

Abacus Primary School

Newsletter 398

5/3/2021



We are so looking forward to our whole school returning on Monday. It was lovely to see so many parents attend our online Parent sessions this week, where we spoke through plans and organisation for the children returning. I have summarised the key points discussed in these meetings in a letter, you were all sent the link on Thursday, but it can be found on our newsletter page on the school website.

We must continue to work together as a whole school community to make things as safe as possible in school.

We have made some tweaks to the drop off times to try and keep the number of people on our site to a minimum.

	Drop off	Pick up
Foundation	8.50am Late from 9am	3pm
Years 1 and 2	8.40am Late from 8.50am	3.10pm
KS2	8.30am Late from 8.40am	3pm

Just a reminder that only **one adult** can enter the school site at drop off and pick up and we are asking all adults to wear a mask whilst on our school site. If you are exempt from wearing a mask then please make sure your lanyard is clearly displayed so that it is clear why you are not wearing a mask.



Next week, we will be on Week 1 of our new menu... is on Page 3

Thank you to you all for your support with remote learning during this challenging time– we know that it hasn't been easy. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of staff here at Abacus for their efforts, enthusiasm and commitment to trying their very best for all the children.

P.E. will start next week for all classes, apart from Year 3.

Foundation	Thursday (Friday next week due to the Vocabulary Parade)
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3	Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday
Years 5 and 6	Tuesday

This week we said Goodbye and Good luck to Miss Butterfield from our school office, she has worked in our school for over five years and we thank her for all that she has contributed to our school. We wish her lots of luck in her new role.



We have all enjoyed watching the daily episodes of the Masked Singer– well done to everyone who has take part (staff and children) and thank you to Mrs Matthews for organising such a fun event... we're already looking forward to Season 2!

Today, all classes watched the reveal video to see who is behind the mask... there were definitely some surprises! If you haven't yet viewed the episodes you can see them on our website, along with the reveal video:

<https://www.abacusprimaryschool.co.uk/the-masked-singer>



Our New Menu

Abacus Primary School Menu – With Effect From 8th March 2021

WEEK 1	RED BAND	GREEN BAND	PURPLE BAND	DESSERT INCLUDED
MONDAY	Pepperoni Pizza Salad	Cheese & Tomato Pizza* Salad	Ham Sandwich * Salad	Toffee Frozen Yoghurt Pot or Fruit
TUESDAY	Beef Burger in a Bun * Salad	Spicy Bean Burger in a Bun Salad	Tuna & Cucumber Wrap* Salad	Iced Sponge or Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Chicken Korma & Rice *Naan Bread Salad	Macaroni Cheese Garlic Bread Salad	Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato Sandwich* Salad	Strawberry Mousse or Fruit
THURSDAY	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce & Pasta Salad	Tomato & Basil Pasta* Salad	Dairylea Roll* Salad	Ice Lolly or Fruit
FRIDAY	Jumbo Fish Finger & Chips*	Vegetable Nuggets Chips	Cheese Roll *	Cookie or Fruit
WEEK 2	RED BAND	GREEN BAND	PURPLE BAND	DESSERT INCLUDED
MONDAY	Ham & Pineapple Pizza Salad	Cheese & Tomato Pizza* Salad	Tuna & Cucumber Wrap * Salad	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Chicken Nugget Wrap* Salad	Vegetable Nugget Wrap Salad	Tomato Pasta Pot * Salad	Flapjack or Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Pasta Bolognese* Garlic Bread Salad	Tomato & Sweetcorn Pasta* Garlic Bread Salad	Egg Mayonnaise & Crispy Bacon Baguette* Salad	Cupcake or Fruit
THURSDAY	Sausage Baguette* Salad	Vegetarian Sausage Baguette Salad	Cheese Roll * Salad	Ice Cream Tub or Fruit
FRIDAY	Jumbo Fish Finger & Chips *	Vegetable Samosa & Chips	Ham Sandwich * Salad	Cookie or Fruit
WEEK 3	RED BAND	GREEN BAND	PURPLE BAND	DESSERT INCLUDED
MONDAY	Meat Feast Pizza Salad	Cheese & Tomato Pizza* Salad	Tuna Baguette * Salad	Fruit or Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Fish Burger in a Roll* Salad	Vegetable Bean Burger in a Roll Salad	Tomato Pasta Pot* Salad	Raspberry Ripple Mousse or Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Chicken Pasta Bake* Salad	Pasta Bake* Salad	Ham Sandwich * Salad	Ice Lolly or Fruit
THURSDAY	Sausage Baguette* Salad	Vegetable Sausage Baguette Salad	Tuna & Cucumber Wrap* Salad	Chocolate Crispy Cake or Fruit
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers & Chips*	Quorn Nuggets & Chips	Cheese Roll *	Cookie or Fruit

*Gluten Free Options

WORLD BOOK DAY

Well done to everyone who took part in the Book Cover Challenge– the entries were brilliant. Thank you to Miss Mitchell for organising this event.

You can view a video of all the entries on our website:

<https://www.abacusprimaryschool.co.uk/reading-at-abacus>

VOCABULARY PARADE

On Thursday 11th March (changed from the 4th March) we will be celebrating World Book Day. Following the success of our Vocabulary Parade last year, we would like to invite you to join us in dressing up as a word! This could be a noun, adjective or verb – the more unusual the better! Our aim is to get everybody excited about the power of words and learn some new ones along the way. The word needs to be displayed somewhere on the costume so that everyone can learn and children will be expected to share the definition of their chosen word on the day.

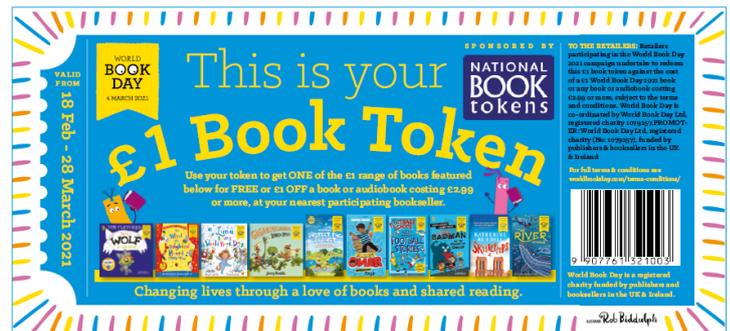
Thank you for your support in developing our children's vocabulary!



£1 Book Token

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- The £1 book token can be exchanged for one of our **exclusive, new £1 books** (see the full line-up at worldbookday.com/books/) OR for getting £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more in participating bookshops and supermarkets.
- The book token is valid from **Thursday 18 February – Sunday 28 March 2021**. Participating booksellers will honour the tokens beyond the 28 March while stocks last. Please contact your local bookseller to check if they are able to offer £1 off other titles.
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Rob Biddolph

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<p>Silver Class 1st: Mcrae K 2nd: Keira N 3rd: Ellie-Mae P</p>	<p>Purple Class 1st: Alfie G 2nd: Neev V 3rd: Mia W</p>	<p>Gold Class 1st: Jake C 2nd: Maisie G 3rd: George P</p>
<p>White Class 1st: Ethan L 2nd: Charlotte N 3rd: Ethan D</p>	<p>Black Class 1st: Erin E 2nd: Chloe L 3rd: Daisy H</p>	<p>Green Class 1st: Hannah F 2nd: Adriana K 3rd: Jack P</p>
<p>Lilac Class 1st: Bobbee B 2nd: Darcey S 3rd: Henry J</p>	<p>Well done to everyone. The top child in each class will be entered into a draw which will be drawn at the end of term.</p>	

RED NOSE DAY

To celebrate Red Nose Day we will be offering the children the oppor-

tunity to come to school in non school uniform on **Friday 19th March 2021.**

Donations will be paid on ParentPay.

Crafty Katie After School CRAFT CLUB

Excited to be returning to Abacus for some creative fun

Crafts to include Mother's Day gifts and Easter!

Club runs straight from class and finishes at 4.30pm
Limited spaces due to reduced club sizes so please book asap

Tuesdays - 3 week block = £15 starts Tues 9th March
Wednesdays - 3 week block = £15 starts Weds 10th March

Sibling discounts available



To Book- text or call Katie on 07929 044959

Register by Monday 8th March 2021



Abacus Primary School Marathon

We are offering you the opportunity to run or walk a Marathon (26.2 miles or 42.1Kms) throughout March.

To Take Part:

- Sign up to the Marathon in March challenge, by sending a text to the school text system or an email to the class email by Monday 8th March 2021.
- You will need to collect evidence of your activity and distance—you can use any device/APP which you like or record in a diary.
- Present the evidence/data to the school by Wednesday 14th April 2021 (after the Easter holidays).
- Once your evidence has been received you will receive a medal (personalised with School name and event).





Are you concerned about child's safety on the internet and would like advice and support on how to keep them safe?

**The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service presents
Virtual eSafety Parent Workshops with**



eSafety Training
'The 2 Johns'

**Wednesday 17th March 2021
8.00pm – 9.30pm**

These free parent's workshops will look at the online world and how our young people are using it. How they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without the parent's knowledge.

This includes :

- Favourite apps and games.
- Dangers they face
- How young people are being influenced online
- Solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe.
- Stranger Danger message that parents are familiar with and make it ready for 2021



To book your place now please call us on **0300 247 0013**
Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

Services commissioned by:

www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk





Spotlight on our Curriculum



This week we have been focussing on the number 10. Counting the number and enjoyed finding out how many letters are in our names. We have learnt about St David on 1st March and celebrated World Book Day. We have also been counting down the sleeps till the whole class is back. We are looking forward to Monday!



Instead of having a World Book Day, we decided to have a World Book Week! We have learnt lots of facts about Julia Donaldson and Roald Dahl, writing a book review and learning about story settings. In maths we have carried on learning about measuring and added some new words to our maths vocabulary. We have also learnt some origami skills and made our own bookmarks.



In Year 2 this week we have been finishing off our work on Fairtrade with a letter to persuade a farmer to join the Fair Trade community. We have been continuing to learn about suffixes in GPS and we have been doing data handling in Maths, using our skills of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to create and analyse tally charts and pictograms. In Topic, we have been learning about habitats, musical instruments, people who help us and weather/climate.



We have been reading 'Ice Palace.' We have used this book to make predictions, write a balanced argument and write story endings. In maths, we have been learning how to compare, add and subtract lengths. In computing, we have been practising our typing skills. We can't wait to be all together again next week. Well done Year 3 for all your hard work learning from home.



This week in Year 4 we have been really enjoying our DT. There have been some fantastic pictures sent in of bakes that have made all the staff very hungry! We have really enjoyed getting involved with World Book Day and can't wait for Vocabulary Dress Up Day next week. In Science we are continuing to look at Sound and we have been comparing old maps of Wickford in History. We are all really looking forward to seeing everyone in school next week, so have a fantastic weekend and see you on Monday!



We have had a fantastic week celebrating reading with lots of virtual author 'visits'. So many of the children have been inspired and have pledged to write their own books - we can't wait to read them! Well done to everyone who has worked so hard while learning remotely. We are so looking forward to seeing you all next week!