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House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Avebury	296pts
Kennet	293pts
Silbury	289pts
Ridgeway	288pts



Nursery News

ABBEY MEADS

We are looking forward to starting our Christmas activities next week... get ready for the glitter!



You should now have your tickets for the Nativity; you are in for a treat!

Our Christmas parties will be on

Thursday 14th December.

Children can wear their party

clothes on this day.



<u>Golden Book</u>

Congratulations to the following children for being mentioned in the Golden Book Assembly today for their excellent attitudes and approach.







Well done to all of you!

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR THOSE IN NEED! (please see email from school)

We support this Annual Christmas Food Hamper donation scheme every year, for families who will struggle over the festive period. You can support by donating non-perishable, in date, food items or sturdy large boxes. If you prefer we can accept monetary donations which will be used to purchase food on your behalf. Donations can be accepted at https://www.paypal.me/kyriedavis1



Food donations can include any essentials like pasta, rice, tinned foods along with Christmas items such as stuffing, mince pies and Christmas puddings. These can be taken to Abbey Meads Primary School or 28 John Ruskin Road.

<mark>Updated items</mark>...Christmas is coming... Dates for this Christmas are: In this newsletter = posters on Santa to Senior, Christmas Fayre and Christmas Lunch!

7 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day - OPTIONAL Wear Christmas Jumper with Uniform
8 th December 2023	Deadline for Santa to a Senior Donations (Page 3)
8 th December 2023	FOAMS Christmas Fayre - 5-7pm in the main hall. 🛛 💦 👝 🛑
11 th December 2023	Acorn Nursery Nativity - 9.30am (tickets will be allocated)
11 th December 2023	Year 1 Christmas Songs (1 Show) - 2pm (tickets will be allocated) 🍡 🏹 🔪
12 th December 2023	Reception Nativity Show 1 - 9.15am (tickets will be allocated)
12 th December 2023	Reception Nativity Show 2 - 2pm (tickets will be allocated)
13 th December 2023	Year 2 Nativity Show 1 - 9.15am (tickets will be allocated)
13 th December 2023	Year 2 Nativity Show 2 - 2pm (tickets will be allocated)
14 th December 2023	Christmas Lunch - all age groups - please book on ParentPay
15 th December 2023	Carol Service for KS2 and parents - 9.15am Christ The Servant Church.
15 th December 2023	Last Day - School holidays start at 1.30pm (4.30pm for Sunshine Club)

<u>Please note:</u> Last week of term:

- Nativities will be subject to the usual limited ticket allocations. Information has been sent home!
- The Year 1 Christmas Songs could be outside. Details will be finalised depending on weather forecasts and the strength of pupil voices... watch out for more information from the classes, but be prepared that you may need to bring a coat to this event and there will only be one performance.
- Thursday 14th Christmas Lunch day is for all children. There will be no Jackets or Grab and Go Options on that day. Please either select the Christmas Dinner or send your child with a packed lunch that day. (Next Page)
- Thursday 14th Christmas Jumpers and Parties. Children are allowed to wear <u>Christmas Jumpers and</u> <u>non-uniform</u> on the last Thursday of term, to coincide with Christmas Lunches and Class parties.
- Friday 15th The Carol Service is confirmed as 9.15am in the Church of Christ the Servant, Abbey Meads. Children can wear Christmas Jumpers on top of normal School Uniform on the last day of term.
- The last day of term is 15/12/2023 and the first day back is normal times on Thursday 04/01/2024.





Admissions Deadline approaches...

If you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, your child is due to start Primary School in September 2024 and you now need to apply for your child's School place.

Please note it is your responsibility to apply for a school place for your child.

How can I apply?

Simply complete the online application form which will be available on Swindon Borough Council's website 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via the link below. It must be completed and submitted by midnight 15th January 2024.

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_pl aces_and_admissions/427/primary_school_places _and_admissions

If you know someone who would like a tour of the school to apply for a place at Abbey Meads, please ask them to call the office. <mark>Even if you are in our</mark> Nursery or have brothers and sisters in the school - you still have to apply.

<u>Please note the menu for</u> <u>the last week of term is</u> <u>slightly different</u>.

If you have booked a long way ahead, please look again at Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December 2023. These items have changed to include the Christmas Lunch and move the roast option from Wednesday to Thursday. Please go back in and reorder for these days. Everyone wishing to order Christmas Lunch (Main or Veg) can do so in the normal way,

but <mark>there are **no** jacket</mark> potatoes or Grab 'n' Go options that day.

Please call the office if unsure.



ABBEY MEADS COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE FRI 8TH DEC 5-7PM

50P ENTRY - CHILDREN GO FREE CRAFTS - RAFFLES - TOMBOLAS -GAMES - REFRESHMENTS - TATTOOS -PRIZES - SCHOOL CHOIR -LOCAL BUSINESS STALLS



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Thank you For the Discos

Thank you to all the staff and parents who made it possible for the children to enjoy discos yesterday. It is a very small band of parents and the staff who make these events possible.

More parents are needed so please come forward and leave a message with the office. FOAMS will get in touch. **Big THANKS** to Miss Hayes and Mr Badger – resident DJs - who did an amazing job and kept the crowds dancing all night. Back to normal now, with the next discos on the last Thursday of Term 3. (8th Feb 24!)

SPREAD SOME SPARKLE THIS CHRISTMAS...

(1) Home Instead To us, it's personal

Be a Santa to a Senior!

We're collecting donations of small gifts (e.g. puzzle books, chocolates, crosswords, crafts, bookmarks) either purchased or handmade, anything that will fit in an A4 envelope, to make "Santa-Grams" to bring cheer to a local older person this Christmas. Donate with your school or organisation, or online with our Amazon wishlist.







Donations to be received by Friday 8th December.

For more information call 01793 232585 or email cat.attewell@homeinstead.co.uk

Help Keep St Andrews Parish Green and Clean



We all have a role to play

Bin your litter!

Last Clubs Next Week

The last clubs for the Autumn Terms are next week. Wednesday netball is cancelled as there is a meeting. The letters for next term have already gone home and been returned by you, so we will let you know the outcome of club allocation for the Spring Terms soon.

The Abbey Meads Amble 2024 is...Sat 23rd March 2024. Put the date in your diary and please run, walk, crawl or volunteer to help us raise funds for the schools in The Gambia.

