



ABBOTS FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Our November Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed a good half term and are ready to embark upon the busy period leading up to Christmas.

Learning Around School

After 7 weeks, we are really starting to get a feel of the quality of learning going on this year. Some of the presentation and content in our English books across the school is astonishing and the pupils should feel incredibly proud. Hopefully, you all had the opportunity to look at your child's books at the Parents' Consultation evening. Fear not, if you were unable to attend, our parental open afternoons are another great opportunity to join us in lessons and become immersed in your child's learning and work thus far.

The dates for open afternoons are as follows:

Monday 13th (2-3pm) – Year 3

Tuesday 14th (2-3pm) – Year 4

Wednesday 15th (2-3pm) – Year 5

Thursday 16th (2-3pm) – Year 6



Equally impressive are the amazing corridor displays celebrating work (↑) and pupils' achievements outside of lessons. More available to view on Twitter @abbotsfarm

Please take the opportunity to wander around school on your next visit and take in the fabulous work on show; it really is inspiring!

Learning Award Diaries

Thank you to all of those pupils who have shared their extra-curricular activities with us. It is great to hear about the exciting things you are getting up to. We certainly have a variety of talents at our school. No doubt, many of you will have been writing in the Learning Diaries and accumulating a number of hours.

We are asking that all of them be handed in on **Wed 6th December** so we can total up the hours achieved so far and prepare certificates for our celebration assemblies towards the end of term.

This may take us 2-3 days to complete but we are hoping to send planners back out to you all by

Friday 8th Dec.



After-School Clubs

Almost incredibly, we are currently running 16 after-school clubs on a weekly basis and the uptake from pupils as a result has been brilliant. Nearly 180 pupils have attended at least one club! There have been plenty of active sessions outside and in the hall but equally the new iPad, cookery and board games clubs have all started well too. The army of children attending Young Voices are also starting to sound incredible (well done Mrs Allen and Mrs Mehta).

As ever, the outside clubs will draw to a close over the next couple of weeks. Where possible, we may be able to move some indoors. Whatever the outcome, this will be communicated to you as and when decisions are made.

Anti-bullying Week 13th-17th November

Over the course of the week, children will be engaging in work and discussions based around bullying, the support that friendships can provide and identifying strategies for dealing with conflict should it arise. We will also be continuing work on our new school values and discussing how these are designed to promote a safe and friendly environment at school. Further information will be sent out next week.

PTO

Children In Need – Friday 17th November

We will be once again supporting this great fundraising cause. On Friday 17th November, we will have a non-uniform day where the children can come to school in various wacky clothes for a £1 donation. The children can come in their own clothes or dress-up. Here are a few ideas:

- Children can come in Spotty clothes
- Pudsey-fy themselves by showing their respect for Pudsey by wearing his ears, wristbands, bandanas and badges with pride!



The staff will also be baking cakes and selling them to the pupils at break time (20p per cake). Hopefully, we will all have fun and raise money for the worthwhile cause.

PTA Events

Macmillan Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee and cake event. Across the two schools we raised £149.70

Looking further Ahead

Our **Christmas Fair** is being held on **Friday 15th December from 3.20pm**. We will be asking for donations of tombola items, cakes and raffle prizes – more details to follow soon!



Christmas Activities

Our thoughts have already turned towards Christmas and we wanted to give parents early notice of things happening around school. We are busy preparing for our Christmas activities in school and it will all start with the lighting of our Christmas tree on 1st December. At this time, the children will find post boxes around the school to post their Christmas cards. Please make sure that children put the name and class on the envelope.

We are hoping to entertain parents with Christmas assemblies and carols during the week of **11th – 15th December**. We will be sending home year group information about dates and times in the next week.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Goldcrest** (Year 3) for having the highest level of attendance in the whole school for October. They achieved **97.88%**. Well done! 5 tokens have been awarded to the class. I wonder who will get the November tokens?

We achieved our whole school attendance target (just) for the half term of **97% (overall 97.06%)**.

Please continue to ensure your child attends school regularly. We have had a number of holidays taken which can affect your child's progress and how they settle in their new year groups. Please contact us if you require support or more information regarding attendance.



*Those under our threshold of **90%** attendance for the first half term may be contacted to see how the school/families can support each other with improving attendance.

Congratulations to **GOLDCREST** (again) for achieving the most tokens awarded to classes for last half term. They have been rewarded with an afternoon of activity choice for the whole class.

Office Reminders

School Photographs: Monday 6th November 1:30pm

Dinner Money (Half Term): £83.85 (including the Christmas Lunch on **Wednesday 20th December** – letter to follow)

Swimming Fees: Full Autumn Term: £37

Music Fees: £40.00 full term

Poppies on Sale: Poppies will be on sale every day at school next week. If your child would like to purchase one, please provide them with a donation.

Mr Joss Andrews
Headteacher

