

ABBOTSMEDE NEWS

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

As promised last week I am including a selection of photographs of the fantastic Christmas displays that all the children made with recycled objects that they bought in to school. These have been displayed around the school and in the hall and look fantastic, as I'm sure you will agree. We had a brilliant turnout for our Book Fair last night. This is a great opportunity to buy books at half price. If you missed last night's event there is another Book Fair on Tuesday 11th December from 3.15pm in the assembly hall.

Rachael Holland, Head Teacher



Library activities for children and families

Give your child a head start by reading and sharing stories at home. Making books a fun part of your child's life will encourage a lifelong love of reading, and build the skills they need to succeed at school. All Vivacity libraries have special children's areas with hundreds of books to choose from. Visit vivacity.org/morethanbooks Telephone: 01733 864280

Reading Corner – 5 ways to encourage reluctant readers

Reading for pleasure – it is most important to focus on making reading fun and exciting.

Make it funny! – Children enjoy different types of humour.

Experiment and see what makes them laugh.

Think outside the bookbag – research has found that **ebooks** make children keener, more confident readers.

Read for a purpose – attention-grabbing content is vital.

Copy and collect – your child might like to work their way through a series. The best recommendations come from other children

Attendance Congratulations

Week 3rd December – 7th December

Classes with 97% and above

EYFS – RRS

KS2 – 3MP; 4FL; 5HN & 5PD

Celebrating Punctuality

KS2 – 3AB; 4CW; 5PD & 6VH

Events

11th December	Book Fair from 3.15pm – see overleaf
13th December	Christmas Dinner
13th December	Year 1 Christmas performance – 2.30pm
14th December	Christmas Jumper Day - see overleaf
20th December	Last day of term School Closes at 1.30pm

Important information: Flu Vaccination

If you would still like your child to receive the vaccination, the NHS is offering community clinics.

Booking is essential. Call the number below to book onto a clinic, please only call between 9.00am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday:

01354 644238

Please note - this vaccination is only applicable to years Reception - 5.

Year 1 Christmas performance

We look forward to seeing **Year 1 parents** at the Christmas performance on Thursday 13th December at 2.30pm



Half price books 50% off

Come to our fantastic fabulous book fair! We have lots of interesting books for all ages.
If you have any questions ask any staff.

When: Tuesday 11th December from 3.15 pm

Where: The assembly hall

Reception and nursery parents will be able to buy from their classrooms.

Orders can also be taken.



Friday 14th December

National Christmas Jumper Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

On **Friday 14th December** it is 'National Christmas Jumper Day'.

To celebrate we are encouraging all our students to wear a Christmas jumper.

Staff members will be joining in the fun, wearing their festive Jumpers too.

There is no requirement for pupils to contribute to this day, it is just a bit of fun to get into the Christmas spirit.

