



St John's C. of E. Primary School, Abram

SCHOOL NEWS

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11th January – Year 5 Low Bank Parents meeting 6:00pm

16th January – KS2 Maths Calculation Parents Workshop – 5:30pm

18th January – Y1/2 Meet the Teacher – 3:15pm

22nd January – Young Voices (6 children) Manchester Arena

24th January – Year 2 Class Worship – 2:55pm

29th-31st January – Year 5 trip to Low Bank Ground

Year 1/2 Class Worship – 2:55pm

7th February – Year 1 Class Worship – 2:55pm

8th February – Year 6 London Meeting - 5:30pm

Year 6 SATs information evening for parents – 6:00pm

13th February – Dolce Pancake themed meal
Reception class pancake afternoon with parents

Compassion

Our Christian Value for this half term is Truthfulness.

Staffing Update

Mrs Hobson, Y1/2 class teacher, would like to thank everyone who has sent well wishes and gifts as she goes on maternity leave. We would like to say a huge welcome to Mrs Sultan who will be covering for Mrs Hobson. As Mrs Sultan is new to our school, there will be a Meet the Teacher session on Thursday 18th January at 3:15pm for all Y1/2 parents.

On Friday, Mrs A Bradshaw and Miss Finney will be leaving us and we would like to wish them good luck for the future. We will let you know further information on staffing as we receive it. Thank you once again for your continued patience and support.

KS2 Maths Calculation Workshop

Would you like to know the strategies we use in school so you can support your child with their maths learning?

Miss Cleveland will be running a Maths Calculation Workshop for parents of children from Y3-Y6 on Tuesday 16th January at 5:30pm.

Reminder



All extra-curricular clubs will start next week. Children doing Rugby will need outdoor clothing and trainers. You will only be informed if your child has **not** got a place.



Year 6 - London 2018

There will be an information meeting for Parents on Thursday 8th February at 5:30pm before the SATs meeting at 6:00pm.

Year 2 Class Worship

Year 2 Class Worship will be on the 24th January. Parents/carers are invited from 2:55pm.



The Keys Federation Academy Trust

Community of Purpose Listening Events

Feedback from AUTUMN Term 2017



Thank you to those parents/carers who gave their views at our Autumn Term Community of Purpose Listening events and/or completed a questionnaire with some ideas to make our provision even better. We asked the following questions ...

In what ways do you feel that we currently support your child's positive mental health

You said ...

PSHE, Circle Time, Toot Toot, Daily Mile, Worry Box
If children have an issue – we feel it is dealt with quickly and there is always someone to talk to.

Support is always there when needed and the school brings in people from outside when needed, i.e. counsellor, School of Military. It is a good service.

Good support in class, keep improving communication.
A lot! Staff are there for the children, they listen to them, understand the children, encourage them and take time to get to know them.

My child is much more confident and happy since starting this school.

Nurture room and excellent pastoral support from the learning mentor.
My child likes the rewards and always talks about pebbles and stickers.

Positive messages about persistence/perseverance and a culture where every child is valued.

It is good to hear that you value the support we give to ensure your children's positive mental health, but some things we can't change, i.e. fewer tests – they are set by the Government and we have to prepare, but not over-prepare.

Following your feedback, our key actions will be ...
To continue to provide the services of nurture and counselling for our children.

To ensure our Learning Mentors are on hand to speak to children and families when required and are able to offer support and guidance.

To circulate further information, through school, on mental health issues in young people and to signpost families to the correct external services.

Most parents/carers said they would like more information on mental health issues in young children and would like to receive this by:

- Group talks/open forums/face to face
- Email and Class Dojo
- Written information through school

Can you suggest any other ways in which school may support positive mental health? You answered ...

Continue to raise issues.

Continue to offer a listening ear.

Ensure all staff are aware of the bigger picture and individual children's needs.

Keep praising good work.

One to one support for children.

Availability of support for all groups of children including 'middle of the road'.

Keep celebrations going, in addition to the celebration assembly/worship.

Positive encouragement of children to speak to staff about any issues that concern them.

Not setting children on academic ability as this may negatively affect children's self-esteem at a very young age.

Keep doing what you are going to support children.

Continue the encouraging culture where children feel they always have someone to talk to about anything that is worrying them.

Challenge the stigma of mental health.

Continue to make them feel loved, respected, happy.

Themed sessions per month.

Fewer tests.

Continue to involve parents with any concerns.



GOLD BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to last week of terms Gold Book Award winners:

Reception: Leighton – For his perseverance when making a dinosaur.

Year 1: Ava-Grace – For settling into Year 1 so well.

Year 1/2: Oliver – For excellent effort in class.

Year 2: Jack – For an outstanding attitude to learning and applying himself.

Year 3: Tilly – For an amazing end to last term and a fabulous start to this term.

Year 3/4: Harry M. – For always being kind and taking every opportunity to be helpful.

Year 4/5: Mel – For her fantastic attitude to learning and her dedication to spelling.

Year 5: Henry – For putting extra effort into all his work and having a positive attitude to learning.

Year 6: Alex – For coming back to school with a great attitude to make sure he's ready for SATs.

Email Addresses

Could you please make sure we have your up to date email addresses, to ensure all information is being received when sent home via the Call Parents messaging service.

Bug Club Reading

Forgotten to take your reading book home?

Don't worry! Log onto the Bug Club website to access your e-books online!

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk>

Ask your teacher for your login details if you can't find them.

PE Kits



Could you please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times. At the moment we have lots of children doing PE in their school uniform.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 3 who had the highest attendance of 97.7%

TODDLE IN



Our toddler group is held every Tuesday from 9:00am until 10:15am in the school hall. The cost is 50p per child including toast.