



Aberford CE Primary

Weekly Newsletter

19th July 2024

Message from Mrs Crossley

Have a wonderful summer break everyone. Thank you all for all your thoughtful cards and gifts to staff today. You have been very kind and it is much appreciated by all. Have lots of fun and make time to relax.

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:

Lincoln	Lottie	Aishani	James D
Konrad	Theo	Bethany	Seth
Lucas	Jack	Isaac	James s
Rudi			

We also said goodbye to Ivy in class 1 and Arthur 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, we also said goodbye to Mrs Jennings as she moves to work at a school closer to her home.

A message from the Office

PE days for September:

Tuesday:	Class 1 and Class 2
Wednesday:	Class 3 and Class 4
Thursday:	Class 1 and Class 2
Friday:	Class 3 and Class 4

Children should come to school in PE kit on their PE days. PE kit is black tracksuits with white or black plain t shirts and trainers. Please avoid heavily branded sportswear and please make sure all PE kit is named. We have so many black hoodies in lost property! Full uniform information is on the website:

<https://www.aberfordprimaryschool.co.uk/our-school/school-day/school-uniform>

Monday 2 th September:	Inset Day
Tuesday 3 th September:	Start of term
Monday 23 rd September:	British Values Workshop
Friday 27 th September:	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 9 th October:	Individual Photographs
Monday 14 th October:	Bikeability – Year 6
Friday 25 th October:	Inset Day



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Reflections from this year

As the school year comes to an end, Mrs Warner and I have, once again, spent some time reflecting on the successes of the year. It's been a very busy year and we seemed to have crammed many things in! We are delighted with our academic results and we have seen an increase in the number of children achieving their Early Learning Goals in Reception, as well as a rise in our phonics pass rate for Year 1. General progress across Year 2-Year 5 has been strong and the Key Stage 2 SATs results have improved in every subject. We are very grateful for the continued hard work and efforts of our staff in school who have invested in the pupils throughout the year to support them in achieving such brilliant results.

Whilst it now seems like such a long time ago, we received our long-awaited Ofsted visit in February and we couldn't have wished for a better result. It really validated all our efforts in implementing the phonics and maths schemes as the deep dives in these subjects were very strong and the children's progress and staff's teaching skills were highlighted. Comments about our wider curriculum were positive and some useful next steps, in terms of task design, were given which we will continue to work on throughout the coming year.

One of our greatest success stories of this year has been the opening of our nursery class. Our nursery children are a great asset to our school and we have been amazed at how well these very young children have adapted to the routines of school life and how quickly they have settled in. We need to say a very well deserved thank you to our class 1 team as they have worked tirelessly to ensure that the provision in nursery and reception has been of the highest quality so that the children can flourish!

Alongside our curriculum, we are starting to plan our trips and enrichments for next year and know that these are a huge benefit to the children's learning experience in school. This year we have invited visitors, such as Leeds Rhinos, Leeds United Foundation, British Values workshop leaders and many parents who have come in to share their experiences around geography and RE topics. We have enjoyed trips to Harlow Carr, Leeds Art Gallery, Kingswood, Skipping competitions, Big Dance Off, Abbey House, Young Voices and various sporting trips.

This year our new PTA members have organised some exciting events such as our fantastic summer gala and other fundraising events throughout the year, such as the Friday Sweet Stall, which has become a firm favourite. They are busy planning next year's fundraising events, which are so important to school so please continue to support them as much as possible.

We are looking forward to the next academic year and the exciting opportunities for Aberford that this may bring!

Finally, a big thank you to all the Aberford community: the children, staff team, cooks, cleaners, our business manager and to you all – the amazing families for all your continued support. Have a lovely summer everyone and we will see you all again on Tuesday 3rd September!

Mrs Crossley and Mrs Warner

Christian Values Award



Class 1

To all of class one for being amazing this year! From Mrs Sharp

Class 2

To all the children in class two for working so hard and being such stars all year! From Mrs Jones and Mrs Shaw

Class 3

To all of class 3 for your continued hard work and determination this year! From Mrs Warner

Class 4

To all the children in class 4 for being such an amazing group of children, for working hard and for making the year so enjoyable. From Mrs Sanpher

Attendance this year

Well done to class 3 who have won our attendance challenge by winning the award for highest attendance each week the most times in the school year. Yesterday, Class 3 enjoyed a day with extra treats and rewards to celebrate!

100% attendance for the whole year:

Isaac KR
 Connie
 Sophie P
 Archie S

Housepoints

	Running total
Becca	62
Lotherton	100
Parlington	73
Hazlewood	76

Well done to Lotherton – our housepoint champions for 2023-2024!

