

# Abbey 3 4 5 Pre-School

*Education and Fun in a Safe and Stimulating Environment*



## Newsletter - Term 1b (31<sup>st</sup> Oct to 19<sup>th</sup> Dec) 2017 / 2018

### News / Fundraising

- We have already had success in our fundraising only a couple of months into our Autumn Term. As part of Chocolate Week we asked parents to bring in a small donation of chocolate to make up a hamper which was then raffled off raising over £100.
- Our Fashion Show was a fantastic evening with over 100 attendees raring to see the Autumn/Winter collection, bag a few bargains, eat cake and take their chance in our raffle. An amazing fundraiser for us and hopefully a fun event for all that we will repeat again.
- We have had an incredibly busy term, raising money for our Mud Kitchen renovation and lots of other worthy causes. Our children showed off their amazing moves during our sponsored Danceathon - to raise money for improvements to our Mud Kitchen are.
- The children dressed in their pyjamas and enjoyed breakfast at Pre-School for Children In need.
- We have filled lots of Shoeboxes with Christmas Presents to send to children far less fortunate than our own - and we look forward to donning our Christmas Jumpers for our annual Christmas Jumper Day.
- We are now signed up to [easyfundraising.co.uk](http://easyfundraising.co.uk) - a fabulous way of supporting Pre-School with no cost to you. Please sign up and select us as your chosen cause.

### Thank You

- Thank you to the parents who donated chocolate and the cake creators for the fashion show.
- Thanks to Sally Tansley who donated local potatoes for the children to turn into wonderful wedges!
- Thank you to Mel from the Dowsdale Hedgehog Sanctuary for bringing in some of the babies she is overwintering for the children to meet and to Dale & his fabulous ferrets who also visited and entertained the children.
- We will be holding our annual Hamper Raffle at the Crowland Christmas Lights Switch On. Thank you to the many local businesses who donated vouchers and to our parents for donating goodies for our hampers - We look forward to taking part in this wonderful community event.
- A big thank you to Red Wellies Photography for our Mini Christmas Photo Shoot.
- A warm thank you to all our parents for snack donations and for supporting our events and fundraising efforts.

## What we have been learning about

- We have had a food & festivals themed learning experience over the last few weeks - celebrating Lincolnshire Week, British Food Fortnight, Chocolate Week, Curry Week & various Autumn festivals including Halloween, Dia de Muertos, Bonfire Night & Diwali. We have discussed healthy eating (& treats!), tried Lincolnshire produce including plum loaf, eaten local orchard fruits (thank you Traceylou Drage-Baillie), printed with fruit & vegetables and enjoyed a wide range of food, farm, shopping & festival based activities.
- We have been promoting traditional Nursery Rhymes during World Nursery Rhyme Week.
- The children are very busy preparing for Christmas - making Christmas crafts, decorating our trees and brushing up on all our Christmas songs.
- We are learning about the world in winter, clothes that keep us warm and exploring the delights of our winter garden. We are keeping our birds fed and hoping that we can encourage some hibernating hedgehogs.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## November & December

Leo, Poppy, Olivia, Becky, Shelby,  
Ted, Bethany, Poppy, Maxx,  
Robert, Reggie & Naomi



## TERM DATES

Term 1b  
31<sup>st</sup> Oct to 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

Term 2a  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jan to 9<sup>th</sup> Feb



If your child is feeling unwell, please do not bring them into pre-school. If too many of our staff get sick we will not be able to open as we will not be able to have sufficient adults to maintain the necessary ratios.

## Help your child at home

- Please help your child become an independent dresser, teach them to put their coats on, do buttons & zips up and put their shoes on.
- Look out for numbers and letters in the environment, children love to spot them and tell you what they are.
- Talk to your child about the seasons, how plants & animals grow, where certain food comes from etc
- Talk about their senses appropriately - taste, sight, hearing, touch & smell.
- Positional language in context - in, out, over, under, above, below etc.
- Remember to look on our windows, notice board and Facebook page for ideas, information & events.

## GALLERY

