



Whole school

KS2 Outdoor area

Thank you to all parents/carers for the offers of support that we already received regarding the outdoor area in the junior yard, we very much appreciate this. We will spend some time pulling everything together, and then get back to individual families. It isn't too late, so if you haven't had chance to get in touch please feel free to do so. The details were attached to the w/b 6th November bulletin. Once again, thank you for your support.

Christmas card orders

Thank you for your Christmas orders with Classfundraising. We have had a number of enquiries from parents who either missed the deadline, or misplaced their child's artwork and code. The company has kindly agreed to extend the deadline to midnight tonight if you would still like to complete an order, please do so before then.

Lost Property

Remaining items of lost property will be taken to the Uniform Exchange tomorrow (Friday 10th November). Any labelled items will be returned to the correct child, however, if you would like to look through for missing items please do so before the end of school tomorrow.

Christmas Raffle

Last Christmas we received some amazing prizes for our Christmas Raffle, and it would be great if we could do the same again this year! If you have anything that you are willing to donate – this could be an item, voucher or experience - then we would love to receive it into school! Please send any donations into school with your child, or deliver in person, to one of the offices before Monday 11th December. Tickets will be on sale from our School Council during the Christmas performances and prizes drawn after the last performance on Tuesday 12th December. Thank you in advance for your support.

Change of date for Christmas parties

Year 1 and 2 Christmas party days have been swapped, Year 1 will now have their party on Wednesday 13th December and the Year 2 parties will be on Thursday 14th December.

Pedestrian training

Pedestrian training for those children where parental consent has been given, will take place on the following days next week:

- Monday 13th November – 3W
- Tuesday 14th November – 3M
- Wednesday 15th November – 3J

Please send your child to school with appropriate footwear and a waterproof coat.

Special Diwali Menu – Tuesday 14th November

Diwali falls on Sunday 12 November this year, and we plan to celebrate this in school on Tuesday 14 November by serving a Diwali themed lunch in school. The options for the meal are:

Mains: Chicken Curry or Vegetable Tikka Masala, served with Rice and Naan Bread.

Pudding: Celebration Carrot Cake, Fruit or Yoghurt

If your child attends the juniors, and currently brings a packed lunch to school and would like to have the special menu, please order and pay via payment items in Parentmail no later than midday tomorrow.

If your child attends the infants, and currently brings a packed lunch to school and would like to have the special menu, please order by emailing parents@abbeyfed.darlington.sch.uk no later than midday tomorrow.

Anti-bullying week Monday 13th November – 17th November

Anti-bullying week starts on Monday 13th November. This year's theme is 'Make a Noise About Bullying', SLT assemblies will be covering this topic next week.

World Diabetes Day – Tuesday 14th November

World Diabetes Day is on Tuesday 14th November. This is a significant date in the diabetes calendar because it marks the birthday of the man who co-discovered insulin, Frederick Banting. Banting discovered insulin in 1922, alongside Charles Best. The blue circle is the global symbol for diabetes awareness and the logo of World Diabetes Day.

To raise awareness and show our support to those children and families living with Diabetes, and to mark Anti-Bullying week, on Tuesday 14th November, the children are invited to come to school wearing blue clothing, and odd socks (to celebrate what makes us unique).

Year 4

An Ancient Greek workshop, run by historians from Durham University, will be taking place on Wednesday 29th November for Year 4 pupils. Please could we ask that your payment of £5, as a contribution towards the cost of the workshop, is paid as soon as possible via Parentmail.

Thursday 16th November - Swimming lesson for 4B.

Please send your child to school with their swimming kit. They should also come to school wearing appropriate footwear and a waterproof coat, as they will be walking to and from the Dolphin Centre.

Year 6**Carlton Lodge Residential – Year 6**

There will be an information evening for Y6 parents and children regarding next year's residential trip to Carlton Lodge at 3:30pm on Thursday 23rd November in the sports hall.

NG1**Visit to Planet Leisure**

NG pupils will visit Planet Leisure on Thursday 16th November.