



Aberford CE Primary

Weekly Newsletter

21st July 2023

Message from Mrs Crossley

Have a wonderful summer break everyone. Have lots of fun and make time to relax. Read lots and lots and send us any great photos of you all enjoying reading throughout the holidays!

Goodbyes

This morning we hosted our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly in the school hall. It was both a moving and an uplifting performance and a fitting celebration of all their successes here at primary school. Goodbye and good luck to:

Scarlett	Ebonnie	George	Benjamin	Jacob
George	Daisy	Max	Sam	Megan
Erin	Evora	Herbie	Ione	Leyton
Kai	Harrison			

We also said goodbye to Lillie in class 2 and Anna in class 3 as they move on to their new primary schools. We will miss them both and wish them all the best for their new adventures.

On Wednesday, Mrs Jennings also left to start her maternity leave. Her baby is due in September and we wish her a restful summer.

A message from the Office

A big thank you to everybody who organised, volunteered and attended the Summer Gala and the KS2 productions. As well as being fantastic events, they also raised much-needed funds for the PTA. £866 from the Gala and £245 from refreshments at the KS2 production. This year we have funded book bags, school playground equipment, the pantomime trip, travel to the Young Voices event and the leaver's party and hoodies. It would be great to be able to continue to fund these kind of things going forward.

We are looking for volunteers to help organise future events. Please let the office know if you would be able to help.

Monday 4th September – Staff Training Day

Tuesday 5th September – Start of term

Friday 15th September – British Values Workshop



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Reflections from this year

As the year draws to a close, Mrs Warner and I have reflected on some of the main points from this year that we want to celebrate. Year 2 and Year 6 SATs results were very pleasing and we were very proud of how well the children approached these tests. They have worked extremely hard all year and our scores are reflective of the targets we had set for these cohorts.

Our phonics journey is certainly something to be celebrated. Staff have worked tirelessly to embed the Little Wandle scheme successfully and we can see the impact already in the results from continuous assessments throughout the year. We expect these results to go from strength to strength as children come through school on this scheme and we are looking forward to building upon these foundations as we embed the newest part of the scheme to our year 2 children in September. Running a fantastic scheme like this comes with so many benefits to the school as we have access to regular training for all staff, webinars and one to one zoom sessions for the phonics team to help them tailor lessons to our children. However, it comes at quite a cost and whilst we have managed to secure funding for the initial layout, we now need to finance the resources for any new planning and books they release ourselves. The newly released books we need for year 2 in order to develop reading fluency are going to cost us around £750, which is a cost that we haven't budgeted for but feel we need to meet to keep fidelity to this ever-expanding scheme. With that in mind, September will see the start of a new fundraising challenge for us so watch this space for sponsored events, raffles, non-uniform days, etc!

September also sees the opening of our school nursery, welcoming three-year-olds into Aberford CE Primary for the first time. This is an exciting and important development for the school and we are hoping it will support our local community as well as maintaining a strong intake into our reception class each year. A lot of hard work has gone into the planning of this and we have lots of people to be thankful for, both within school and from the community.

Our subject leaders in school have continued to further develop all curriculum subjects and we feel that our curriculum is a strong, broad and balanced offer, with lots of enhancements and enrichment supplementing this. Priorities for next year will focus on phonics and writing as well as continuing to develop maths mastery through our engagement with the maths hub.

Finally, we want to say thank you to all our Aberford community: our wonderful children, inspirational teaching team, our teaching assistants, our cooks, our cleaners, our fantastic business manager and finally to you all for your continued support - this is what makes Aberford the special family it is.

Have a wonderful summer and we will see you all back on the 5th September,

Mrs Crossley and Mrs Warner

Christian Values Award



Class 1

Jessica for being amazing all year

Class 2

Lillie for working with enthusiasm
Noori for super work in Maths and English this term

Class 3

All of Class 3 for working so hard all year. I am so proud of you all!. Thank you for a great year.
Esme for working incredibly hard all year and showing determination and drive to succeed.
Isaac KR for working hard, contributing well and being an enthusiastic member of Class 3

Class 4

Year 5 For an amazing transition day at Boston Spa
Year 6 for great prep work for their Leavers' assembly!

Staff members of the week

A huge thank you to all the Aberford team for their hard work this year!

Attendance this week

Whole School	95.50%
Class 1	98.0%
Class 2	96.00%
Class 3	92.40%
Class 4	97.20%

100% attendance for the whole year:
Bethany H

Housepoints

	This week	Running total
Becca	153	74
Lotherton	169	81
Parlington	79	97
Hazlewood	77	89

Well done to Parlington – our housepoint champions for 2022-2023!