



# ABBOTS FARM INFANT SCHOOL

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This week the children have been busy making class scarecrows. Today they have been on a scarecrow hunt around the school and they have voted for their favourite. We will announce the winning class in assembly on Monday.

Thank you for all of the food donations. Rugby Foodbank will be collecting our donations on before half term. They are very grateful for our support and your kindness has gone a long way in supporting vulnerable families in the run up to Christmas.

### WARWICKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Following a number of high profile incidents in which children were injured at Halloween parties after the clothing they were wearing caught fire, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service are issuing the following safety information to parents:

- See that the costume fits properly to avoid trips and falls
- Always check costumes for a CE mark, instructions and safety information
- Flames should be kept away from the child and costume, or use LED lights
- Ensure any masks or hoods don't stop children from seeing, or breathing

### HILLMORTON FOOTBALL CLUB

Hillmorton Junior Football Club are currently recruiting children that are in pre-school, reception and year 1. Hillmorton Football Club prioritises child welfare, is well organised, safe, and provides qualified coaching to boys and girls from the age of 3 up to 16. If you are interested in your child getting involved with an established local football team, please contact Rob Hope on 07748 903353.



### Reminder for Parents – Leave Of Absence during Term Time

As you will all be aware, current attendance regulations stipulate a Head teacher may not grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

*Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.*

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what he/she views as 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. If the leave is granted, the head teacher is able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Parents are asked to respect the new regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional.

### OUR STAR PUPILS LAST WEEK

**Ladybirds:**

Cecily for working very hard on a picture.

**Butterflies:**

Illa for doing some fantastic work.

**Fireflies:**

Freddie for always completing the star activities.

**Bumble Bees:**

Freya G for her super effort in all areas.

**Dragonflies:**

Freya S for her beautiful presentation in her writing.

**Crickets:**

Dhriya for her excellent effort using inverse to solve missing number problems.

*Well done!*

### OUR STAR PUPILS THIS WEEK

**Ladybirds:**

Thomas for his good recall of a story.

**Butterflies:**

Zac for his fantastic talking about 2D shapes.

**Fireflies:**

Zachery for trying hard to join his writing.

**Bumble Bees:**

Amelia-Leigh for her excellent rhyming word pairs.

**Dragonflies:**

Kaden for making great choices.

**Crickets:**

Lauren for her excellent description in her story.

*Well done!*

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Over the past week the children have been designing their own Christmas cards. Before half term you will receive a sample of your child's design. You will be able to purchase packs of 12 cards for £5, gift tags for £2 and mugs for £6. For each item sold, a donation will be made to the school.



### DIARY

(New dates added)

**October:**

15<sup>th</sup> – Nasal Flu Immunisations

18<sup>th</sup> – Dragonflies assembly

22<sup>nd</sup> – Parents evening from 3:30 – 6:00

24<sup>th</sup> – Parents evening from 5:00 – 7:30

**29<sup>th</sup> October– 2<sup>nd</sup> November Half term****November:**

8<sup>th</sup> – Bumble Bees assembly

13<sup>th</sup> – Road safety Workshop

15<sup>th</sup> - Butterflies Assembly

- Yr 2 Maths Workshop at 2:30

16<sup>th</sup> - Children in need

22<sup>nd</sup> – Ladybirds Assembly

23<sup>rd</sup> – **Training Day – school closed**

26<sup>th</sup> – Collect Christmas hoops

30<sup>th</sup> - Children bring hoops back decorated

**December:**

4<sup>th</sup> – Yr 1 Christingle at St Johns

10<sup>th</sup> - Reception toddler performance (pm)

11<sup>th</sup> - Whole school Theatre visit

12<sup>th</sup> - Yr 1 toddler performance (am)

Reception performance (pm)

13<sup>th</sup> – Yr 2 toddler performance (pm)

– Yr 1 performance (pm)

14<sup>th</sup> – Yr 2 performance (pm)

18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas dinner

19<sup>th</sup> - Carols around the tree 5-6pm

20<sup>th</sup> – Christmas party afternoon

*More details will follow.*

### WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Congratulations Fireflies for the award this week gaining 99% attendance.

