Abbey CE Academy Weekly Newsletter

"Together, anything is possible"

"Everything is possible for one who believes"

Mark 9:23

Date— 10th November 2023

Principals Message

Principal's Message

Welcome back after the lovely, long half term. The children all seem to have had a great break and are full of beans.

This week the children have been working hard as always. On Wednesday the Year 2 children from St James came up to read with Year 6 and Year 5 went to St James to read with Year 1. This was a great success and it is always lovely to see the children working together to support each other.

This term's value is respect and we have been focussing on our behaviour expectations and how we treat each other. We are particularly working on how we show respect in class, while walking around the school and to each other. This respect also applies to wearing our uniform correctly and with pride so do please continue to ensure that children have the correct uniform at all times including school shoes and PE kit. If you need any help purchasing items of uniform, so please ask.

On Thursday, the boy's football team played a match and won! Mr Daly was really impressed with the attitudes of all of the boys who attended and how well they represented the school. The girls team also played at home on Monday and played really well. Although they ultimately lost 4-3 it was a really close game and again, they represented the school beautifully. Well done all.

Have a wonderful weekend.

School Attendance

Attendance

The attendance for the school this week was 97.07%

The class that achieved the highest attendance Shakespeare with 100%

School Messages

School Photographer

Don't forget the school photographer will be visiting school on Tuesday 14th November. Children who have PE on this day, please can they come to school in their full school uniform and bring their PE kits to change into - thank you.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school with them each day, This should be filled with water only, no juice please. This can then be topped up from the water fountains during the day.

Christmas Cinema Visit

An email was sent out a little while ago with all the details, please could we ask that consent and payment is made via MCAS no later than 30th November, thank you.

Curriculum News

Potter

We have had a lovely first week back in Potter Class.

Lots of learning has taken place already - In writing our new unit is a diary entry 'The Mad Scientist', this week we have been introduced to the text, we have got to know it by analysing what we like and dislike and which questions and connection we have. We also looked at the familiar and unfamiliar vocabulary, already the children have done a smashing job echo reading the text.
Our reading topic this term is connected to Machines - our first book we are studying is Ironman - already a firm favourite!
During maths we have started unit 1 addition and subtraction - we have been making 100 with up to 3 different numbers from the 5 and 10 times tables.
Our RE lessons this term are investigating the question 'What is it like to follow God?' - this week we have looked at the bible timeline and studied the story of Noah from Genesis 6:5–9:17.

Wishing you all a super weekend - Mrs Clarke.

Dahl

A lovely first week back for Dahl class, resetting those expectations and getting right back into learning.

In writing, we have began a new unit which focusses on a diary recount of a mad scientist where the children have been identifying unfamiliar vocabulary. In reading, we are focussing on chapter 1 of The Iron Giant and have also been identifying unfamiliar vocabulary to and using this in a sentence. In maths, we have started a new unit for addition and subtraction of single digit numbers to three-digit numbers.

In RE, we have begun a new unit which is looks at what the Old and New Testament books and what they have within them, using a timeline to identify these. Science has also opened a new unit for Forces where the children have been recording data through experimenting with simple machines.

A good start to the term and have a lovely weekend - Mr Dimmack

Carle

What an amazing start to the term! Carle class have been busy learning about all of their new topics and texts and have certainly impressed me with how hard they have been working.

Talk for Writing this term is a text called 'Elf Road'. This is a story about a young boy called Billy who finds a mysterious door. Upon opening the door he stumbles upon a strange world full of elves and a wondeful banquet. We have looked at what we like about the text and anything it might remind us of. We've also completed a text map and looked at the new vocabulary.

In Talk for Reading our new unit is called 'Wonderland'. The first book we are looking at is 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'. We have enjoyed answering questions about the story as well as some of the unusual events that happen throughout!

Maths has been continuing with multiplication and division. We have looked closely at how the 3, 6 and 9 times tables can be used to answer each other. Our next maths unit is going to be time so if you would like to encourage your child to tell the time using an analogue clock, I would really appreciate it!

In RE we have been looking at the journey we have been on so far in our lives as well as creating a class 'grace'.

Well done Carle Class for an amazing start to the term!

Curriculum News

Shakespeare

This week in Shakespeare it has been exciting to be back together and to welcome some new pupils to our class. In Geography, we explored the idea of a megacity and were amazed to learn they are where over 10 million people live - the biggest one has over 46 million people! In History we looked at the reality of the American Dream for migrants, in our new unit, 20th century migration. In RE we looked at what it would be like to be a Hebrew slave in Ancient Egypt, linked to some reading in the Bible from the book of Exodus. In Science, we learned about Galileo and explored newton metres. In PSHE we thought about how everyone is different and there is no normal - this made us think carefully about how we are all unique and special. In DT, we started some work on cookies and in ICT we looked at finding information online.

Mackesy

Mackesy class have had a busy first week!

We have explored the reasons behind Remembrance Day and made poppies. We have been visited by our PCSO to learn about the Blue Butterfly. In Science, we have started our unit on Forces. In History, we are learning about the reality of the American Dream. In DT, we have begun to create our Christmas biscuit decoration.

Lewis

Lewis class have started this term very well.

In geography we have looked at the megacities in Brazil. Migration continues to be a focus in history. In RE our title is How can following God bring freedom and justice? We will be looking in detail at the life of Moses. We enjoyed our Blue Butterfly talk on Wednesday. We have started our computing and DT units.

Well done Lewis you are working so hard.

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have begun our new units of work for Term 2 - it has been exciting to welcome the children back after our half term. We have started to read The Boy at the Back of the Class in reading, which the children are really enjoying -it has allowed us to have some interesting discussions as the key character is a refugee fleeing war in his country. In English, we have been looking into our new text 'The Key' and considering what the key could unlock and finally looking at our text and vocabulary. In Maths, we finished our multiplication work with a quiz and started working on Time problems. On Wednesday, we walked over to St James to read with Y1 - the children did a wonderful job.

Year 6

The children have come back to school and have been really busy amid assessment week. We have been very proud of how they have persevered in the tests. We had a wonderful time with Year 2 from St James sharing and talking about books and are looking forward to our next meeting. We are starting our new units in reading and writing. In reading we are reading a poem written by a young girl who had to flee Syria. In writing we are looking at a meeting tale called Little Vixen Street. We have begun by researching information about foxes. Multiplication and division is the focus in maths. We are requesting that all children do TTRS each evening to ensure that they have a good knowledge of their tables.

Sports Update

Abbey Girls 3-4 Barby

Abbey lost a close-fought game against Barby on Monday this week. After going 2-0 up within five minutes, Abbey were then pegged back by Barby who themselves scored twice before half time.

Abbey soon took the lead after the half time break before Barby equalised again.

With only three minutes left on the clock, Barby went ahead for the first time in the match. Despite some late efforts on goal, The Abbey were unable to find an equaliser,

Well done to all the girls. They played really well and were unlucky to lose the game so late on. It is still possible to win the league - they will just need to beat The Grange and hope other results go their way.

DRET Daventry School Netball Tournament

The Abbey entered the Daventry Schools' Netball competition at Parker just before half term. Playing Welton and Newnham twice each, The Abbey managed to draw all four games 0-0 demonstrating some excellent defensive work throughout the tournament.

In the two games between Welton and Newnham, only one game had a goal - meaning the winner of that match were the overall winner!

Additional shooting practice needed all round!

Admissions Consultation

The academy is consulting on the Academy's admission arrangements. These arrangements are for students who will be starting in **September 2025**.

The consultation is taking place for a period of six weeks, between **Monday 13 November 2023 – Sunday 31 December 2023.**

Consultation will also be undertaken via West Northamptonshire Council's co-ordinated consultation process and will be on the West Northamptonshire School Admissions Consultation website from the start of the consultation period.

Why are we consulting?

The Trust must set ('determine') admission arrangements annually. Where changes are proposed to admission arrangements, the Trust must first publicly consult on those arrangements. If no changes are made to admission arrangements, they must be consulted on at least once every 7 years.

The academy is not proposing any changes to its admissions arrangements for 2025 however is consulting in accordance with the requirement to consult on a 7-year cycle.

Click here for a link to our admission page.

DAVID ROSS EDUCATION TRUST

We are extremely excited to announce we will be hosting the annual **DRET Santa and Reindeer Run** again this year, raising money for the Inspiration Fund, on **Monday 18 December** and we would love to see all our pupils and staff to take part!

Last year over 4,000 staff and students across the Trust took part and raised over £35,000 for the Inspiration Fund, which provides the broad range of amazing enrichment opportunities for our students in sport, music, culture and arts.

How does it work?
We will be organising a 20 minute fun run on the school site to finish off the calendar year in style!

The run will be a sponsored event to raise money for our Inspiration Fund. Every participant will receive a medal. Anyone who raises over £9 will also receive a Santa t-shirt and hat or a reindeer t-shirt and antlers which you can keep wearing over the festive period year after year! Every participant is invited to wear their own Christmas jumpers, favourite Christmas accessory or costume!

Sponsorship
Each pupil will need to set up their online sponsorship page, making it easy to set up and share with your friends and family to collect sponsorship. **Siblings will also need to set up one page per child**.

An information sheet on the sponsorship form can be found overleaf. A step by step guide for this is attached.
Click here to set up your sponsorship page:

https://app.goodhub.com/campaigns/dretsantaandreindeerrun2023

If you are unable to raise sponsorship online, please ask the office for a paper sponsorship form. **All online sponsorship pages must be complete by Tuesday 28th November. Paper sponsorship forms also need to be handed in by the 28th November.** Orders for medals and t-shirts are made on this date so delivery is in time for the event. The top fundraiser at the school will also receive a plaque, and the top two fundraisers across the Trust will receive a special music, sport or art related prize for their school! Last year, the school with the highest fundraiser bought a smart speaker to allow music to be played throughout the whole school!

Gift Aid: We are able to claim gift aid on all donations with the donator's permission. This can add a significant amount to our fundraising total, so please tick for Gift Aid on the sponsorship if you are a UK Tax payer.

Inspiration Fund
The Inspiration Fund enables the David Ross Education Trust to provide our students with an incredible variety of enrichment opportunities across sport, music and the arts as well as cultural activities which we would otherwise be unable to offer. We believe exposing our pupils to these opportunities not only enhances their academic performance, but also ensures each pupil has access to a world class education which broadens their horizons for life beyond school.

DRET SANTA AND REINDEER RUN 2023

Sponsorship Pages

Over the past three years, online sponsorship pages have been used alongside paper forms and cash collections. This has been a huge success, removing the need for cash to be brought to school, reducing the admin hours for the school, and allowing familes/friends to donate by the simple click of a button.

Following your feedback, we have simplified the process of setting up a page even further!

- How to set up:
  Simply follow this link and click "Fundraise".
  https://app.goodhub.com/campaigns/dretsantaandreindeerrun2023
- You can put the child's initials in the "who is raising funds" section if you do not wish to display their name.
- Each child will need their own sponsorship page. **Siblings will need to have one page per child**. You can set up both these pages using the same account.
- You also have the option to upload a festive photo of your own, or use our provided photo. This will be the banner image to the sponsorship page.
- Please remember to select the gift aid option (if you are a UK taxpayer) as this will enable us to claim gift aid on all donations which will add a significant amount to the final total raised.
- Once your page is set up, share the page link with your friends and family so they can make quick and easy payments on your child's page! You will need to share the unique URL emailed to you with anyone wanting to make a donation.
- The sponsorship page will automatically send us the sponsorship money and size information ready for the Santa and Reindeer Run. All you need to do is share the link! Please remember, to receive a Santa t-shirt and Santa hat OR Reindeer t-shirt and antlers you need to raise £9 or more.

Orders for medals & t-shirts will be placed on Tuesday 28th November. Please collect your sponsors by this date.

Year 3 2024 Open Days

If you have a child due to start Year 3 in September 2024 please come along to one of our upcoming open days to see our fabulous school .We will be running these at the following times. If you are unable to make the above dates, please contact the school office and we can arrange a suitable time for you

Air Ambulance Clothing Bank

We are extremely fortunate to have required a clothing bank for the Air Ambulance,

It is located within the carpark ready for your donations.

What you can donate:

- Clothing
- Towels
- Sheets
- Blankets
- Curtains
- Paired Shoes

Dates for the Diary

November

Tuesday 14th - Individual School Photos

December

Tuesday 5th—Y6 Height and Weight
Wednesday 6th - Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 7th - Flu Vaccinations & Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 13th - Christmas Service, 2pm Holycross Church
Thursday 14th—Y3/4 Cinema Trip—All details on MCAS
Friday 15th—Y5/6 Cinema Trip - All details on MCAS

January

February

March

Monday 4th - 7th - Year 5 Bikeability

April

May

Monday 13th - 16th - Y6 SATS

June

July

Tuesday 9th—DRET Summer Cup

* Dates may be subject to change and will be updated as events are booked

Term Dates for Academic Year 2023-2024

Term 1

TRAINING DAY	**Friday 1st SEPTEMBER**
TRAINING DAY	**Monday 4TH SEPTEMBER**
TERM STARTS	Tuesday 5th SEPTEMBER
TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER

Term 2

TERM STARTS	MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
TERM ENDS	WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER

Term 3

TERM STARTS	WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2024
TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2024

Term 4

TERM STARTS	MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2024
TERM ENDS	THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 2024

Term 5

TERM STARTS	MONDAY 15TH APRIL
SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY	MONDAY 6TH MAY
TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 24TH MAY

Term 6

TERM STARTS	MONDAY 3RD JUNE
TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 19TH JULY