Abbey CE Academy Weekly Newsletter

"Together, anything is possible"

"Everything is possible for one who believes"

Mark 9:23

Date—26th May 2023

Principals Message

Principal's Message

The sun is shining and another term has flown past.

Last week, our football team won the Primary Champions Day trophy. They represented the school beautifully and showed great teamwork embodying the school's vision of 'Together anything is possible'. Well done to everyone involved, we are very proud of you.

Today we say goodbye to Miss Street as she moves on to pastures new. Miss Street has been a valuable member of the school team, particularly this year where she has supported Potter Class through thick and thin. I have really enjoyed working with Miss Street and we all wish her the best in the future.

As the weather improves, please can I remind you to send water bottles into school everyday with your children. Bottles should contain water only. Please do not send in energy drinks like Prime or Lucozade. Squash can be in a lunchtime drink.

Also please send hats and suncream with your children when needed. Children will need to be able to apply their own suncream. Suncream should not be shared with other children due to possible allergies.

Please can I also direct you again to the school's uniform policy. All children should be wearing white shirts with a school tie. School ties can be bought from the school office after half term for £5 if you don't have one. The tie is part of our uniform and not optional. The only time a tie is not needed is with summer dresses or PE kit. Socks should be black, white or grey not bright colours. As always, if you need any help with uniform, please ask and we will do what we can.

As we go into the summer term, attendance continues to be a priority and we appreciate your support with this.

As always, please feel free to contact me on DGodfrey1@abbeyceacademy.co.uk

Have a wonderful half term and enjoy the sunshine.

School Attendance

Attendance

The attendance for the school this week was 94.38%

The class that achieved the highest attendance Shakespeare and Morpurgo with 96.67%

School Messages

Lunches

The menu is on ParentPay, please remember to book your child's school meal before midnight on the Tuesday before the week you are booking for. Meals for Week Commencing 5th June needs to be booked by midnight on Tuesday 30th May **(during the school holiday)**.

If you do not book by this date, you will need to send in a packed lunch . www.parentpay.com

Sun Protection in School

Now that the sun has come out, it is important that the children are well protected from the sun. Please ensure that the children come to school with a sun hat and wearing sun cream, as appropriate.

If children are bringing sun cream with them, to top-up their sun protection during the day, please ensure that your child knows how to apply sun cream as they will be expected to apply it themselves - staff will not be able to apply sun cream for the children.

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

Curriculum News

Year 3 - Potter

Year 5 - Shakespeare

What a busy term we have had!

This week we have concluded most of our units. We have produced some amazing independent 'Defeat the Monster' stories in writing, using descriptive writing, persuasive speeches and pleading letters. In reading we have finished our Wildspark unit, analysing the characters and relationship between Prue and Francis. We are doing a fantastic job at percentages in maths and will continue this next term. We finalised our Judaism unit of RE creating a kosher friendly menu and learning the rules around the food Jewish people eat. It has been lovely to see the children enjoying PE on the field and making the most of the warmer weather.

Wishing you all a lovely break - Mrs Clarke

Year 6

Another amazing week in Lewis class. We have been working hard in maths on Place Value. We have looked at number sequences, solving problems involving rounding as well as making numbers in different ways. In Talk for Reading we have continued looking at 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness. We have looked at the different vocabulary used and how the protagonist shows that he is not scared of the monster. We have predicted what might happen next in the story and whether the monster is real, or just a figment of the imagination. Talk for Writing has continued to focus on 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. We have written a diary as well as a letter to the judge to try and free Stanley Yelnats from the camp. RE has been about how Hindu's believe in reincarnation and how if you do good things in your life then your next life will be a good one. Thank you, Lewis class, for another wonderful week!

Year 4 - Dahl

Dahl class have had a courageous last week! We led Collective Worship, inspiring others to reflect on their courageousness by telling them about our experiences. In English, we have been learning and writing about our Lost Words spell, Weasel. In Reading, we have been answering and creating comprehension questions about The Beetle Collector's Handbook. In Maths, we have been learning about statistics including Venn and Carroll diagrams. In Science, we have carried about an investigation about materials fading in sunlight. In History, we have been learning about trade and in Art, we have been creating patchwork zentangles.

Year 5 - Blyton

This week, we have been working hard during the last week of Term 5. We have reflected on our value of courage and the children shared some wonderful ways they have shown courage in school and at home. In our writing - it was time for our hot writes! We had some amazing yet terrifying ideas for our hero versus monster stories! In reading, we explored our text in depth, writing our own blurb, innovating on a chapter and writing from the perspective of a character and considering how flashbacks are used in the story. In maths, we summed up our fractions unit with an end of unit quiz and began our new unit: all about percentages. In History, we were all extremely ambitious and wrote fabulous essays all about the Vikings: who were they and why did they come to Britain? In Geography, we found out all about the River Thames. In RE, we were very interested in learning about what Jewish people can and cannot eat - we learned about Kosher foods and made our own menu - this really got us thinking. In Science, we designed our own creature that were adapted to their habitats, while in art we sketched our own mythical creature (we've been really imaginative this week!) I hope you all have a wonderful half term - see you in Term 6!

Year 6—Morpurgo

I am so proud of Morpurgo this term they have worked so hard and shown all the values of our school in their attitude to all their learning, but in particular to the way they conducted themselves throughout SATs - Well done Morpurgo. This week we have been busy continuing our work on Holes. We have done various writing pieces including a diary and a formal letter. We have continued to read 'A Monster Calls' we have examined what the motives of the monster might have been and explained our reasons for the monsters actions. Place value has continued to be our focus in maths. We have looked at number sequences and patterns. Reincarnation was our focus in RE and we wrote to Lil explaining what reincarnation means.

Have a wonderful break over half term - you deserve it!

Dates for the Diary

June

Monday 5th—Life Education Bus
Thursday 22nd Year 6 Leavers photos and whole school class group photos
Monday 26th—Year 6 Enterprise Week

July

Tuesday 4th Sports Day at The Abbey with children/staff from St James
Thursday 6th - Summer Cup
Friday 7th—Year 6 Leavers Service

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

Term Dates for Academic Year 2022-2023

Term 1

SCHOOL CLOSED – TRAINING DAY	**Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd SEPTEMBER**
TERM STARTS	MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER
SCHOOL CLOSED	**MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER**
TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER

Term 2

TERM STARTS	MONDAY 31st OCTOBER
TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Term 3

SCHOOL CLOSED – TRAINING DAY	**TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY**
TERM STARTS	WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY
TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

Term 4

TERM STARTS	MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY
TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

Term 5

TERM STARTS	MONDAY 17TH APRIL
SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY	**MONDAY 1ST MAY**
SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY	**MONDAY 8th MAY**
TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 26TH MAY

Term 6

TERM STARTS	MONDAY 5TH JUNE
TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 21ST JULY

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