 1.30pm, for all pupils.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS—Friday 20th December 2024—Friday 3rd January 2025

Monday 6th January—BACK TO SCHOOL, Start of Spring Term

Tuesday 7th January—Y5 swimming starts

Monday 13th January -9am, Y4 parents meeting for Multiplication Tables Check

Wednesday 15th January—Young Voices concert for all children in the school choir, from approximately 12pm until late.

Wednesday 22nd January—Y5 taking part in a sustainability STEM activity in school (pm only)

Wednesday 29th January—Y5 visit to Safeside in Birmingham

Monday 3rd February—Children's mental health week

Wednesday 12th February—YR-Y6 Parent's Evening

Friday 14th February—End of Spring Term One