

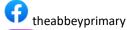


Newsletter November 2022

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Message from the Headteacher



Welcome to the November newsletter!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! In school we're busy preparing for Christmas with our Christmas Extravaganza performance for EYFS, KS1 and Year 3 and Christingle for Year 4 and UKS2 (please see below for performance dates). Our Christmas card post-box will be in operation from Thursday 1st December. Please remember to write the child's name and class on the envelope to make sure they are all successfully delivered. The post-box will be located outside the music room for children to post their cards if they wish. The 'Friends Association' are also feeling very festive and have organised Christmas movie nights and a Christmas craft competition. We will be holding our annual Christmas Party day on Friday 16th December and children can wear their own festive outfit on this day- there may also be a surprise visit from a special man from the North Pole...

I am pleased to announce that Miss Benjamin has successfully been appointed as Assistant Headteacher of The Abbey. Her expertise and knowledge will be an integral part of continuing to move school forward in achieving the best outcomes for all our pupils. I'm sure you'll join me in offering congratulations.

The beginning of this half term saw the launch of our new catering provider, Dolce. This has been a huge success with the children and staff, with many clean plates and full tummies. There has been an increase in meal ordering with many parents/ carers taking advantage of the ability to book up until 8.55am on the day. If you need support in using your school grid account to book meals, please see the school office. We are in discussion with Dolce to organise a parent/carer tasting session and will update you on this soon.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support,

Mrs. Farmer

Learning in school...

Early years have been learning about the different people that work in our local community. They had a visit from the Fire Service and the Police. The children listened



carefully and even though it was raining we all used the fire hose and explored the police car. Thank you to our visitors, we all had an amazing time.



to investigate shapes and describe them. A busy week of working hard!

Year 1 have been exploring their senses as part of English. They have been looking at how different objects feel and sound. In Maths, they have started



Parent's Evening

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended Parents' Evening that took place week commencing 14th November. It was lovely to welcome parents/ Carers back into school for this event. We also held our first Virtual Parents' evening via Teams and this worked smoothly for those preferring a virtual approach.



Children In Need

Thank you for all your donations for Children in Need on 18th November.



We raised £355.66!

Christmas Extravaganza and Christingle

EYFS-Year 3 Christmas Extravaganza – Wednesday 14th December 2.00p.m and 6.00p.m

Years 4-6 Christingle – Thursday 15th December 2.00p.m in school and 6.00p.m at St Mary's Church, Towcester Road

Further information regarding tickets for these events will follow next week.



KS2 Choir - Christmas Events

The Abbey Arpeggios will be singing carols and Christmas songs on a few occasions this Christmas.

Friday 2nd December – Dobbies Garden centre 1.30pm - Newport Pagnel Road

Saturday 3rd December – Delapre Abbey Christmas Fair 1.45pm - Delapre Abbey

Saturday 17th December – Teddy Steps Christmas Fete 12.00pm – Far Cotton Community Centre.

We welcome as many parents, carers, grandparents and friends to come and join in the celebrations with us.



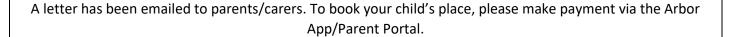
Friends Events

The Friends are holding the following Christmas events during December:

EYFS Christmas Movie Night – Wednesday 7th December 3.00p.m-4.00p.m

Year 1-3 Christmas Movie Night – Wednesday 7th December 3.00p.m-4.45p.m.

Year 4-6 Christmas Movie Night – Thursday 8th December 3.00p.m-4.45p.m



The Friends are also holding a Christmas craft competition – Christmas tree decoration/bauble. Entries must be brought to school on Friday 16th December. £2 per entry to be paid via the Arbor App/Parent Portal. A winner from each year group will be announced in our assembly on Friday 16th December.



The Abbey Primary Christmas post box will be available from 1st December. Children can post their Christmas cards for their friends which will then be given out in class.

Please ensure that the recipient's name and class is clearly written on the envelope. Children must take their cards to class and then class teachers will ensure they have the opportunity to post their cards. The last day for posting is 15th December.





Clubs

The last week for school-led clubs this term is week beginning 5th December, with the exception of Choir which will not be taking place that week, 8th December, due to the Year 4, 5 and 6 movie night.

Hotshots and Pacesetter clubs will continue until the last week of term.



On Thursday 8th
December we will be
taking part in
Christmas Jumper
day to raise money
for Save the Children
charity.

Children can wear a Christmas jumper with their normal school uniform if they wish.

Christmas Dinner



Don't forget to book your child's Christmas dinner for **Wednesday 14**th **December.**



On **Friday 16th December** all classes will enjoy a party afternoon with light snacks and drinks provided by the school.

Children will be able to wear their own clothes on this day, but please ensure they are appropriate for a day in school and going outside at break time and lunchtime.

Late Arrival to School

We have noticed a considerable increase in the number of children arriving late to school each day.

When your child arrives late to school, he/she misses the teacher's instructions and the induction to the lesson.

Your child may also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late.

Minutes late per day during the	Equals days worth of learning
school year	lost in a year
5 Minutes	3.4 Days
10 Minutes	6.9 Days
15 Minutes	10.3 Days
20 Minutes	13.8 Days
30 Minutes	20.7 Days

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount and be detrimental to their academic and social development so please help your child to be punctual.

Applying for Primary School places

Parents/carers of children who have their 4th Birthday between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 need to apply for their school place by **5.00pm 15th January 2023.**

To apply for a Primary School place online please visit – www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions

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Dates for your diary

- 2nd December- Choir singing at Dobbies Garden Centre 1.30p.m
- 3rd December- Choir singing at Delapre Abbey Christmas Fair 1.45p.m
- 7th December- EYFS Christmas movie night 3.00p.m-4.00p.m
- 7th December- Year 1-3 Christmas movie night 3.00p.m-4.45p.m
- 8th December- Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
- 8th December- Year 4-6 Christmas movie night 3.00p.m-4.45p.m
- 14th December- Dolce Christmas dinner
- 14th December- EYFS-Year 3 Christmas Extravaganza 2.00p.m and 6.00p.m
- 15th December- Year 4-6 Christingle 2.00p.m in school and 6.00p.m St Mary's Church
- 16th December- Christmas party afternoon
- 16th December- School closes for Christmas break 3.00p.m
- 17th December- Choir singing at Teddy Steps Christmas Fete 12.00p.m
- 4th January- School re-opens 8.40a.m

Open Days for Reception 2023

We are holding our last open evening for parents/carers who have a child starting school in September 2023 on Thursday 5th January 2023 6.00-7.30p.m. Please see the school office to book a visit.