

## Abbey Primary Newsletter 1.10.21

### Scroogical



We are very excited to inform you that we have booked West End Productions to visit school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November to perform their specially written pantomime 'Scroogical'!

There's BIG trouble in Christmas HQ. Chrissie the trainee Christmas Spirit has got to persuade the meanest meanie of them all, Ebenezer Scrooge, to believe in the magic and wonder of Christmas, or she'll never pass her Festive Test.

If she fails, and if Scrooge's "Bah Hum-bug!" loathing of all thing's Christmassy spreads, then Christmas could get cancelled – forever!

Chrissie's going to need the help of every child in your school as she goes on a magical adventure to try to change Scrooge's mean and miserly ways and save Christmas!

The West End Productions team includes performers that have sung in musicals such as 'Wicked', 'Matilda' and 'Chicago', so we're in for a show that the children will no doubt remember for a long time!

### Awesome Awards

The following children have been recognised by their teachers as being 'awesome' this week!

NS – Kate L  
RC – Yoela E  
RH – Matthew E  
1E – Esmae S  
1R – Noah P  
2P – Darcy B  
2S – Zachary H  
3L – Luca L  
3W – Zoe B  
4B – Nevaeh F  
4S – Djidjor MK  
5B – Jack B  
5M – Azure L  
6RB – Risha K  
6S – Mysha P



## **Pop-Its and Mood Octopus toys**



Please remember that 'Pop-Its' and 'Mood Octopus' toys like the ones in the pictures are **not allowed** in school. They are being brought into class and are distracting the children from their learning. Please ensure that these toys remain at home. Thank you.



## **PE T-Shirts**

Our uniform provider, [www.stitchdesign.co.uk](http://www.stitchdesign.co.uk) have informed us that they have now got the PE t-shirts in the new house colours in stock. Please bear in mind when ordering your t-shirt that there is likely to be a new school uniform in place for September 2022.

## **Attendance**

Attendance is mandatory (and a parental duty) – we expect all children to be at school, unless they are self-isolating (due to coronavirus symptoms, and/or have tested positive, and/or have been contacted by NHS Test and Trace). Attendance is vital for the children's education, socialising and overall well-being, including their economic prosperity and long-term health – children benefit hugely from being at school.

Attendance for the whole school this week was 89.1%. Well done 5B – best attendance this week!

RC	79.3	RH	78.8
1E	95.4	1R	91.0
2P	90.7	2S	85.3
3L	92.1	3W	93.7
4B	90.0	4S	88.7
5B	96.2	5M	92.0
6RB	92.6	6S	81.7



## Recommended Read

'The Unexpected Tale of Bastien Bon Livre' by Clare Povey.

Bastien Bonlivre is a boy with a big imagination, determined to finish the story his parents started, left to him in a red notebook. On the other side of Paris, bestselling author Olivier Odieux is struggling to complete his latest novel. Along with his villainous brothers, he is masterminding his greatest plot yet...one that will spread fear throughout the city and beyond.

What connects these two stories is a dangerous secret, a hidden mystery and an unexpected race across Paris for the truth. Can Bastien and his friends Alice, Theo and Sami be brave enough to stop Olivier stealing the ending they deserve?



This book is recommended for children between the ages of 9 and 12.

## Parking Outside School

We continue to receive complaints that some parents are **still** parking inconsiderately and illegally outside school. This continues to put our children at risk and is also extremely frustrating for our neighbours who are unable to access their driveways at drop off and pick up times and are being subjected to verbal abuse which is unacceptable.

Parking your car so it blocks a driveway falls under Rule 243 of the Highway Code and you may be liable to a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) of £90.

We understand that some parents need to drive to school. If you do, we ask that you leave home with plenty of time to park considerately and safely in the surrounding roads. This will ensure that we continue to keep congestion to a minimum, maintain a good relationship with the school's neighbours and help keep children safe around the school.

If we see that you have parked illegally or inconsiderately, we will be asking you to move on and park elsewhere.



## **Safeguarding – Twitch**

Twitch is a live streaming site popular with gamers that lets people share live gameplay for others to watch and comment on in real time. People can also watch playbacks of games being played and chat to other gamers. You can't join a live game on Twitch, but you can speak to other users who are watching the game in real-time. It has an official age rating of 13+ but we know that it is popular with children much younger than that. Click the link below for more information.



<https://www.childnet.com/blog/twitch-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers>

## **Action for Happiness – Optimistic October**

This month's theme is Optimistic October. Especially when things are feeling a bit tough, it can help to set some goals. Making goals achievable and ensuring that you have a few short term, as well as longer term, more ambitious goals helps us feel we're making progress. It doesn't matter if your goal for the day is something really small, the important thing is to give yourself the opportunity to feel like you've achieved something and to celebrate that! This month's calendar is full of ideas to help you think about how you can put this into practice. Click on the link below to access the calendar.



[https://www.actionforhappiness.org/media/1049950/oct\\_2021.jpg](https://www.actionforhappiness.org/media/1049950/oct_2021.jpg)

## **Spotlight on.....Mrs Craft**



Hello, I'm Mrs Craft, the children call me Lucy. I am the new receptionist here at Abbey Primary and only started at the beginning of this term. I have really enjoyed getting to know all the children and parents who I have met so far and I'm really looking forward to meeting more parents and students. Most of my time outside of Abbey is spent entertaining my two daughters aged 4 & 7. If you see me around, please introduce yourself and say Hi!

## **Sutton Schools Nursing Service**

Children, young people and families with any concerns can contact the school nursing service via phone.

For parents, the school nursing duty line number is **0208 770 5409** from Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

For children and young people who require support, the contact number is **0208 770 4409** 9am-5pm, or the email address is:

[schoolnursing@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:schoolnursing@sutton.gov.uk)

### **Polite Reminder**

Can we remind parents/carers that dogs are **not allowed** on the school unless they are an assistance dogs. This includes dogs that are being carried.



### **Individual & Sibling Photos**



Our photographer will be in school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October to take individual photos of the children and their siblings. Please make sure the children are looking smart and are in full school uniform.

### **Do You Want To Be A Rock Star?**

**Would your child like to play in their very own rock band?**

Dear Parent or Guardian,  
Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life.

Watch this short video to see what learning in a band could do for your child's well-being:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/>





## Multi-Activity Holiday Camps

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### Malden Leisure Centre

**25th Oct - 29th Oct | From £26.50 per day**  
**10:00am – 3:00pm or 8:30am – 5:30pm**

#### About our holiday activities

Ideal for children aged 5 to 14 years, our active camps enable children to enjoy a wide variety of energetic holiday activities and sports in a safe and supportive environment.

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UK Activity Standards Group



## Dates for your Diary

### **Academic Year 2021-2022**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 6 Curriculum meeting (2.30-3.00pm)

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October** – Individual & Sibling Photographs

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – Years 5 and 6 Wellbeing workshops

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 3 and 4 Wellbeing workshops

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October** – Years 1 and 2 Wellbeing workshops

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October** – school closed for half-term

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – school closed for staff training (INSET Day)

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – school closed for staff training (INSET Day)

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – Scholastic book fair in school

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents Evening (3.30-6.50pm)

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents Evening (3.30-4.50pm)

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti-bullying Week – One Kind Word

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – ‘Scroogical – the pantomime’ - Year R to Year 6

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of term – **early finish for all children (including Nursery)**

### **Spring Term**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** - school closed for staff training (INSET Day)

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** - school closed for staff training (INSET Day)

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – Children return at 8.45am (Morning Nursery at 8.30am)

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February** – school closed for half-term

### **And finally....**

