



ABBOTS FARM INFANT SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER -24th November 2017

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Thank you to everyone who helped us support Children in Need. We raised £217.70.

Over the last week Preschool have been working hard on their number work and are beginning to talk about the shape of the numerals. Reception have been keen to write and have been extending their vocabulary in Maths by using fewer than, less than and more than. Year 1 are showing more independence in their writing and Year 2 were working hard with their money work and using their knowledge to solve problems.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Each year group (except Preschool) will be doing 2 performances this year. One will be a dress rehearsal/ pushchair performance. Children under 3 are welcome to this performance. The second performance is targeted at Parents. We will be offering everyone 2 tickets for the dress rehearsal (children under 3 do not require a ticket) and 2 tickets for the concert. To book your tickets please log in to Agora as tickets are now live.

Along with the tickets you will be asked if you give permission for your child to be photographed during the performance. In the event of not having permission from the whole year group we will provide the opportunity for you to take photographs of your child at the end but you will not be allowed during the performance.

We have got some exciting performances this year and you may have received notification from teachers about any costumes that may be needed. If you are unable to provide the required costume please let your class teacher know so that alternative arrangements can be made.

This year at the end of the performances we will be collecting for a charity. Staff have proposed some charities and the school council will be deciding.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

On Friday 8th December from 3:15 – 5:00pm we will be holding our Christmas Fayre. There will be lots of fun things to do including visiting Santa.

To school on this Friday we would like the children to wear a Christmas jumper in return for a donation for the fair. These can be anything from food items, bottles, tins, chocolates, bubble bath etc. We would be grateful if the children could take their donations into their classrooms unless it is alcohol which needs handing in at the office please.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE RAFFLE TICKETS

This week your child will be coming home with a book of raffle tickets to sell for our Christmas raffle. Our star prize is an Amazon Echo speaker and we will also have a food hamper and children's hamper. If you do not wish to purchase these we would be really grateful if you could return them to school as soon as possible. If you would like to purchase more, these are available from the school office and we will be selling them at the event.

CHRISTMAS HOOPS



On Monday 27th November hoops will be available to collect from outside the office from 8:30. If your child would like to take part we would like all decorated hoops delivered to the hall on Friday 1st December. We request that you only take one per family so more families can participate.

OUR STAR PUPILS LAST WEEK

Ladybirds:

Peaches for her fantastic reading.

Butterflies:

Seth for being kind and caring towards others at school.

Fireflies:

Isaac for super sounding out and effort when writing letter shapes.

Bumble Bees:

Lily S for her fantastic contributions and thinking.

Dragonflies:

Fynn for his great report on William Shakespeare.

Crickets:

Chloe for her excellent 'Bonfire Night' poem using onomatopoeia.

Well done!

WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Congratulations Crickets for the award last week gaining 99% attendance.



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Congratulations Dragonflies for the award this week gaining 98% attendance.



DIARY (New dates added)

November:

24th – **Training Day – school closed**

27th – Collect Christmas hoops

30th – Flu immunisations

December:

1st – Children bring hoops back decorated

4th – Preschool and Reception Christmas story visit

5th – Yr 1 Christingle service at St John's

6th - Whole school Theatre visit

8th – Christmas Fayre from 3:15 -5pm

11th – Yr 2 dress rehearsal (2:15pm)

12th - Yr 1 dress rehearsal (9:15am)
Yr 2 performance (2:15pm)

13th – Yr 1 performance (2:15pm)

14th - Reception dress rehearsal (2:15pm)

15th - Reception performance (2:15pm)

19th – Christmas dinner

- Preschool Christmas Craft afternoon
2-3pm

20th – Yr 2 stable trail at St John's

- Carols around the tree 5-6pm

21st – Christmas party afternoon

More details will follow.

OUR STAR PUPILS THIS WEEK

Ladybirds:

Rodi for huge improvements with his writing.

Butterflies:

Zachery for trying hard with his writing.

Fireflies:

Theo for joining in group activities.

Bumble Bees:

Henry for asking and answering questions.

Dragonflies:

Keeva for her fantastic effort in all of her learning.

Crickets:

Harry for his improved effort and concentration in class.

Well done!