



December Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Autumn term is coming to an end: here are some reminders for the next two weeks:

Parent Christmas Craft Day – Tuesday 4th December

Please join us for a Christmas Story, arts and craft activities, and of course, hot chocolate (with marshmallows!). These activities will take place as below, in your child's classroom.



Year Group	Time
Nursery and Reception	08:45 – 09:45
Year 3 and Year 4	09:45 – 10:45
Year 1 and Year 2	13:00 – 14:00
Year 5 and Year 6	14:00 – 15:00



Christmas Fair – Thursday 7th December



Please join us for our annual Christmas Fair from 13:30 until 15:00. You may collect your child from their classroom at 13:30 then access the fair via the main front doors. If you are unable to attend, your child will still get chance to wander round the fair with their class teachers. If you wish, you can give your child some money to spend (£5.00 max.).

Santa Claus will be making an appearance again, so if your child would like to visit him in his grotto, you must pay in advance, via School Spider (£2.00).



As part of our Design and Technology lessons this half term, each child has designed, made and evaluated a Christmas product – these are available to buy directly from your child's class teacher. Nursery and Reception will be making Christmas Hats; Year 1 and 2 will be making Christmas Decorations; Year 3 and 4 will be making Seasonal Stockings and Year 5 and 6 will be making Funky Festive Cushions. Any products that are not bought will be on sale at the Christmas fair. **Also on this date will be class Christmas parties. Children may come to school in party clothes for the day.**

After School Clubs and Night Owls

During week 7, there are no after school clubs. Night Owls will be available on **Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December only.**



**IT IS VITAL THAT YOUR CHILD ATTENDS SCHOOL – PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NO HOLIDAYS ARE TO BE TAKEN DURING TERM TIME.
NO AUTHORISATION WILL BE GIVEN UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES**

Pantomime – Wednesday 13th December

Please pay any outstanding amounts before this date. All parent helpers have now been contacted. Thank you. If you have any problems with School Spider, please email admin@abbott.manchester.sch.uk.



Despite all of the fun that is to come, we do have some other news that is both sad, but exciting for those involved. On Friday 15th December, we will be saying goodbye to Janet and John as they begin their retirement. They have worked, and lived, at Abbott for over 27 years. They have been an integral part of the school community; seeing many generations of families, three Head Teachers and numerous class teachers come and go. We are going to miss them tremendously, but it is now time for them to have their time and enjoy retirement, with all that it has to offer. We wish them both well for the future and hope they will visit us from time to time. I now you will all miss them very much.

Also on this date, we will be saying 'Goodbye,' and 'Good luck!' to Miss Stokes, who has been successful in obtaining her first Headship in another school. Miss Stokes has been at Abbott for almost 14 years, teaching most children within our families, during this time. She has also been Deputy Head and Acting Head, whilst at Abbott. We will miss her lots, both staff and pupils, but this is an amazing achievement and we know everyone at her new school will love her. Year 4 will have a new class teacher from January – we are the process of recruiting someone, so the children will get to meet them, very soon.

Important Dates for this Term:

- Monday 4th December – Parent Christmas Craft Day
- Tuesday 5th December – Twisted Christmas Tales: Online Author Visits Y3-6
- Wednesday 6th December – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Themed Library Visit
- Thursday 7th December – Class Christmas Parties (party clothes)
- Thursday 7th December – 13:30-15:00 Christmas Fair
- Friday 8th December – Christmas Jumper and Traditional Christmas Dinner Day
- Tuesday 12th December – 14:00 EYFS/Y1 Christmas Play
- Wednesday 13th December – 09:30 EYFS/Y1 Christmas Play
- Wednesday 13th December – 13:00 Opera House Panto
- Thursday 14th December – Board Games and Toy Day (bring your own)
- Thursday 14th December – 09:30 Y2-6 Christmas Play
- **Thursday 14th December – School Closes at 13:30**
- **Friday 15th December – Staff INSET Day (School is closed to all children)**
- **Wednesday 3rd January 2024 – School Opens at 08:45**

If you have any questions or concerns, please email your child's class teacher, in the first instance. They can then assist you or direct you to where necessary:

Nursery/Miss Marshall – s.marshall@abbott.manchester.sch.uk
Reception/Miss Burke – h.burke@abbott.manchester.sch.uk
Year 1/Miss Henderson – n.henderson@abbott.manchester.sch.uk
Year 2/Miss Jones – c.jones@abbott.manchester.sch.uk
Year 3/Miss Thorne – m.thorne@abbott.manchester.sch.uk
Year 4/Miss Stokes – k.stokes@abbott.manchester.sch.uk
Year 5/Miss Watson – r.watson@abbott.manchester.sch.uk
Year 6/Miss Churchman – h.churchman@abbott.manchester.sch.uk

Have a safe and happy break over the Christmas Holidays, whatever you have planned!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Wilson (Head Teacher)