



Aberford CE Primary

Weekly Newsletter

27th May 2022

Message from Mrs Crossley

We have finally made it to the holidays after a very busy half term with lots of fantastic achievements for the whole school.

Firstly, we have completed end of Key stage testing for years 2 and 6 for the first time since 2019. We have also successfully completed our Siams inspection. Finally, our year 5 and 6 pupils have been away this week on their residential trip to Kingswood. This was a fantastic 3 days away, with the children doing activities such as orienteering, abseiling, archery, laser quest and problem solving. The children were a credit to the school and tried their hardest at everything, with everyone challenging themselves to do just a little bit more than they thought they could. It's a good job we booked it for the last week of the half term at there were very many tired people on the bus back on Wednesday!

Next half term sees events such as transition activities, sports day and preparations for the KS2 performance.

Have a lovely week off and enjoy the jubilee celebrations. ☺

Message from the Office

Information on school uniform for September attached.

Class attendance this week

Class 1	95.4
Class 2	74.8
Class 3	97.9
Class 4	97.3

Well done to Class 3
our attendance winner this week!

Individual Attendance Draw

Emily

School visit to Nanny Goat Farm (Ian's Mobile Farm)

On **Wednesday 8th June**, we will be visiting Nanny Goat Farm in Aberford. The children will get a tour of the animals, learn fascinating facts about them but most importantly, be able to stroke, brush and in some cases, cuddle them.

On the day, the children will walk up from school to the farm and back. They will go in two separate groups, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The trip will take place during school day hours so the children can come to school and go home as normal. They should come in uniform but may want to come in trainers or comfy shoes for the walk. They need to bring a coat, in case of weather changes.

This trip was funded by a parental donation earlier in the school year and is a fantastic opportunity for us to support our local community and for our children to enjoy experiences that are close to home.

Christian Values Award



Class 4	Emily
Rosa	Abigail
Oliver H	James S

Reading Prize Draw

Isabella C

Ewan

Dates:

- Half term – Spring Bank – **Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June**
- INSET Day – **Monday 6th June**
- Farm trip – **Wednesday 8th June**
- Sports Day – **Friday 10th June (Reserve Sports Day Monday 13th June)**

Housepoints

	This week	Running total
Becca	60	67
Lotherton	116	88
Parlington	71	61
Hazlewood	67	66



Siam Inspection

Last Thursday, the 19th May, we were inspected under section 48 of the Education Act 2005, which is the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools. Normally, all Church of England schools are inspected under this framework every five years. However, due to Covid delays, it is nearly seven years since the last Siam's inspection. During that time, the Inspection framework has changed considerably and similar to the new Ofsted framework, this new Siam's framework is both rigorous and challenging. During the day, the lead inspector examined evidence gathered in the school's self-evaluation, met with school leaders, including the RE subject leader, met with governors and Father Phil, met with a group of parents and met with various groups of children throughout the day. He observed Collective Worship and also observed RE being taught in each class as part of an RE deep dive.

We were very pleased with feedback given on the day and were delighted to be judged as a strongly good Church of England School. The inspector was extremely impressed with the confidence and the eloquent manner in which our children spoke. 'Their shared ownership of the school's vision and values' as well as 'the pride they have in their school' was commented on within the report. Pupils were described as, 'passionate advocates of fairness, equality and the celebration of difference, embodying the school's vision.' Behaviour was described as, 'very good throughout school, characterized by respect and a care for others.' The inspector spoke strongly about the work we have done to reform the curriculum, building it around our Christian Vision and commented that as a result of this, 'pupils flourish in their learning.'

He left us with some next steps to work on, which will form part of our action planning moving forward. The first thing he asked us to do is to develop a whole school shared definition of spirituality and what it means to us as a school community. We also need to continue the work on developing our RE curriculum to fully embed the units from the local authority scheme in the second year of our rolling programme, in particular, more in depth learning about other world faiths. The final thing he asked us to do is to facilitate even more opportunities for pupils to lead a range of social action, so that they can develop as courageous advocates – which is something that I am confident we can do easily now that all the restrictions of the last two years are behind us.

The concluding paragraph sums up the strength of our whole school community:

'We are a family' reverberates through all the school does. It is seen in the genuine care shown by leaders and staff for each other, day to day and in difficult times. It is recognised by the parents in the dedicated support and inspiration given by the school to all their children. And it shines clearly through in the daily life of the school, driven by the determination of leaders that the family of Aberford C of E Primary School will flourish together in faith, hope and love.