



ABBEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



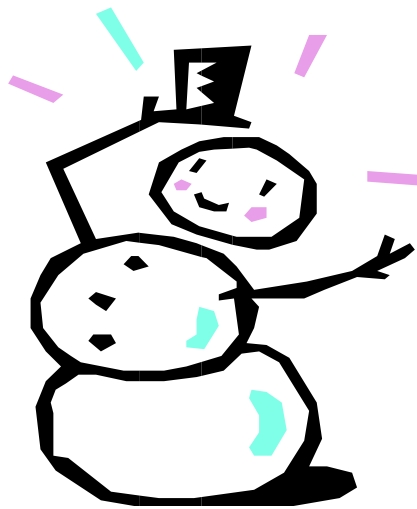
School Council Members

We have recently held the elections for the student council. The pupils who were council members last year did a super job at raising issues in school and overcoming the barriers, some of which were...

- * Fixing Ipads that were blocked.
- * Writing the school behaviour rules.
- * Separating Friday lunchtimes so that younger and older children do not eat together.
- * Talking to Ofsted about what they like and dislike about school.
- * Interviewing for new staff.

We now have a new student council who are ready and willing to give up their lunchtimes to make a real difference to the school. I am sure they will let you know some updates very soon.

This term has been a busy one for us all in school. We have had Ofsted in this year and we are eagerly waiting for their report to arrive at school. We have read through the feedback from the parent questionnaires and put together a short booklet for you to read through. We have also done the same for pupils. Getting things right with you as parents and carers supports us in making the correct changes and decisions for the school. To make a real difference to every young person who attends Abbey it is crucial that we work together.



Staff Changes

Sadly the following staff have decided to leave Abbey and not continue on our journey to Outstanding .

- Ed Clarvis
- Jo Vanum
- Dot Savage
- Lian Mitchell

School Photographs

The School Photographer will be in school on the 19th November at 9am

Dates for your diary...

- 14.11.14– *Children in Need Day–Be a hero.*
- 19.11.14–*School Photographer in.*
- 17.11.14– *Anti-bullying Week.*
- 17.11.14–*Parents Evening (time slots to be allocated)*
- 9.12.14 *Abbey has got talent show classes 5-8*
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- 10.12.14 *Christmas Concert for classes 1 -4*
- 8.12.14 *Family Christmas dinner*
- 18.12.14 *Christmas Party / disco*
- *Week beginning 15.12.14 Christmas class trips*

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Cornerstones Curriculum

Cornerstones is a new curriculum that the school is using with classes 1-6 from January. It focuses on using children as experts in different areas to help them build on their learning, self-esteem and confidence.

Each half termly focus engages, develops, innovates and expresses children's learning. Staff will be doing lots of training on this new curriculum over the next half term ready for children in January 2015.



What is my child learning?

Classes 1–4 are learning about the 2nd World War for their main topic.

We would love to hear any stories Grandparents, parents, friends or relatives about the war to help the children understand about the important subject.

They will also learn about the Christmas Story and how festivals are celebrated around the world at this time of year.

In PHSE most classes are learning about changes, growing and relationships and will focus on special people in their life.

Classes 5-8 are learning about the 1st World War.

Relationships, anti-bullying

Food tech

—basic cooking skills

E-safety— how to keep safe online and when using IT equipment.

Alongside the ongoing English and Maths , Science qualifications.

**“To learn is to feel something,
like it really happened to me!”**



Investors in Pupils

We are working towards gaining the Investors in Pupils Award in School. Each class has a display board within their tutor room that has class targets, individual targets, attendance records and a ‘about me ‘ book written by the class.

Each class has chosen a book as a theme for their board.

Class 1—Rapunzel (fairytales)

Class 2—Minibeasts Spiders Charlottes Web

Class 3- Handa’s surprise

Class 4— Enormous Crocodile

Class 5— BFG

Class 6— Around the World in 80 days

Class 7—Harry Potter

Class 8—Frozen



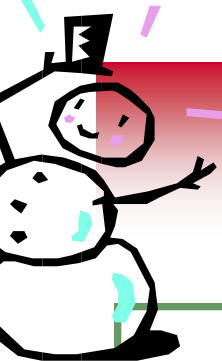
INVESTORS IN PUPILS

We are having a competition for the best displayed board , good luck to all the classes!

Family Christmas Dinner

As part of the parent / carer questionnaire you requested to be more involved in school. We would like to invite you to join in with the school Christmas dinner and make it a special day for everyone involved with Abbey School. We will be sending a letter soon so that you can confirm whether you can attend this new ‘Abbey tradition’.





Children in Need 2014

Children in Need day is fast approaching and we think it is a charity well worth supporting in school. The theme this year is “Be a Hero!” We would like to ask pupils to wear non-uniform on this day and offer that some may want to come dressed up as their favorite superhero. For this we are asking children to bring in a £1 to go towards the Children in Need Charity. We will take this opportunity to talk about our real life hero’s with the children.



**BBC
Children
in Need**

Could we ask that children bring in a photo of their ‘hero’ on the day that can be used in a whole school display. We will try to return the picture but please do not send in a treasured one in case of damage. It could be a picture of a parent, brother, sister, grandparent or family friend. It could even be a picture of a famous person cut from a magazine or newspaper. During this day staff will talk about why their chosen person is special to them!

Ofsted 2014

As you will know we are awaiting the final Ofsted report from last term. Usually the school receives it and shares it with you as parents and carer’s on the school website. You will also be able to view the report on the Ofsted website. If you would like a paper copy of the report please ask at reception.

Attendance update....

For the past term our attendance has been...

Class 1— 92.8%

Class 2— 91.4%

Class 3— 91.9%

Class 4— 96.4%

Class 5— 87.4%

Class 6— 90.2%

Class 7— 91.5%

Class 8— 85.3%

Overall school attendance 90.6%



Christmas Show 2014

We are looking forward to starting out Christmas celebrations soon, one of which will be the Christmas show. The theme will be based around the Nativity and each class will have their own section in the show. We hope to see lots of you supporting your children as it can be quite scary for them to stand up on the stage singing and dancing.

Mrs Yorke will be directing the show this year and will be in contact soon with a letter about the time of day it is.



Abbey’s got talent!

During the Christmas period the pupils in class 5-8 will be doing a show entitled “Abbey has got talent!” The pupils will take part in the show dancing, singing, telling jokes and even some magic acts. Please come along to support your child on Tuesday 9th December. More information to follow.





May we take this opportunity in wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2015.

We look forward to seeing you and your child in January.

Academic Dates for the rest of the year...

Finish school— Friday 19th December 2014
Start back at school—Tuesday 6th January 2015

Finish school—Friday 13th February 2015
Start back at school— Monday 23rd February 2015

Finish School - Friday 27th March 2015
Start school — Monday 13th March 2015

School closed—Monday 4th May (May Day)

Finish School— Friday 22nd May 2015
Start school— 1st June 2015

School Year ends on—Friday 17th July 2015