



Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Newsletter for Friday 24th February 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely half term break.

On Monday, the children learned all about the importance of staying safe on the internet. Each class were given a really informative online safety workshop led by Education Child Protection. The children came away with lots of extremely valuable information about their digital literacy and positive decision making.

We have asked Education Child Protection to run an online safety meeting for parents which highlights potential danger of the internet as well as its many positives. This meeting will provide a wealth of information about how to monitor your child's use of games, apps and websites and how you can ensure they are set up in the safest possible way to minimise risk. We will inform you of the date once it has been finalised.

This week has been 'Feeling Good' week with the main focus on kindness and connection. The children all took part in a range of relaxation workshops. Mrs Crisp spoke to YR and 1 about the Zones of Regulation. She also taught them different calming techniques. The children enjoyed learning these and are already using the breathing strategies.

The children in Years 2, 3 and 4 enjoyed a fantastic Pilates class led by Sasha Brooke Williams. She incorporated making pancakes into the stretches and movements!

Ali Parker held a yoga session for Years 5 and 6. The children were introduced to lots of well-known yoga postures and they were clearly putting their all into it!

There was a lot of sport going on this week. The netball team played a great game against Killigrew and won an impressive 5-0! Bella was awarded player of the match. Congratulations to the cross country team who ran on Wednesday. A lot of the children surpassed their own personal goals! Phoebe, Max and Lois all came in the top ten. The girls' football team played an amazing game against St Peters and won their match 4-0! The boys football team played a great game against St Bernadette's. Sadly, the score did not go Abbey's way but the children should be commended for their determination and teamwork.

Thank you to all the children who represented Abbey School, we are very proud of all your efforts.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs O'Melia

ILLEGAL AND INCONSIDERATE PARKING ON GROVE ROAD



We were very disappointed when we received a complaint from one of our neighbours, on Grove Road, about parking during drop off and collection times. Please be considerate when parking and **do not** park over driveways, on the kerbs or on double yellow lines. This is illegal parking and blocks access not only for our neighbours but also for emergency vehicles. Consider parking further away and walking to the school gate.

Parents have a responsibility to:

- be considerate of our children's safety at all times
- park safely and escort children to the classroom door
- allow plenty of time for your journeys so that you are able to park within the vicinity of the school
- not to park on pavements or obstruct driveway

Safeguarding our pupils is our highest priority and we ask for your support with this matter.

Thank you.

WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 2ND MARCH



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March and children can come to school dressed as their favourite character. There will be a competition for the best outfit per class. The winners will each receive a book token!

We look forward to seeing lots of fantastic costumes!



The children have been sharing lots of their challenges including baking and doing 'keepy ups' with a ball. It's not too late to start your challenge!

STAFFING UPDATES

GOODBYE

This week we said goodbye to our School Business Manager, Mrs Lucy Price, who has relocated to Cambridge. We wish her all the best and thank her for many years of dedicated service to Abbey School.

Our new School Business Manager, Mrs Sarah Skinner, will start next week and will work Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mr Ken Borley who has been our relief caretaker this term. He has made a great impact on our school and we wish him well as he embarks on his new role at Killigrew.

WELCOME

This week we welcomed Mr Gobin to our school. Mr Gobin is a very experienced teacher and he will be teaching children across the school, including booster classes for pupils in Year 6. Please say hello if you see him!



Thank you to all the parents and family members that were able to join us for our Lenten Liturgy yesterday. It was lovely to see so many of you. Thank you to Fr Jonny and Fr Calum who led us in prayer and explained why Lent is important to us as Christians.



SAFEGUARDING



Safeguarding and Child Protection at Abbey School is everyone's responsibility and is taken extremely seriously. If you have any concerns regarding Safeguarding, please contact the school office.

Our designated Safeguarding Officers are: Mrs O'Melia (Headteacher) Mrs Fraser (Deputy Head) Mrs Crisp (SENCo) and our Safeguarding Governor is: Mrs Katie Wright.

ATTENDANCE



	Absence	Punctuality
Reception	99%	0
Year 1	97%	0
Year 2	95%	1
Year 3	97%	0
Year 4	99%	1
Year 5	96%	1
Year 6	99%	1
Total Attendance	97%	

Well done Reception, Year 4 and Year 6 on your excellent attendance!

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Holidays in term time will **not** be authorised. Please ensure your child is present the last day of the term and the first day of a new term.

These are checked by the Attendance Officer and they will be visiting the school this half term. *Fixed penalty notices may be enforced.*



We have several children and members of staff with severe food allergies. All packed lunches and snacks must be **nut free**. Therefore, we **do not allow** Nutella, peanut butter, or any spread or oil that contains nuts **including** sesame oil. Some cereal bars may contain nuts so please check ingredients list on all packaging before putting them in your child's lunchbox.

Thank you for your support.



Monday 27th February – English Curriculum workshop for Parents 9am-9.30am

Wednesday 1st March – Y1 Assembly 2.30pm (Y1 parents welcome)

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day – Children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character

Thursday 2nd March – Netball v Bernard's Heath

Thursday 2nd March – Friends Yoga Night

Friday 3rd March – Boys football v St Peters

Sunday 5th March – Big Spring Green event at school

REACH FOR THE STARS!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception	Freddie – For always behaving well, sitting and listening beautifully
Year 1	Athena – For always taking part in phonics enthusiastically and for always being a delight to teach.
Year 2	Matthew – For working really hard in Maths and enjoying his challenges and wanting to do more and more! Also for being a polite working partner and always displaying good manners.
Year 3	Veronica – For being an all-round superstar! She is always focused on her work and takes pride in everything she does.
Year 4	Greyson – For having a wonderful week of learning and focusing so well and producing lots of fantastic work across all subjects!
Year 5	Zachary – For showing great engagement in lessons by sharing and contributing more, particularly in English when writing in role.
Year 6	Margo – For being really engaged in lessons and showing great determination when tackling new challenges.



This week's golden ticket winners are:

Elodie and Olive

HOUSE POINTS

HOUSES	POINTS
MATTHEW	268
MARK	303
LUKE	311
JOHN	208



Well done to everyone who tried really hard in all your learning this week!



Happy Birthday to:
Bruce and Isabel