

Newsletter No. 4

4th October 2019

Absence Reporting

If your child is not going to be in school please call the office on 01327 702433 or send a message via the MCAS (MyChildAtSchool) app to report their absence. Please do this before 9am on every day your child is absent. A member of the office staff will make contact if we haven't heard from you by 9.30am and if we cannot establish why your child is not in school we are duty bound to visit your home address to do a safe and well check.



Lunches

Don't forget the cut off for ordering is midnight on Tuesday's for the following week .



Since the start of term, the Abbey has been alive with the sound of music!

Our Abbey All Stars (part of the DRET All Stars Aspirational Choir) have been rehearsing with pupils from other schools towards a performance at the Derngate on 13th October. They have been working with Simon Toyne and Libby Lane, directors of music for DRET. Just five pupils from each DRET school have been chosen, through audition, to join the All Stars, and we are very proud of Anita, Ashley, Isla, Amari and William.

We have also been lucky enough to work with the Voices Foundation. Our practitioners, Tori Langdon (who leads Singing) and Alison Houlbrooke (who leads Musicianship) have been working with all of our pupils and teachers to produce some stunning results. Tori is working towards a 'sharing concert' in December which we hope as many of you as possible will attend. Below is some information about how The Voices Foundation work in schools:

The Voices Foundation provides bespoke, singing programmes for nursery, primary and secondary schools, academies and Music Education Hubs. Our programmes inspire children and young people through choral projects led by expert music leaders and develop existing classroom teachers' confidence and skills to lead music. We improve children's musicianship and singing voices through a clear and progressive method and a diverse range of choral repertoire. We tailor programmes according to the specific needs of schools and individual teachers so that positive and rapid progress can be made by all.

Our programmes focus on singing:

Musical Foundations – developing musicianship through the voice

Choral Excellence – acceleration of musicianship and vocal development through ensemble singing

The process is delivered through two complementary approaches:

Teacher development – training and mentoring teachers to develop their personal musicianship and their ability to lead effective musical learning for children and young people

Expert choral leaders – developing inspirational projects with schools and Music Education Hubs led by expert leaders who can provide increased musical challenge and progression for children and young people

Programmes are supported by teacher handbooks containing step-by-step activities which are practical and easy to implement. Songs and audio tracks are included in each handbook so that teachers can access relevant materials when they need to. We are developing digital resources to further support teachers in the process of teaching music.

All communication will be via this app.



Abbey Friends of School Disco

Wednesday 23rd October 2019

6:00-7:30 pm

£3.00 per ticket

to include drinks, squash or water

Sweets on Sale

Tickets on sale from

Monday 7th October

at break time in the Office



Attendance for this week

Starfish 92.00%

Dolphins 95.88%

Lobsters 96.30%

Jaguars 98.55%

Seahorses 94.52%

Turtles 91.41%

Lions 99.49%

Tigers 99.03%

Well done to Lions with 99.49%

School Parking

Please can we remind parents not to park on the yellow zig-zag lines or drop your child off outside the school entrance.

Many thanks for your co-operation with this matter.

ParentPay.com

ParentPay makes it easy for parents to pay for trips, events, uniform, and school meals. If you need help activating your ParentPay account, please call the school office. All parents/carers are reminded that the school will no longer be able to accept cash or cheques in school.

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SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019-2020

Term 1

Tuesday 8th - Friday 11th - Life Education Bus

Tuesday 15th - Open Morning 9.15 - 11.30 & Dress up as an interesting , exciting, wonderful adjective day

Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th - Y5/6 Residential

Wednesday 23rd - Friends Disco, 6pm - 7.30pm

Thursday 24th - Harvest Festival, Holy Cross Church, 2pm

Friday 25th October - **TERM ENDS**

Term 2

Monday 4th November - **TERM STARTS**

Tuesday 5th November - Parents Evening 3.40 - 7pm

Thursday 21st November - Open Morning 9.15am - 11.30am & Shakespeare Festival, Corby Cube 7pm

Wednesday 11th December—Abbey Christmas Jumper Day and Chartwells Christmas Dinner

Thursday 12th December—Daventry Area Carol Service 1.30pm—2.30pm

Friday 13th December—Whole School Trip to Derngate—Cinderella

Tuesday 17th December—Christingle Service, Holy Cross Church 2.00pm—2.45pm

Thursday 19th December—Singing School Showcase to families - more details to follow

Friday 20th December—Christmas Craft Afternoon, Lego Display and second Abbey Christmas Jumper Day & **TERM ENDS**

Term 3

SCHOOL CLOSED – TRAINING DAY FRIDAY 3rd JANUARY

Monday 6th January - **TERM STARTS**

Friday 14TH FEBRUARY - **TERM ENDS**

Term 4

SCHOOL CLOSED – TRAINING DAY MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

Tuesday 25TH February—**TERM STARTS**

Friday 3rd April—**TERM ENDS**

Term 5

Monday 20TH APRIL—**TERM STARTS**

Friday 8th May - SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY

Friday 22nd May—**TERM ENDS**

Term 6

Monday 1st June—SCHOOL CLOSED – TRAINING DAY

Tuesday 2nd JUNE—**TERM STARTS**

Friday 17TH JULY—**TERM ENDS**