

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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/carers 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> November.



We raised £355.66!

## Christmas Extravaganza and Christingle

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

Years 4-6 Christingle – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Dobbies Garden centre 1.30pm - Newport Pagnel Road

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Delapre Abbey Christmas Fair 1.45pm - Delapre Abbey

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> December 3.00p.m-4.00p.m

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

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

A letter has been emailed to parents/carers. To book your child's place, please make payment via the Arbor App/Parent Portal.

The Friends are also holding a Christmas craft competition – Christmas tree decoration/bauble. Entries must be brought to school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christmas Post Box

The Abbey Primary Christmas post box will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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, 8<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> December**.



On **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 school year	Equals days worth of learning 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 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 need to apply for their school place by **5.00pm 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

To apply for a Primary School place online please visit – [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions)

## Follow us on social media!

Want to keep up to date on all the learning and events in school? Then follow us on social media- we're now on Instagram too!



## Dates for your diary

- 2<sup>nd</sup> December- Choir singing at Dobbies Garden Centre 1.30p.m
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December- Choir singing at Delapre Abbey Christmas Fair 1.45p.m
- 7<sup>th</sup> December- EYFS Christmas movie night 3.00p.m-4.00p.m
- 7<sup>th</sup> December- Year 1-3 Christmas movie night 3.00p.m-4.45p.m
- 8<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
- 8<sup>th</sup> December- Year 4-6 Christmas movie night 3.00p.m-4.45p.m
- 14<sup>th</sup> December- Dolce Christmas dinner
- 14<sup>th</sup> December- EYFS-Year 3 Christmas Extravaganza 2.00p.m and 6.00p.m
- 15<sup>th</sup> December- Year 4-6 Christingle 2.00p.m in school and 6.00p.m St Mary's Church
- 16<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas party afternoon
- 16<sup>th</sup> December- School closes for Christmas break 3.00p.m
- 17<sup>th</sup> December- Choir singing at Teddy Steps Christmas Fete 12.00p.m
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 6.00-7.30p.m. Please see the school office to book a visit.