



Aberford CE Primary

Weekly Newsletter

29th April 2022

Message from Mrs Crossley

Thank you for your support with the Scholastic Boor Fair. We took £629.25! As this is our second book fair of the year, Scholastic increase the commission rate to 50% so we will receive £314.63 in commission to spend on books. This is a fantastic amount and we will, once again, use it to stock up on books to give as prizes for our reading prize draw. I will ask our school council to choose the books so that we have a good selection for all ages.

Knowing that so many of our children have developed a strong love of reading is wonderful and we hope that the joy of buying a brand new book stays with them for many years to come.

Message from the Office

Thank you to the Grandparent who has bought each class in school a book from our book fair. The children will love reading them.

Class attendance this week

Class 1	100%
Class 2	95.6%
Class 3	96.6%
Class 4	96.1%

Well done to class 1 - our attendance winner this week!

Individual Attendance Draw

Elliott W

Jubilee Dinner 27th May 2022



To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we will be celebrating with a picnic lunch on the field on Friday 27th May. Children can come to school in red, white and blue **non-uniform** and will be able to learn about the Queen and the Royal Family in lessons that day. Please let the office know if your child would like a picnic lunch by 13th May.

Selection of Sandwiches : (Cheese, Egg and Cress, Tuna and Cucumber)

Cheese and Tomato Pizza Bites (v)

Cocktail Sausage Roll (v)

Crisps (v)

Crunchy Vegetable Sticks (ve)

(Carrot, Cucumber, Pepper)

Celebration Sprinkle Cake (v)

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt (v)

Christian Values Award



Erin	Lavaya
Annie	James P
Lucas	

Reading Prize Draw

Amelia B

Daisy

Dates:

- Y6 Sats week – 9th May
- Y2 SATs week – 16th May
- Year 5/6 residential – 23rd May – 25th May
- Jubilee lunch & non uniform – Friday 27th May
- Half term – Spring Bank – Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June
- INSET Day – Monday 6th June

Housepoints

	This week	Running total
Becca	73	63
Lotherton	139	80
Parlington	102	58
Hazlewood	117	61



Annual Parental Views Questionnaire

Thank you all for completing our annual parental views questionnaire at the Spring term parent consultation evening. **96%** of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that their child is happy in school and **100%** of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that their child feels safe in school. This is fantastic news and is reassuring to hear that so many of you are so pleased with our school and that children feel safe and happy. All of our school team work hard and are passionate about improving outcomes for children, along with ensuring that their time here at Aberford is happy, memorable and inspiring.

We want to ensure that we use the feedback you gave us to its fullest extent, to be able to improve our practice in school and are planning some changes because of the feedback you gave us.

- **4%** of respondents did not agree that they receive information about their child's progress. We agree that we could be more proactive here and as a result, we will be introducing an end of term summary report for Autumn and Spring term, to complement the full end of year school report you receive in the summer. The first one you will receive will be in December 2022, as you will receive the usual end of year report in July.
- **6%** of respondents did not agree that their child receives appropriate homework for their age. We also received several comments relating to homework and these vary in their viewpoints:
 - "We don't feel like the homework is too much like other schools."
 - "I agree that my child receives appropriate homework but I struggle to complete it all in addition to after school clubs / activities and allowing time for family time."
 - "I don't think they should have homework at this age."
 - "If anything, slightly too much homework – I try and concentrate on spelling, reading and times tables."

Looking back at comments given on the parental views questionnaire over the last 6 or 7 years, comments about homework are a regular feature and each year, the comments include both positives and negatives.

Whilst homework in primary schools is not mandatory, the Education Secretary has recently described it as, "a staple of school life, and of home life." As a school, we are open to updating our homework policy wherever necessary and are very keen to ensure we set a policy that parents are happy with. We will be discussing the results of the questionnaires at the next full governing body meeting and will spend some time talking about the school's policy towards homework, with a view towards setting up a working party to look at what will work the best.