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To our #Team Abbey Families

As this half term speedily approaches the Christmas Break I wanted to update you on a few things in response to some family questions and some updates from school.

Will pupils be finishing early on the 16th December?

Children will be finishing at 2pm on Friday 16th December. Transport has been informed and will be collecting pupils from all sites at this time

Is there an INSET Day in January?

Monday 2nd January 2023 is a Bank Holiday and Tuesday 3rd January is an INSET day. **Pupils will return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023**

Will there be any changes to staffing in January?

There will be a few staffing changes in the New Year, Miss Smith, who has been with us for three years, will be leaving us to further develop her career. I am sure you will join us in wishing her well and we want to thank her for all she has done for our pupils and their families throughout her time with us.

We will be welcoming to #Team Abbey two new teachers in January, Miss Caroline Lazenby and Miss Danielle James who will be joining class U1 and L3. Miss Chloe James who is currently in L3 is moving into her role as our Early Career Teacher Mentor developing *our new to the profession teachers*.

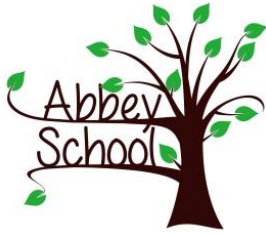
See Saw

We will be relaunching SeeSaw in the New Year as a means of delivering home learning and developing communication opportunities to our families. The platform will allow you to send messages to your class teacher and access learning resources. We will be sending information home in the last week with your child.

Ensuring your contact details are up to date

As the winter sets in, we need to be prepared if the school should need to close due to heavy snow fall. We are asking all families that if one of your contacts has changed, which is often the case as mobile contracts come up for renewal to let our staff know. Similarly, if you know one of the contacts that school has is not receiving the text messages please let the office staff know.





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Will there be a Key Dates Newsletter?

As always, the Key Dates News letter will be with you at the end of term. This will be along side the information for SeeSaw. We will also publish this on the schools website for you to view digitally. The newsletter will give you opportunities to be involved not only in your child's learning but also opportunities to develop our family community events.

Things we are proud of this half term!

We are extremely proud of the way that pupils have approached the preparation for the festivities within school. This can often be a challenging time for pupils as there are changes to routines and things can often feel a little louder and busier than normal.

The Arts Space project: Seeing pupils work being celebrated and recognised with some lovely comments coming from the general public. We have also had a request from Barnsley Hospital for our pupils to design some work to be on display for both patients and staff.

Sports Leaders: It has been a real pleasure seeing our Sports Leaders visit Fountaindale school to deliver inclusive projects as a part of the Youths Sports Trust.

We have held a number of collaborative projects with a number of schools bringing together 4 school communities and ensure that our pupils are recognised as the champions they are.

STEAM Street continues to provide our pupils with work experience opportunities and develop their Lion Leader Skills. If you would like to see more or view the opportunities available to your child please visit the STEAM Street section of the schools website.

As always, the Family Handbook Section of the website is there to give you shortcuts and signpost you to key information. We will write to you again at the end of term with more updates.

For now and from all at #Team Abbey wishing you a very Merry Christmas

Wayne Askham

Head of School

