

# Abbeywood First School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers, we are incredibly proud of the children and everything they've achieved over the past month as they have shown themselves to be curious, eager to think hard, and always READY to learn – qualities that make us so proud to watch them grow and thrive. This term, we've been focusing on being SAFE in lots of different ways. The children were thrilled to have a visit from the local police, who spoke to them about staying safe in the community. A highlight for many was hearing the police car's sirens as it made its way across the school grounds. We also had the pleasure of welcoming a paramedic to talk about how to stay safe and healthy. The children were amazed to see the ambulance up close. There are so many exciting things happening around school this term, and we have plenty more to come. We can't wait to share these moments with you and watch the children continue to flourish.

*Mrs Gilmour*

## Special Visitors:

At the end of September, we had two local PCSOs, Gemma and Hollie, visit our school to run engaging workshops with each year group, focusing on safety in our community. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and even had the exciting opportunity to explore one of the police cars up close - the highlight had to be hearing the siren! Each pupil went home with some helpful reflective clips and information that Gemma and Hollie provided which were designed to help keep them safe. Please ensure you have a look through these materials together to help reinforce the important safety lessons learned.



On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September KS1 had a visit from paramedic Ben and one of the West Midland ambulances. In the morning, the children got to explore the front of the ambulance, the back of the ambulance and learn about all the equipment the paramedics use. In the afternoon, the children got to have a workshop with Ben. During the workshop, the children got to explore more of the specialist equipment and what to do in an emergency. The children had a really memorable and enriching experience, coming away with some fantastic expert paramedic knowledge!



Please note: all copies of our monthly newsletter can be found on the school website.

## Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Macmillan fundraising event
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October - School closed for teacher training day
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Half Term
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November (3:30 – 6pm) and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November (3:30 – 5pm) - Parents' Evening
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - School closed for teacher training day
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Break up for Christmas

## Picture News:

Picture News is our new resource for assemblies once a week in KS1 and KS2. It gives the opportunity for children to learn about themselves and the world we live in as well as developing respect for other's beliefs, feelings and faiths. We believe it brings the world closer to children's everyday lives with links to our British values, as well as presenting opportunities for oracy, reflection and debates.

Reception children have assembly in class using the Picture News Early Years resources once a week. Children learn from the news and are encouraged to share their ideas, thoughts and feelings, giving opportunities to develop confidence.

'Picture News at Home' is a resource children can take home to use as a stimulus for further discussion and challenge with their parents and families. Keep your eye out for the latest edition coming home soon! [www.picture-news.co.uk](http://www.picture-news.co.uk)

## Communication:

Staff car park – please note, parents should not be parking in the staff carpark to drop off/collect their children at any time of day. Please use the surrounding roads or the Morrisons carpark.

Vaping – all forms of smoking (including the use of cigarettes and vapes) on the school premises is prohibited. Adults should not be using these anywhere on the school site as we are a smoke-free environment.

School gates – each morning, gates are locked at 8:45am. If you arrive after this time, you will be directed to the main office.

## Library Monitors:

After receiving over 20 applications, Mrs Khan is delighted to reveal the new Abbeywood library monitors. Their job is to ensure our beautiful new library space is kept organised, make book recommendations, and promote a love of reading across the school. Since their appointment, they've already had a fantastic impact and the library looks better than ever. Keep up the hard work Year 4!



## Amazing Artwork:

Ash class really enjoyed their art lesson this week. We have been learning all about waves, taking inspiration from the artist Beth Krommes, to create our own final pieces. We have used different artistic skills, such as stippling, dashes, dots, and waves to get a brilliant final effect. What do you think?

