

Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School



Newsletter (1) Friday 7th January 2022

It was lovely to see everyone again after the Christmas break. All the children were very keen and settled back into school very quickly. As the weather has now turned colder, please ensure that children are wrapped up warm. In classes, we continue to ventilate in order to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid 19 and other air-born winter viruses which means classrooms are colder than they usually would be. We are using our CO2 monitors to assist with this process meaning that not all windows and doors need to be open at all times.

Unfortunately Mrs Cahill (Joint Emerald Class Teacher) remains off work for the time being. It is hoped she will be able to return later this half term. Miss Bishop will continue to cover the class, supported by Mrs Moorse. I am incredibly grateful to the Emerald Team for all the extra hours they have been working to minimise the effect of Mrs Cahill's absence.



Collective Worship ARREFIECTIONS



As is usual, we have begun the term with a focus on our four primary school values: love, perseverance, respect and inspire. As this was a shortened week, we focused on the value of perseverance. Jesus tells a story of a shepherd who doesn't give up on his lost sheep, trying and trying to find her even though it seemed impossible. He likens this shepherd to God never giving up on us, his lost sheep.

During our Friday reflection time we shared pupils' reflections on how they have or could persevere. Diamond class showed excellent perseverance when making origami dogs – a challenge indeed. Topaz's Olivia said, "You should always persevere because when you finish and succeed you feel good and amazed that you accomplished it". Emerald's Pippa shared, "Never give up when things are challenging" and Ruby's Charlotte said "I'm going to persevere to get better at reading and read more books".



Ruby Class - Junk Modelling

Plea for some clean junk modelling for Ruby class: We are making musical instruments in art and any shoe boxes, toilet rolls, bottles with lids for shakers would be great. Thank you in advance.

Friday After School Clubs

We have a few spaces left in our new after school clubs which start next Friday. Mr Ferrari will be running football club for Years 1 to 3 and Mr Webb will be running a film club for Years Reception to 6. As previously, the football club will be free to parents, being subsidised by our Sports Premium funding, and film club will be the usual £3 a week. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place for your child.





A massive thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas Fayre – this raised the excellent total of £708.96. This money will go towards the special events put on by PTA, such as the summer fun day and our ongoing work to improve our outdoor spaces.

Bags4School

Please don't forget to bring any donations of clothes/shoes/handbags/towels/bedding to the main school gates before 9am for our Bags4School collection next Tuesday, 11th January.

Terracycle/Music Magpie

A reminder that we are still running recycling projects through Terracycle and Music Magpie. Please continue to deliver your collections of empty crisp packets, etc into the allocated wheelie bins outside the school office. A quick reminder of what are we collecting:

- All crisp packets, any size, including the bag for multi packs.
- Laundry products washing tablet tubs or packets. Softener bottles (all sizes), all household wipes (including baby wipes) boxes and packets.
- Bottle tops
- Old books, DVDs, computer games and CDs ~ as long as they have a bar code.

Everything donated makes money for our school and will enable us to buy some lovely things for the children. These are ongoing schemes so please continue to drop items in the labelled bins.

AmazonSmile

If you have an Amazon account, please sign up to "AmazonSmile" and search for "Friends of Abbas and Templecombe Primary School" then with every qualifying purchase you make on Amazon, they donate 0.5% to us. This is a great scheme, is simple to set up and with more of us shopping online in this current climate, it is a great way to make funds from Amazon.

We hope you all have a brilliant weekend.

Mr Webb



DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2021/22 Academic Year

Any dates/events added to this list after first publication or have been updated this month are highlighted in green for ease of identification

JANUARY:	
Tuesday 11 th	PTFA Bags4School Clothes Collection – please drop off donations along lower playground wall before 9am
	3.10pm-3.40pm Pop Up Shop open in KS2 shelter (accessed via top gate)
Wednesday 12 th	3.10pm-3.40pm Pop Up Shop open in KS2 shelter (accessed via top gate)

FEBRUARY:	
Thursday 10 th	KS2 Tag Rugby 8-a-side Competition @ KA's 12.30-3pm
Friday 11 th	Yr6 Residential deadline for 2 nd payment to be paid
	Yr 5 Residential deadline for 2 nd payment to be paid
Friday 18 th	3.30pm School closes for half term
	19th FEBRUARY to 27th FEBRUARY - HALF TERM
MARCH:	
Wednesday 9th	KS2 Netball 7-a-side @ KA 12.30-3pm
APRIL:	
Thursday 7 th	9.15am End of Term Awards
·	Yr6 Residential deadline for final payment
	Yr5 Residential deadline for final payment
Friday 8 th	2pm Easter Service in St Mary's Church
	3pm School Closes for the Easter Break
	9th APRIL to 24th APRIL – EASTER BREAK
Monday 25 th	INSET Day – school closed
MAY:	
Monday 2 nd	Bank Holiday – school closed
3 rd to 4 th	Yr3/4 Residential to Kilve Court
9 th to 12 th	Year 6 SATS Week – End of Key Stage 2 National Testing week
Thursday 19th	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr5 & Yr6)
Friday 20th	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr5 & Yr6)
24 th to 27th	Yr6 Residential to Foxlease
25 th to 27 th	Yr5 Residential to Foxlease
Friday 27 th	3.30pm School closes for half term
	28 th MAY to 5 th JUNE - HALF TERM
JUNE:	
Wednesday 8 th	Tempest Photography – class groups & Yr6 leavers photos
JULY:	
Wednesday 6th	Swap a class afternoon
Friday 8 th	School Sports Event
	PTFA Summer Fayre
Monday 11 th	2pm Topaz Production – dress rehearsal (TBC due to Year 6 transition days)
Tuesday 12 th	PTFA Bags4School Clothes Collection – please drop off donations along lower
	playground wall before 9am
	2pm Topaz production to parents (TBC due to Year 6 transition days)
Wednesday 13 th	6pm Topaz production to parents (TBC due to Year 6 transition days)
Friday 15 th	Reports sent home
Wednesday 20 th	Whole school fun day
Friday 22 nd	9.10am End of Term Awards
	2pm Leavers Service in school

<u>Please note</u>: all activities/events mentioned above are subject to postponement or cancellation at short notice in line with any change in Government guidelines/internal school staffing pressures.