



### This Week...

#### Class Attendance:

1<sup>st</sup> The Franks (Miss Hollingworth) 99.6%

2<sup>nd</sup> The Celts (Miss Crawford) 98.3%

3<sup>rd</sup> The Normans (Miss Smith) 98%

#### House Point Awards:

1<sup>st</sup> Lime 283

2<sup>nd</sup> Maple 269

3<sup>rd</sup> Ash 265

4<sup>th</sup> Birch 247

Well done!



#### Maths Trophy:

1<sup>st</sup> The Franks (Miss Hollingworth) 100%

2<sup>nd</sup> The Picts (Mrs Waller) 96%

3<sup>rd</sup> The Danes (Mr Bartlett) & The Huns (Mrs Jones) 94%

#### Times Table Rock Stars:

Rock Heroes this week are...

Jason (Year 3) 0.98 seconds per question

Sayuri (Year 4) 1 second per question

Well done!

### Reminders and other news:

#### Northamptonshire Cross Country Championships

We are really proud to announce that two of our pupils have been selected to represent Northampton at the Northamptonshire County Cross Country Championships on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 after competing in the cross country event at the start of November.

A huge well done to Charlie (Year 6) and Adam (Year 5) for this amazing achievement.

We wish you the best of luck for this event.

#### Staffing

Miss Bachelier is leaving The Abbey Primary at the end of this term to move onto pastures new.

We would like to thank her for all her hard work for the past 14 years.

We wish her well in her new role.

#### Clubs

Next week is the last week for school-led clubs.

Hotshots, Pacesetters and Bumbles will be running until the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

#### Year 1/2 Winter Olympics Competition

Today Year 1 and 2 took part in winter sports activities! They learnt lots of new skills including curling, hockey and skating. The children worked brilliantly as a team and all enjoyed taking part.





## Christmas Post Box

The Abbey Primary Christmas post box will be available from **Monday 6<sup>th</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 Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

## Bikeability - Year 1 & 2 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December



The year 1 & 2 Learn to Ride Bikeability Course takes place on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

Parent/Carers have been informed which day their child is taking part and a reminder of the bike and helmet checklist/requirements has been emailed.



## Christmas Jumper day

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper day to raise money for Save the Children charity. Children can wear their own clothes with a Christmas jumper if they wish.

## Christmas Musical offerings



Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page over the weeks coming up to Christmas for our musical posts, to celebrate this 'Most Wonderful time of the year'.

We will be sharing songs and the musical offerings by all our children from EYFS to Year 6 over the weeks from the start of December, including our choirs and steel pan groups. Watch this space!

Our Year 3/4 Choir and Year 5/6 Choir will be singing Christmas songs and carols at Tesco on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10.00-11.00am**. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Decorate the Christmas Tree Competition

Thank you for all your wonderful entries.

A winner from each class will be announced in our assembly on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christmas Party Day 17<sup>th</sup> December



On **Friday 17<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.

## EYFS Open Evenings



We will be holding our last Open Evening for prospective parents/carers who have children due to start EYFS in September 2022 on:

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 6.00-7.30pm**

To book a time slot, please call the school office 01604 660100

## Information from Northampton Active

We have managed to speak with Santa and he is going to fit us in with his very busy schedule!

From the 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> December you will be able to come and visit Santa in his Grotto and get involved in our Festive Elf Workshop where you can create and design decorations to hang up around your home!



This is a one off yearly event as Santa is too busy to make any other time throughout the year due to having a much deserved rest!

Santa and his Elves look forward to seeing you real soon!

## School Admissions – Primary School Places

Parents/carers of children who have their 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 need to apply for their school place by **5.00pm 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

To apply for primary school places online please visit -

[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions)

## Additional Bank Holiday

The government has announced that there will be an additional bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. To reflect this, it has laid Regulations (The Education (School Day and School Year) (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2021) that allow for Schools to be open for 189 days instead of 190 days.

As such, the late May bank holiday will be moved to Thursday 2 June 2022 and an additional bank holiday will be held on Friday 3 June 2022. Since these dates already fall during the May half term we would like to take this day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of July instead. We think this will cause the least disruption to learning.

We have emailed all parents/carers an amended copy of the school calendar.

**Summer term will end on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of July 2022.**

## Inconsiderate Parking

If you have any concerns or complaints regarding parking issues, please report registration numbers/incidents (with photos if you have captured evidence) to Northamptonshire County Council and Northampton South West Police via the following website link and Neighbourhood Team email:

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/parking/Pages/parking-enforcement.aspx>

[NeighbourhoodTeamNorthampton@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NeighbourhoodTeamNorthampton@northants.pnn.police.uk)



## Dates for your diary:

**8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Chartwells Christmas Dinner**

**9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 1 & 2 Bikeability**

**10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 1 & 2 Bikeability**

**9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 3 Ukelele Concert**

**9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Prospective EYFS parents/carers Open Evening 6.00-7.30pm**

**10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)**

**10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Choir – Christmas songs/carols at Tesco 10.00-11.00am**

**17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Christmas party afternoon**

**17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Break up for Christmas 3.00pm**

**5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - School re-opens 8.40am**