

INFORMATION ABOUT VARIOUS EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS WHICH HAPPEN DURING THE AUTUMN TERM AT ABS

CLASS CURRICULUM MORNINGS

These are right at the beginning of the Autumn term and are an opportunity for parents to hear directly from their children's new teachers the expectations of the year, the curriculum for the term and to ask questions. They usually last about half an hour.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

An opportunity to have a dedicated talk with your child's class teacher, usually Tuesday and Thursday evening, after half term. Boards are put up in the hall for parents to sign up for an appointment. During the week there is also a Book Fair.



BOOK FAIR

This is held during the parent evening week and the book stalls are open until at least 6pm. Dependent on how many books are sold during the week, the school receives a number of free books; e.g. if we sell £500 worth of books we might receive £300 worth of books from the fair. Class libraries benefit from this and children choose the books.

SCHOOL END OF TERM PRODUCTIONS

At the end of the Autumn Term children EYFS, KS1 and KS2 take part in productions. EYFS/KS1 produce a musical version of the nativity and KS2 vary their Christmas productions but recent performances include The Snow Queen and Joseph.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

All parents are welcome to attend our harvest assembly at the Oakden Site at 2.45pm. Please bring gifts of food in the morning for homeless people.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Jeans for Genes Day raises money for Genetic Disorders UK and aims to change the world for children with genetic disorders which affect 1 in 25 UK children. More than 30,000 babies each year are affected; the biggest cause of death of children aged 14 years & under. Children pay £1 to wear their jeans to school, which is then donated to the above charity.

CELEBRATION EVENING

This is an annual event held at St Anselms. Children from Yrs 2 – 7, who have received a Merit Certificate each term (for being hard working & well behaved) during the previous year, receive a Platinum certificate to celebrate their achievement. Other students receive 'Class Progress of the Year' & 'Highest Achiever' in various subjects (literacy, science, art etc).

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This is a national celebration in which all schools participate. We usually work towards a theme & this year children across the school will be sharing a relevant story. There is a black history assembly to which parents are invited (see future newsletter) After this assembly, it has been practice for parents to bring food from their own country to share.



CHARITY EVENTS

Throughout the year we hold charity events to raise money for causes such as Christian Aid, Red Nose Day, Bishop's Lent Appeal etc. Often we have a non-uniform day and charge the children £1 to come to school. In addition, money is raised through cake stalls, games, bouncy castles, arts and crafts etc.

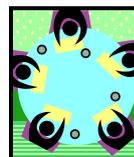
CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

An evening for parents, friends and children of ABS. The event includes stalls of games, food and fun while the choir, steel pans and brass band provide entertainment. Also, enjoy the X Factor singing finals and raffle draw. Helpers during for the evening and donations are much appreciated.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

The school council comprises two elected representatives from every class from years 1 – 6; the children are chosen from presentations to their class in a whole school election. The council meets on a weekly basis to discuss issues and make a contribution to the school. *It is rotational to give at least 6/year a chance to represent their class.*



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

There is one class assembly per term. They are an opportunity for the children to show their learning and often include presentations of maths, writing, music and drama. Parents, carers, and community are invited to join the whole school at 2.50pm on a Tuesday in the Oakden hall. Dates are given in the weekly newsletter.



END OF TERM AWARD CEREMONY

Children receive certificates for consistent good behaviour and hard work, progress, attendance and punctuality on the last Friday of each term. These assemblies will be held at the Oakden and parents and friends are welcome to attend.

STAR PUPILS



Star pupils are nominated by staff for the Praise Book weekly and their names are read out in the Friday assembly when they receive a Head Teacher's sticker. Each week the type of nomination is different dependent on the assembly theme of the week eg inspired the teacher, standing up for the right, good manners etc.

TAKE ONE PICTURE

Based on the National Gallery annual project for children. Each class explores a painting of our chosen artist (see in newsletter) and we have a special assembly presenting the work at the end of term