

ABBOTSMEDE NEWS

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a really exciting week especially on Thursday when we joined millions of Schools and children from around the world in celebrating World Book Day. The staff and children had great fun in dressing as a character from their favourite book. Everyone made a huge effort, the outfits were amazing, from Scooby Doo, Red Riding Hood, the BFG to Cat in the Hat, plus many more. The photo below is from our Assembly where the children had to guess which book the staff had chosen by looking at their costumes! I am sure they would love to tell you all about it at the weekend!



During this assembly we also talked about trying to read a book instead of switching on the television, X boxes, PlayStations or iPads when they get home from School. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated. Current research has shown that there is a direct correlation between time spent practising reading and reading attainment. As part of World Book Day all the children will receive a £1 book token which can be used to buy a book. They will be able to use this at the School Book Fair on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th March.

Have a lovely weekend – happy reading!

Rachael Holland, Head Teacher

RED NOSE DAY

The school will celebrate Red Nose Day next week. All children are invited to wear something RED for the day for a small donation.



EYFS and Year 1

EYFS and Year 1 Bedtime Storytime and Cocoa on **Thursday 21st March 2019**. 5pm until 5.45pm in the school hall. Children are invited to come back to school dressed in their pyjamas with a blanket or soft toy to share stories with parents and carers. Staff will also read stories whilst children enjoy a cup of cocoa and biscuit. This event is free of charge. Further details will follow.

Attendance Congratulations

Week 04th March – 08th March

Classes with 97% and above

EYFS - RRS

KS1 – 1LB, 2LD, 2AJ

KS2 – 5PD, 3AB, 5HN, 4FL, 6VH, 6KM

Celebrating Punctuality

EYFS – RRS

KS1 – 1OG, 2LD

KS2 – 3AB, 3MP, 4FL, 5HN, 5PD, 6VH

15 th March	RED NOSE DAY
21 st March	Year 2 trip to Peterborough City Centre
21 st March	EYFS and Year 1 Storytime
4 th April	School Nurse drop in
4 th June	Year 2 trip to Cadbury World

School Nurse

The school nurse will be available for a drop in session on **Thursday 4th April** between 09.30 and 12.30.

If you wish to make an appointment then please see the school office.

Vivacity School Survey

Vivacity is currently reviewing its city-wide school holiday offer, and would love to find out more about what its' residents want and need in order to provide an exciting and enjoyable offer to children and young people, as well as a convenient service to parents and carers.

Please help us to shape an offer which will provide your children with holidays filled with fun and memories by filling out the short survey below – it will take no longer that 2 minutes.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X2M36V7>



7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday



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Which apps/games are you using at the moment?



THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE. BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY. ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.



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PLAY AGAIN?
YES NO

How does this game/app work? Can I play?



SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.

Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS. BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD, FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.



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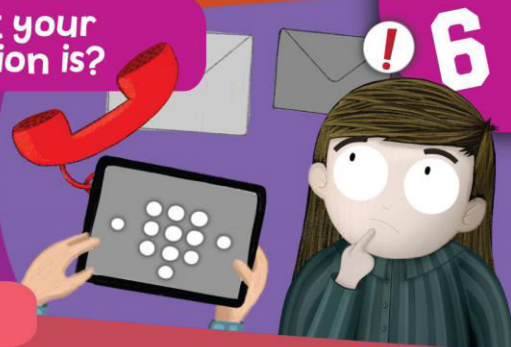
Do you know where to go for help?



ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

Do you know what your personal information is?

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.



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Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.

