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Message from Mrs Crossley

#### Reading at Home

Well done to all our children for the huge increase in the number of children reading at home at least three times each week. This half term's reading challenge has really enthused so many of our pupils and we have seen lots of fantastic pictures of them reading in the most unusual of places! When this challenge is over, we plan to make a display of these in our library to showcase all their efforts. Children have a few more weeks to complete the challenge grid if they plan to join in and be part of the prize draw to win a book of their choice. We will continue to encourage all of our children to read at home regularly and parents will receive a reminder message on Classdojo if reading records are not signed by an adult at home at least three times each week.

### Seasonal Disco

With the Autumn season now upon us, our children would normally look forward to an exciting seasonal disco organised by our fantastic PTA. With Covid restrictions meaning that we can't all gather together at the village hall in the usual way, we are keen to organise something in school which our children can enjoy and celebrate the end of their first half term back in school. With this in mind, we have planned that the last day of this half term **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** is a dress down day, where children can either come in non-uniform or seasonal costumes if they wish and enjoy a disco in their class bubble in the afternoon for a donation of £1 towards school funds. There may be other things to enjoy on the day too such as sweet sales or a raffle for the children and we will send you some more details about this soon.

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Our PTA work so hard to support the school and raise funds to improve the school environment, the resources we use in school and the rich and varied experiences that our children get to enjoy within school. Without their support, school would not be able to provide some of the important things that we take for granted in school, but cannot afford on our small school budget. They will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at** 7pm via Zoom so watch out for the link being sent and please join in. At the start of the school year, with new parents joining the school, it is the perfect time to get involved with this valued group and join our PTA to help plan a calendar of fun and exciting events for the year, to help keep Aberford's strong community spirit alive and to help raise funds for the school. Please get in contact with the school office of you can help in any way.

#### Staffing

Mrs Jones will be absent from school from the 9<sup>th</sup> October for a short while due to scheduled routine operation. Class 2 will be covered during this time by a key stage 1 supply teacher who will be coming into school next week for some handover sessions and to meet the children and settle into our routines before Mrs Jones goes off.

#### Parents' Evening Telephone Consultations

As previously stated, these will take place via telephone calls over the next few weeks to update you on how your child has settled into school this year. If you wish to arrange a specific evening to do this, please contact the class teacher via Classdojo. If you do not request a specific time or date, your class teacher will attempt to call you at some point during next week or the week after.

Many thanks,

Mrs Crossley

## Dates to remember:

**Inset day** – School closed to all pupils for staff training

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

# Aberford Achievements

Super Star Award!		
Ben H		
For always listening, always being on task and always having a smile on his face.		
Oliver G		
For being a super reader and for trying hard every single day.		
Scarlett A		
For having an amazing attitude and always trying her best.		
Seth H		
For working his socks off to write a fabulous personification poem.		
<b>Violet C</b> For being such an enthusiastic learner in all areas. A model year 5 pupil.		
Seb KR		
For his outstanding scientific knowledge of organisms and classification.		
Maths Award!		
Class 3: Class 4:		
James S		Lizzy D
Housepoints this week		
	Housepoints this	Running total score
	week	1 <sup>st</sup> place = 4 points
		2 <sup>nd</sup> place = 3 points 3 <sup>rd</sup> place = 2 points
		4 <sup>th</sup> place = 1 point
Becca	157	10
Lotherton	115	6
Parlington	151	8
Hazlewood	198	6