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# Abbey Lane Primary School NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2022 – Second Half



## **Roof issues**

I know that many of you have been concerned about the article in the media regarding areas of the school roof. I hope that the letter from school and the response from the LA have been able to reassure you that nobody is in any imminent danger. The LA have assured us that the children and staff are completely safe. They have said that they will provide you and us with regular updates and have committed to ongoing communication until the completion of the work. They have also stated that there will be opportunities for both staff and parents to raise questions allowing any concerns to be addressed. The first of these opportunities will be next Wednesday, coinciding with the Open Meeting. If possible, I would encourage you to come along to this and raise any concerns that you have with them. Somebody will be available for you to speak to from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the Main Hall.

## **Open Meeting**

As our parents' meetings were virtual last half term, we are holding an Open Meeting for parents on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. This will be a chance for parents to come into school with their children to look at the work they have been doing during this term.

## **Children in Need/Road Safety Awareness**

We will be supporting Children in Need day on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**. This year, the event also falls within Road Safety Awareness week. We would like to support this by holding a non-uniform day, where children can wear 'Something Spotty' or their brightest 'Road Safety' appropriate clothes. The children have been asked to donate £2 if they wish to participate; this will also include a chance for them to win 1 of 2 Build-a-Bear prizes (1 for FS2/KS1 and the other for KS2) in the afternoon. All donations go directly to the Children in Need appeal.



## **Nativities and Christmas activities**

We are really pleased to be able to invite parents to come in to school to see FS2 and Y2 Nativities this year. FS2 will be holding 2 Nativities, one on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm and one on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am.

Y2 performances will be held the following week, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am.

We are hoping that the other year groups will each be able to sing a few carols at the end of the day during the last week of term. Further details of all these events will be sent out to parents closer to the time.

### **Adverse Weather**

This information is just to help us all to be prepared in the event of excessive rain, snow or heating problems. If the school had to close, for any reason, parents/carers would be informed by text or email via ParentPay. It is essential therefore, that you have registered for this service and that you keep your contact details up to date.

If we know in the morning that the school will not be opening, this information will also be posted on the school website by 7am, the following radio websites and the LA website so please check if you have any concerns:

School website [www.abbeylaneprimaryschool.com](http://www.abbeylaneprimaryschool.com)  
LA website [www.sheffield.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schoolclosures)  
Radio Hallam's website [www.planetradio.co.uk/hallam](http://www.planetradio.co.uk/hallam)  
Radio Sheffield's website <http://news.bbc.co.uk/radiosheffield>

We will also endeavor to communicate this information to you via Twitter if you are following us.

As you can appreciate with 600 children in school, the office can become inundated with unnecessary phone calls. In order to avoid this, the best method of keeping informed would be for you to register to receive a text or email via ParentPay to inform you early in the morning as to whether the school would be open or closed in the event of adverse weather.

### **Staff News**

Congratulations to Miss Peavor on the safe arrival of Ada and Dotty. Both mother and babies are doing well and Robin is being a helpful big brother!

Miss Hanvere will be returning from her maternity leave this term. Over the next couple of weeks, she is doing a day a week in school, getting to know her class and ensuring a smooth transition from Mrs Mattocks. From Christmas, Mrs. Mattocks will continue to work with FS2 as a HLTA.

Mrs. Seamarks will be leaving us at Christmas. Mrs. Seamarks joined school in 2011, and has for the vast majority of that time been a teacher in FS2. This year, Mrs. Seamarks has been working as a HLTA, in order to give more time to her family. We are very sorry to see Mrs. Seamarks leave and we wish her all the very best for the future.

As many of you will be aware, Mrs. O'Shea has not been in school since March. Due to ongoing family circumstances, Mrs. O'Shea has now made the decision to resign from her post as Deputy Head. We would like to thank Mrs. O'Shea for all her hard work in school over the past 4 years and wish her all the best for the future.

We have appointed a new Deputy Head – Mr. Calcutt, who will be joining us after Christmas. Mr. Calcutt is currently a Deputy Head at a school in Balborough, having also worked in schools in Sheffield. Mr. Calcutt has experience in KS1, so will be also overseeing KS1 until the appointment of a KS1 Leader. I am sure that you will join us in welcoming him next term.

### **School playground**

Can we please ask that you try to keep your children with you as you are leaving the school playground at the end of the day. Staff will be stopping children that appear to be leaving the school grounds unaccompanied.

We would also like to remind you that dogs should not be brought into the school playground, even if you are carrying them. Thank you for your cooperation.

