



December 2024

Autumn Term Roundup

Dear parents and carers,

We have safely arrived at the end of the Autumn term once again! 16 weeks completed and 23 to go (very nearly half way through!).

I would like update you on a few things before we sign off for a well-needed break!

FOAKS

I would like to thank our team of FOAKS, for organising fabulous autumn events in order provide funds to our small but mighty school.

Schools rely heavily on fundraising and donations for many reasons. School budgets are forever decreasing with cost of running schools forever increasing! Monies received from FOAKS this academic year have provided us with our fabulous Library furniture - something we would not have been able to buy without their help. We are hoping now that we can work towards our dream (Mrs Sporty Brown's dream!) of an all-weather running track. Our FOAKS team have promised to publish an updated target, so we know just how close we are to getting it, in the new year.

Clubs Complete

We are delighted to announce that Local Authority have agreed funding for "Clubs Complete" to provide our Breakfast Club and After School Clubs from 7:45am to 6pm.

This will benefit us for many reasons, including: an increase in prospective parents, supporting our current working parents; releasing the pressure on our staff to run after school clubs and offering a range of different activities for our children to enjoy.

"Clubs Complete" will start this provision from Monday 13th January 2025. Until Ofsted send us our registration documents, parents are only allowed to use 2 hours of this service. As soon as the documents arrive, the full service can be used, which we hope will be imminent.



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Children First

Our Sport Clubs, run by Kat at Urban Movement on a Monday and Thursday will continue until the summer, as well as a 6 week gymnastic club on a Tuesday from January to February half term. These will be booked in the usual way via our Mowbray App. All other clubs run by “Clubs Complete” will be booked via their website www.clubscomplete.co.uk and search for Ab Kettleby Primary School.

Mental Health Award

As you know, Mental Health is at the forefront of our day. Many children deal with the day to day stresses very well, with resilience and perseverance but some children don't find this quite so easy. To show our commitment we applied to Leeds Beckett University and have spent the last 6 months reflecting on our mental health provision. We have established two link Governors for the Trust, who will be responsible for holding the Trust to account for the work we do to support mental health; we have wellbeing and mental health as a standing agenda item at our Community Committee; we have a clear pathway to support children and staff within our Trust and share information with the wider community. As a result of this, we have been awarded SILVER STATUS Schools Mental Health Award from the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools. There are over 20,000 primary schools in the UK; 410 of these have achieved the Mental Health Award since it started in 2017; 173 have achieved the Bronze Award; 173 have achieved the Silver Award and 64 have achieved the Gold Award. We are proud to be part of those statistics!

Staffing

We are delighted to introduce our new Learning Support Assistant, Mr Batey, who will be working in Bumble Bee to support children with educational needs. He has only been with us for a couple of weeks but he has already fitted in brilliantly.

Student Teachers

We are committed, as a school, to help support the next generation of teachers. Our Trust works closely with many Initial Teacher Training Providers in the area, such as East Midlands Teacher Training, Nottingham Trent University and Derby University. As part of this, children in Bumble Bees are working with two student teachers who are with us on and off until May.

Mr Carvell started his training with us in The Hive and after Christmas he moves to Brownlow until February to gain further experience in a different setting and a different key stage. In exchange for him, the Hive will gain Mrs Wade.

Spring 2025 Dates

I have updated and attached the Spring and Summer dates for your information. Further details will be sent about each event closer to the time.

Extra Inset Days 2025

Please note the Trust have added 3 extra inset days in 2025 for staff training. A letter explaining this was sent to parents this week. Therefore, school will be closed to children on the following days:

14th February 2025 & 24th February 2025

23rd May 2025

Contact over the Christmas Period

As we near the end of our Autumn Term, our fabulous team have worked hard to provide high quality teaching, learning and care for your children and are in need of time with their own family and time to recharge the batteries. I would kindly ask that parents refrain from contacting staff over the holiday period via Class Dojo. If you have any reason to contact school in an emergency over the holiday period, please contact me.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Andrea Brown
Headteacher