



Abbotsford News

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FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2009

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 4th January

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 5th January

Spring Term begins

Monday 11th January

Class photographs

Thursday 14th January

Junior swimming begins (infants begin after half term.)

Christmas Holiday Clubs

Onside Coaching are running our Christmas Holiday Club from Dec 21-24th 8.30am to 4pm.

To book a place, or speak to them during the sessions, please call the school mobile number:

07854 498325

CLUBS

A new club timetable will be issued during the first week back after Christmas.

Clubs will commence week beginning Monday 11th January

Did you know...? Mrs Satchwell, Mrs Chatwin and some others are none too impressed with the colour scheme of our newsletter. Apparently Aston Villa FC share the Abbotsford blue and maroon...! Not good for Birmingham and Coventry supporters!

Head's News

A busy term has finally come to an end and what a time we have had recently. The festivities got off to a flying start with a super Christmas Fair organised by the PTA. The choir did a wonderful job entertaining the crowds on the High Street, as did the steel pan band for those who came back to school afterwards. The creative talent of our children was also seen at the Infants Christmas nativity, as well as the performances of the choir at our annual visits to the local nursing homes. Entertaining the elderly was also on the bill last Thursday; over 45 guests joined us for another of our Christmas 'traditions' - the Senior Citizen's Party. Our Year 6 pupils were perfect hosts and I have enjoyed reading the many cards sent by way as a 'thank you' from those who attended. Well done Mrs

Altham, the PTA and the children and staff who made this such a success.

We have all enjoyed a busy end to the last week of term too. Our Christmas Carol Concert showcased much of the musical and dramatic talent we nurture here at Abbotford; Onside Coaching's activity morning was a roaring success; and all the children enjoyed a very noisy (but good-natured!) afternoon of Christmas parties yesterday.

As I write this, Classic FM is warning of heavy snow showers! It seems Christmas is truly upon us in true Dickensian style...! May I wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful & joyful New Year. Enjoy a well-earned rest and I sincerely hope Father Christmas brings everything the children wish for!

Best wishes

Dominic Cook

Headteacher

PTA News

A huge thank-you from the PTA to everyone who supported, donated, helped and attended the many events we have organised these past few weeks. The Christmas Fair, Senior Citizen's Party, and Disco were all huge successes—largely due to the wonderful support of our wide parent body.

We are delighted to have welcomed Brigitte Stein to the PTA this term... We are always looking for new members; if you feel you could spare some time do get in touch with the PTA via the school office!

Our next social evening for parents is the Ceilidh on Saturday 30th January. Tickets will go on sale in the New Year.

More news in brief!

We have welcomed back Mr Ridley recently who ran a **Design Technology Week** for our Year 3 & 4 children. Over the course of five days the children designed and made a variety of outstanding items using embossing machines to work and manipulate a variety of fabrics and textiles. An outstanding week of enrichment was enjoyed by all!

Christmas Theatre Visits. All our children have enjoyed trips to the theatre this term; our juniors enjoyed an excellent adaptation of Cinderella, and our infants a magical show called The Snow Dragon. Building such trips into our curriculum helps our children enjoy and achieve the high standards in drama, music and creative arts for which our school is renowned.

Georgina Mitchell handed me a very creative front page newspaper following the challenge issued at the Carol Service. Unfortunately, it is too faint to copy—but I was very impressed with her tabloid pastiche and journalistic writing style. **"Celebrity News.... Three Kings seen in Town; 'look at their clothes!' amazed local said..."** Need I say more!?