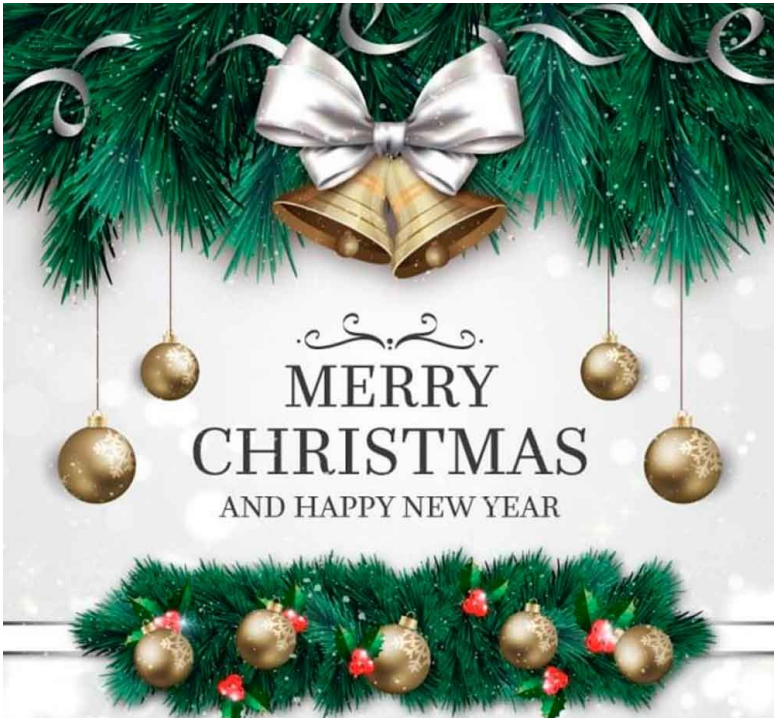


Abacus Primary School

Newsletter 512 20/12/23



As we come to the end of the Autumn term we'd like to congratulate the children on everything they have achieved so far this academic year. Well done to our Foundation children who have now completed their first term in school. We had a lovely end of term assembly this morning, classes had been voting for their favourite Christmas song which we played at the end for them.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas break and hope that you all get to enjoy some time with your loved ones this

Christmas. Thank you for your support this term.

Lastly, thank you to our whole school community, staff, governors and FAPS. We are very lucky to have such a hardworking and committed team of staff and volunteers who plan and organise such an exciting range of learning and fun opportunities for the children.

We return to school on Thursday 4th January 2024 and we look forward to hearing all about your Christmas adventures.

On Monday 8th January 2024. There are three tours for September 2024 intake at 9.30am, 10.45am and 1.30pm, please book a space at the school office.

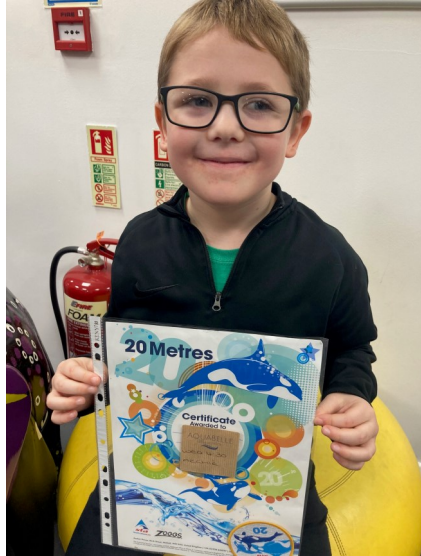


When we return after the Christmas break the menu choices will be:

Thursday- Sausage Baguette, Veg Sausage Baguette, Jacket Potato or Cheese Roll

Friday- Fish Finger & Chips, Cheese & Onion Pastry, Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta Pot

LET'S CELEBRATE!



So much to celebrate this week well done to Albie, Archie, Olivia, George, Dulcie, Gabriela and Alex for their achievements in swimming and gymnastics.

WELL DONE!

POETRY SLAM!

Years 1 to 6 took part in a Christmas Poetry Slam on Tuesday morning where classes and year groups performed a poem to the rest of the school. Thank you to Mrs Evans and Mrs Craske for organising this event which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. We were delighted to welcome Jean and Toni from Silvana Court as our judges. They had a very difficult job but after much deliberation they crowned Year 2 as the KS1 winners after writing their own poem 'The Year Two Twelve Days of Christmas' and Gold Class were the KS2 winners who performed the poem 'T'was the Week Before Christmas- a Christmas poem for teachers'.



CHRISTMAS Breakfast

Thank you to our Foundation team for organising the Foundation breakfast on Tuesday morning. Everyone looked like they had a great time making crafts whilst enjoying a yummy breakfast.



Starting School



Our last tour for September 2024 will be taking place on Monday 8th January 2024. There are three tours at 9.30am, 10.45am and 1.30pm, please book a space at the school office.



'Abachorus'



Starting on 8th January 2024, Abachorus is back on a Monday from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. In this club, children will learn popular songs and sing together as a choir. This is open to years 2-6 and spaces will be limited to 30.

If you would like to attend please collect a letter from Mrs Mugford .

We are really excited to announce that we have already secured your first performance at the Volunteer Awards at the Towngate Theatre on Tuesday 27th Feb 2024.

We will be recycling Christmas Cards up to 30th January 2024. There will be a box in the reception area following the Christmas break.

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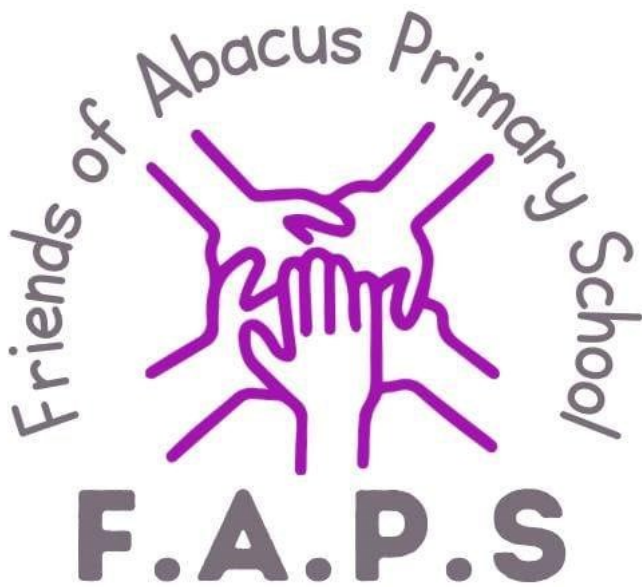
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Bag2School is a **free eco-friendly fund-raising scheme** that helps schools, businesses, community groups, local councils, and charities **raise funds through textile recycling** as well as spreading textile recycling awareness.

We will be taking part in this scheme after Christmas...more details to follow.

To keep up to date with FAPS events keep an eye on their Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064628444729>



Are you planning on giving your child a new games console, mobile phone, tablet, or computer game this Christmas? Or

do you have friends or family who are? Visit www.essex.police.uk/sortyoursettings for practical things you can do to help make your child's new device safer when they are online. #StaySafe