



ABBOTS FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Our November 2019 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 8 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 or during your child's Open Afternoon.



Equally impressive are the amazing corridor displays, celebrating pupils' work and achievements outside of lessons. Please take the opportunity to wander around school on your next visit and take in the fabulous work on show; it really is inspiring! More will be available to view on Twitter page @abbotsfarm

After-School Clubs

You should have now received texts about clubs from last half term stopping and the new ones starting. It has been great to see such a large uptake of children taking part in the clubs offered. This half term, the majority move indoors due to the dying light.

Pleasingly, Mr Hughes is now back at school and will resume some football sessions where possible. Further communication will be sent in due course.

Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal

Our annual remembrance of those fallen serving the country will take place next Monday at 11am. In support of this, our House Captains will be selling poppies and other items of remembrance at break times and lunchtimes this week. If you wish for your child to make a 20p+ donation for a poppy or purchase another item (ranging from 50p-£1.50), please ask them to bring in the money and keep it safe in their bags/drawers until break time.

Anti-bullying Week 11th-15th November

Over the course of next week, children will be engaging in work and discussions based around the theme 'Change Starts With Us'. During the sessions pupils identify the support that friendships can provide and learn how to apply strategies for dealing with conflict, should it arise. We will also be continuing work on our new school values and rules and discussing how these are designed to promote a safe and friendly environment at school. This work will continue to promote the developing of relationships and schools values taught throughout our PSHE lessons.



Children In Need – Friday 15th November

We will be once again supporting this great fundraising cause. On Friday 15th 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 (Please no hair dye)
- 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.



Looking further Ahead

Our **Christmas Fair** is being held on **Friday 13th December from 3.20pm**. We will be asking for donations of tombola items, cakes and raffle prizes – more details to follow soon!



Christmas Activities

As expected, 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 2nd 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 of the child and their class on the envelope.

We are hoping to entertain parents with Christmas assemblies and carols during the final two week of term. We will be sending home year group information about dates and times in the next week. The dates will also be available on the calendar on our website from Monday 11th November.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Hartwell and family on the news that they are expecting. Baby is due in March and we are all very excited for them. We will be able to notify pupils and parents of Mrs Hartwell's maternity cover in due course and will support the pupils in making the transition from their current teachers to a new combination.

On a personal note, I am pleased to announce that my wife and I are also expecting (a third girl!). Baby no.3 is also due in March.

Attendance

Over the next week, attendance (including punctuality) will be reviewed for the first half term. For those who fall below the 90% threshold, school may seek to discuss how attendance can be improved. If you need to speak to staff about attendance and reasons for absence, please contact the office and ask to speak to Miss Poppy or me.

General reminders of dates:

Wednesday 6th November – Spooky Disco. Places still available. Please complete and return slip and payment (£2)

5.30 – 6.30 = Year 3 and 4

6.30-7.30 = Year 5 and 6

Thursday 7th – PTA annual meeting. Please come and join Mrs Warneck and the PTA from 2.30 for a cuppa and a discussion around fundraising.

Saturday 9th – England Lionesses Wembley Trip. For those involved, please meet at school at 1pm. Final letter has now been sent.

Friday 15th – Non-uniform day for Children in Need.

Friday 22nd - Teacher Training Day – Both Abbots Farm Infants and our school will be closed to pupils.

Office Reminders

Dinner Money (Half Term): £76.50 (including the Christmas Lunch on **Wednesday 18th December** – letter to follow)

Swimming Fees: Full Autumn Term: £40.60, **Music Fees:** £40.00 full term, **Milk** : £7.48 for Autumn 2

Mr Joss Andrews
Headteacher