

# Abacus Primary School News

## Newsletter 196

### 5th February 2016

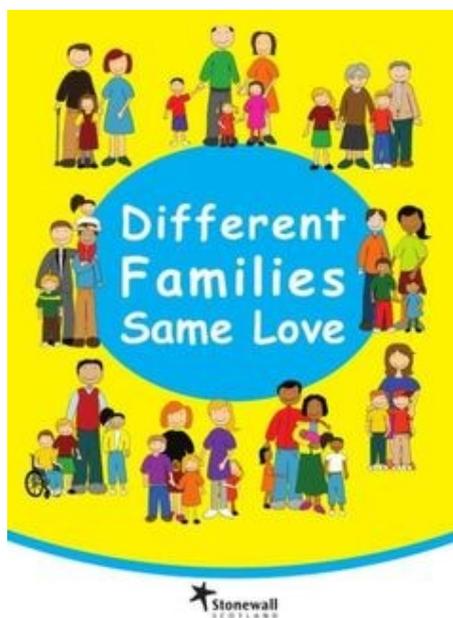
# INSET day on Friday 29/1/16

On Friday 29th January 2016, staff went out to a number of schools to observe for the morning. These included St. Anneline Infants and Junior school, Milldene Primary School, Bromford's school, Grange Primary school and North Crescent Primary School. Working collaboratively and sharing practice is an important part of professional development.

Across the schools, staff had the opportunity to observe displays, writing initiatives, behaviour management strategies, phonic setting, and marking and feedback. Staff in Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to observe Year 7 lessons.

In the afternoon staff received training around 'Tackling homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying'. This training followed on from the training that Mrs Mugford and I received as part of our Stonewall champion training in November.

Posters will be displayed around the school to raise awareness of these issues and children will be taking part in circle times as part of their curriculum time.



WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

3 MARCH 2016

This is on  
Thursday  
3rd  
March  
2016.

This year,  
we are allowing children a  
choice of either coming into  
school dressed in their py-  
jamas (with their favourite  
bedtime story) or coming  
dressed as one of their fa-  
vourite book characters.

## School Meals

We will be on WEEK 2 next week.

Mother's day lunch- can all slips please be returned to  
the office by Monday 8th February. No orders will be ac-  
cepted after this date.



# Sickness



Please can we remind all parents that children should not return to school after a bout of sickness and or diarrhoea until the children have had a clear 48 hours.

These guidelines are set by the Health Authority and Essex County Council to ensure that illness does not spread across the school. We would really appreciate your help and support with this matter.



Well done to Millie Phillips who was awarded a trophy for Freestyle dance.



**BOOK NIGHT CELEBRATION**



**WICKFORD LIBRARY**

**MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

**2pm – 3pm Ages 7+ years**

**We invite you to join us for Stories, Fun Activities and a Treasure Hunt!**

**Free Tickets available from Wickford Library**



# School Website

[www.abacusprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.abacusprimaryschool.co.uk)

Some parents have experienced issues in viewing the school website, particularly the calendar.

This seems to affect computers running older versions of Internet Explorer. If you experience similar problems, try using alternative browsers such as Chrome or Safari, or update to the latest version available.



## Family Consultations

It was lovely to see so many family members at our Family Consultations this week.

Thank you to all the parents who completed a Family Feedback questionnaire. I will inform you of the feedback received in more detail next week. We do act upon feedback received, so thank you for completing these.

A couple of things that were raised in parents meetings:

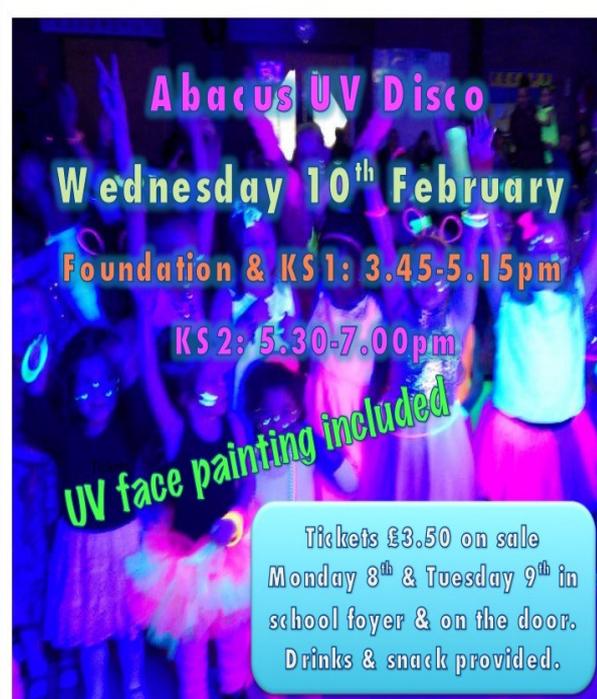
- CGP books for Year 6- you should have all received a letter regarding these yesterday. If you didn't, please collect one from class teachers or the school office.
- 100% of parents found the Autumn Reports useful.

### Parent Forum

We have a Parent forum meeting on Monday evening.



## FAPS UV Disco



Tickets £3.50 on sale  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> in  
school foyer & on the door.  
Drinks & snack provided.