

This Week...

Class Attendance:

- 1st The Vikings (Mrs Simmonds) 97.8%
- 2nd The Franks (Miss Hollingworth) 96.9%
- 3rd The Saxons (Mrs Waller) 96.8%

Housepoint Awards:

- 1st Ash 280
- 2nd Lime 268
- 3rd Birch 266
- 4th Maple 224



Well done!

Maths Trophy:

- 1st - The Huns (Miss Roberts) and The Jutes (Mrs Monk/Mr Burns) 75.9%
- 2nd - The Gaels (Mr Bartlett) 67.7%
- 3rd - The Franks (Miss Hollingworth) and The Lombards (Mrs Davis/Miss Ford) 65.5%

Times Table Rock Stars

This week we have one new Rock Hero...
Ellis (Year 4) 0.98 seconds per question

Well done!

Thought of the week...



Dodgeball Competition

On 22nd November Year 5 children took part in a Dodgeball competition featuring 11 other Northamptonshire schools at Benham Sports Centre. The children performed well and thoroughly enjoyed the event. Their attitude and sportsmanship was admirable and they showed great teamwork throughout the morning.

Reminders and other news:

Party Afternoon

On **Friday 20th December** all classes will enjoy a party afternoon with light snacks and drinks provided by the school.

The children will be able to wear their own clothes on this day. but please ensure they are appropriate for a day in school and going outside at break time and lunchtime.



Christmas Post Box

The Abbey Primary Christmas post box will be available from **Monday 9th December**. Children can post their Christmas cards for their friends which will be given out in class.



Please ensure the name and class is clearly written on the envelope. The last day for posting is Wednesday 18th December.

Chartwells Christmas Lunch

A reminder that the Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 11th December 2019

The deadline has now passed so bookings can no longer be taken



Chartwells - School Meals

Menus for Spring term, 6th January – 2nd April 2020, are now available on ParentPay to make your bookings.

Year 6 Homeless Donations Appeal

As part of our pledges Year 6 decided they would like to make care packages for the homeless. We are supporting the charity Earth's Lonely Angels and are now collecting donations. There is a donation point on both the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds each morning. The items which the charity are most in need of are gloves, boxer shorts, thick socks, deodorant/body spray, baby wipes, hair brushes, sweets, crisps, chocolate, biscuit bars, individually wrapped cakes. We thank you in advance for your kind donations.

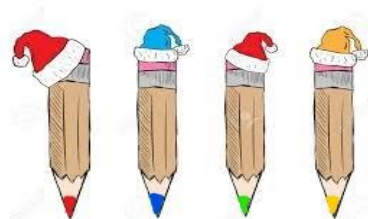
School Closure - General Election 12th December 2019

The school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 12th December due to the school being used as a polling station for the General Election. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but this is beyond the control of the school.



Christmas Jumper Day Friday 13th December in aid of 'Save The Children'. Children may replace their school sweatshirt/cardigan/ fleece and wear a Christmas Jumper to school. We are asking for a voluntary contribution towards Save The Children

Friends Christmas Colouring Competition



Thank you to all children who have entered their pictures.

A winner from each class will be announced in assembly on Tuesday 17th December.

Clubs

The last week of school-led clubs is week beginning 9th December. Pacesetter clubs and Hotshots will continue to the last week of term.

School-led clubs re-start week beginning Monday 6th January. Letters have been sent home this week regarding Spring term clubs.

Please return reply slips to the school office by Wednesday 11th December.

Pacesetter Fun & Fitness Club

Due to the school being closed on Thursday 12th December Fun & Fitness club will be held on Friday 13th December instead.

Pacesetter Christmas Holiday Clubs

Pacesetter holiday clubs take place on 23rd December - Half day £13/Full day £21.50.

To find out what clubs are available and to book, please visit:
www.pacesetteronline.co.uk
Or call – 01604 686367/686200

School Admissions – Primary (EYFS) School Places

To apply for school places online please visit - www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions
Primary School - EYFS

Parents/carers of children who have their 4th Birthday between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 need to apply for their school place by **5.00pm on Wednesday 15th January 2020.**



Can you help collect vouchers from the sun newspaper to help us receive £600 worth of books? Tokens will be printed in The Sun between 23rd November and the 18th January. So if you or you know anyone that reads this paper, then please send in your tokens. The target is 3,500 tokens which equates to 45 people buying the sun every day until the 18th January. There will also be opportunities to collect bonus tokens.

Thank you for your continued support.



Christmas Performance Dates

EYFS children performed brilliantly this week in their performances. Thank you to all parents/carers, families and friends who attended the performances and thank you for all your kind donations towards the 'Children's Society'.

Please see performance dates for Year 1 & 2 below:



Year 1 Songs & Poems - Wednesday 11th December 10.00am (babies/pre-school children allowed)

Year 1 Songs & Poems - Friday 13th December 1.45pm (adults only)



Year 2 Hosanna Rock - Wednesday 11th December 1.45pm (babies/pre-school children allowed)

Year 2 Hosanna Rock - Friday 13th December 10.00am (adults only)

Tickets available from the school office



Year 5/6 Christingle

Thursday 19th December 6.00pm – St Mary's church (No babies/pre-school children).
Tickets are not needed for this performance.

Could your child be eligible for Pupil Premium funding?

The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools so that they can support 'disadvantaged pupils' and close the attainment gap between them and their peers. This additional funding is based upon the number of pupils who currently qualify for free school meals or who have done so in the last 6 years; children who have been adopted from care; looked after children and children of Service Personnel. In order to qualify for Free School Meals you need to check to see if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income related Employment & Support Allowance
- Income related Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit – Based on your income assessed by Universal Credit
- Child Tax Credit; provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190

Registering is really quick and easy. If you think you qualify, you can apply on-line at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or text 'FSM' followed by your full name, National Insurance Number, your child's name and school name to 60622. For further information please email freeschoolmeals@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk.

Even though all children in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2 qualify for Universal Free School Meals, please still apply for Free School Meals if you think you may be eligible. If you qualify for free school meals the school will receive additional funding which will be used to support your child. The school uses this funding to pay for your child's place on school trips and residential; attend an after school club or learn to play an instrument.

If you qualify for Free School Meals and you don't want your child to have the school meal, they can continue with a packed lunch as normal.

Please apply as soon as possible so that your child can benefit from this funding.

Inconsiderate Parking

If you have any concerns or complaints regarding parking issues, please report it to the school office, Northamptonshire County Council and Northampton South West Police via the following links:

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/parking/Pages/default.aspx>

neighbourhoodteamnorthampton@northants.police.pnn.uk



Dates for your diary:

11th December - Year 1 Christmas Performance 10.00am and Year 2 Christmas Performance 1.45pm

12th December - School closed

13th December - Year 2 Christmas Performance 10.00am and Year 1 Christmas Performance 1.45pm

14th December – Choir carol singing – Delapre Abbey Christmas Fair 12.00pm

18th December - Choir carol singing - Grosvenor Centre 11.00am

19th December - Year 5/6 Christingle 6.00pm (No babies/pre-school children)

20th December - Christmas party afternoon

20th December - School closes for Christmas break 3.00pm

6th January - School re-opens 8.40am