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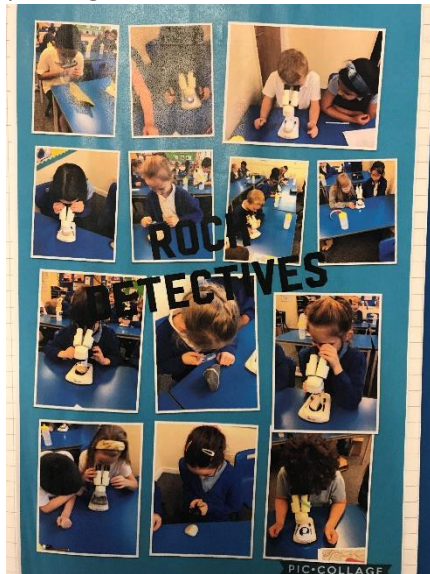
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## December 2020 Newsletter

### Updates from AFJS

#### Learning Around School for November

What a month November has been. Despite the national lockdown stopping many people take part in clubs, activities and keeping up with hobbies, it has not dampened spirits at Abbots Farm. The children have continued to keeping pushing forward with some fabulous learning.



**Year 3** – Have been working extremely hard with their science projects, studying everything that is rocks (which somehow involved Starburst sweets!)

**Year 4** – Year 4 have turned actors and directors, creating green-screen clips about their book, The True Story of the Three Little Pigs! (take a look on Seesaw parents to view some examples)



**Year 5** have continued to explore Brazil and have created some amazing home learning around the project.



**Year 6** have been braving the cold. Firstly for the group of 12 who took on monsoon weather to successfully complete their Bikeability (Mrs Beech's group – don't forget yours is the **WC 7<sup>th</sup> December**) and now with the whole year group preparation for the virtual sports events.



***\*Don't forget to visit our class pages on the school website to learn more about what your child's year group will be learning this year.***

Visit: <https://abbotsfarm.co.uk/learning-at-abbots-farm/year-group-pages/>



### Poppy Art Challenge and Gallery

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Poppy Art challenge.

Miss trainer and I have been delighted with the response.

The entries have been put together as part of our very first **virtual gallery**.

Please click on the link to view.

Well done to all 😊

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/14S21GYegu4rscCx9fqpXOR\\_8iQrO9LKahl8LVUz-Q/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/14S21GYegu4rscCx9fqpXOR_8iQrO9LKahl8LVUz-Q/edit?usp=sharing)



### Christmas Cards

Many children (and staff) have asked about sending and receiving Christmas cards this year.

Our school elves will be running their usual postal service, with the addition of 72hrs minimum quarantine!

If your child wishes to send cards to their friends, please bring them in from **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**, place them in the year group boxes.

They will then be sent out on Wed 16<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> December (after quarantine).

**\*Please remind your child not to hand them out directly.**  
**Thank you**





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## Christmas Events 2020

Despite us facing difficult decisions about who to choose for our 3 family Christmas 'bubbles', one thing is for certain; Abbots Farm Junior School WILL be celebrating Christmas as best we can!

Plans are as follow:

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – All children will have the chance to watch a live panto of A Wizard of Oz in school. The production company have offered multiple showings across the day to allow us to ensure there is no mixing of bubbles, and are working with us around our expectations around safety. A huge thank you to the PTA who are paying for the showings – here's to an hour of great entertainment!



**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day** – In support of the charity, **Save The Children**. As is tradition, we will be donning our festive jumpers, wearing something 'Christmassy' or coming to school in Christmas colours in support of the fantastic charity. We are asking for a **£1** donation, which can be paid online from 6<sup>th</sup> December.



**Christmas Lunch** – As shared previously, our Christmas Lunch days are as follows:

**Year 3 and 4 (separate sittings) – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**Year 5 and 6 (separate sittings) – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Please ensure your child has made their choice online, via the link below:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-hEVTlm6ekOhnanlPyn9sGW\\_OrnJ61lHpUks49j17S5URUY4SENVNU8xSDFVNzdKNDKwsUUVBWDZZVi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-hEVTlm6ekOhnanlPyn9sGW_OrnJ61lHpUks49j17S5URUY4SENVNU8xSDFVNzdKNDKwsUUVBWDZZVi4u)

After the meal, the children will be able to enjoy a Christmas DVD during the afternoon (albeit in the classes this year!)

**Christmas Performances** – Thank you everyone who has responded to the request for consent to be recorded. The songs and poems children will be working on will be made available during the final week of term for all families to enjoy – more info to follow!

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-hEVTlm6ekOhnanlPyn9sNp5n7C5pDhHprgKgkbUF5hUOVdVT0dLSVgxRkhKMFRJNEMwSTJaUIJCWS4u>



We would also like to say thank you to **Peter Everett** and the **Paddox Methodist Church** who are providing us with Christmas related material to share virtually with the children to allow us to embrace the meaning of Christmas.

### Office Updates and Reminders

**Payments** – Please can all families check any outstanding payments on Eduspot and ensure that they are all up to date.

**Clubs** - Unfortunately, **ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** continue to be on hold, in line with government guidelines shared with schools, for the lockdown period.

### Nut Free School

A reminder that Abbots Farm Juniors is a NUT FREE school. Please can we ask that all packed lunches and snacks are NOT to contain nuts. We have children in school with severe allergies. Thank you

**Swimming** – Swimming is still yet to be offered. The Diamond Jubilee Centre are not currently able to give a timeframe on when swimming is likely to start back.

Best wishes,

Mr Andrews







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### Additional Info



Here is the Nov/Jan digital version of Allsorts magazine – you can now click straight to advertisers' websites too when viewing the mag on your phone. Amongst the usual info. for families with children aged 0-12, we have THREE great competitions for you to win vouchers and a panto ticket – plus lots of Christmassy cheer! You can view this issue at [www.allsortsmag.com](http://www.allsortsmag.com) too or on our Facebook page. We would love to hear from you – stay safe, take care - Michelle Love (Editor).

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### Diary Dates

**1<sup>st</sup> Dec** – Wizard of Oz Panto in school

**WB 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Bikeability for Year 6 group 2 (Mrs Beech)

**11<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Raffle

**Week of 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Performance info sent out

**15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Flu immunisations (whole school)

**16<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Lunch for Year 3 and 4

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas lunch for Year 5 and 6

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Final day of Term – Happy holidays everyone!

**21<sup>st</sup> Dec – 1<sup>st</sup> Jan** – Christmas Holiday

**4<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Teacher Training Day

**5<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Children return to school