



# Aberford CE Primary

## Weekly Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Message from Mrs Crossley

It was wonderful to welcome every back to school after the Christmas holidays and to welcome the new year in! It's been lovely to see the children settling straight back into school routines and getting stuck into their work. We have launched our Little Wandle phonics lessons and the children in reception and Y1 have enjoyed these greatly. Mrs Warner will send more information about this when we start sending the new phonics books home after the group reading sessions in a few weeks.

Collective Worship this half term focuses on the Christian Value of peace and this week the children thought about who peacemakers were both within and outside of our community and what skills and attributes they had that would support this role.

On Tuesday, we welcomed Mrs Sharp and Miss Coates into our Aberford family. They have both fitted in straight away and have had a fantastic first week here, showing initiative, adaptability, friendliness and professionalism throughout.



### Message from the Office

Our Christmas raffle raised £184.00 for our PTA funds. Thank you.

We are trialing a no booking system for **breakfast club**. This means you will not need to fill in the sign-up form or message ahead to book places for your child. They can just turn up on the day. They will be marked as present on the register by the staff and Mrs Goddard will then update School Money with the bill. If they arrive before 8am then you will be charged the full amount of £5 and if they arrive after 8am you will be charged £3.

At the beginning of the week UKHSA provided a press release regarding back to school advice amid high levels of flu, Covid-19 and scarlet fever being experienced across the country [Back to school advice issued amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/back-to-school-advice-issued-amid-high-levels-of-flu-covid-19-and-scarlet-fever).

The Yorkshire and Humber region of UKHSA have also issued the following: **"Back-to-school advice issued amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever circulating in Yorkshire and the Humber.**

As pupils and students return to school following the Christmas break this week, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reminding people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels, but following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities.

Flu and COVID-19 are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by Group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported.

**Prof Susan Hopkins, Chief medical Adviser at UKHSA, said:** "It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell **and** has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.

### Dates:

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

School closes for half term

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### Christian Values Award



#### Class 2

Bella for being super helpful and thoughtful in class all week  
Chester for a super attitude to work in all lessons

#### Class 3

James P for trying hard to contribute and make a super start to the new term  
Mikey M for putting 100% effort into all learning. A great start to the term!

#### Class 4

Max for always being helpful in class  
Lincoln trying hard in every subject

#### Staff members of the week –

Mrs Sharp and Miss Coates for setting in so quickly to the Aberford family.

#### Attendance this week

Whole School	96.8%
Class 1	100%
Class 2	97.5%
Class 3	96.0%
Class 4	95.50%

Well done to **Class 1**

our attendance winners this week!

Well done to **James D**

For winning the attendance prize draw!

#### Reading Record Prize Draw

Key Stage 1

Violet G

#### Housepoints

	This week	Running total
Becca	219	37
Lotherton	167	24
Parlington	237	34
Hazlewood	219	37

# Young Voices 2023

Yesterday, our school choir took part in the Young Voices 2023 concert at Sheffield Arena. The children performed alongside nearly 5,000 other children, along the Beatbox Collective, street dance troupe Urban Strides and singer Heather Small. The event was spectacular and it was an experience that the children will remember forever. We will definitely be booking again for next year!

