

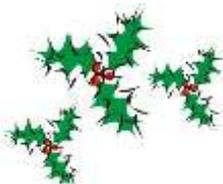


Abbotsholme School

AN EDUCATION FOR LIFE

Weekly Newsletter ~ keeping you 'in touch'

Tuesday 4 December 2018



News

Tales from Barrow Hill

The residents and staff from Barrow Hill care home came to visit Abbotsholme for the first time. They arrived by minibus and were greeted by Mrs Parker at the entrance to Flaxfield. It was wonderful to spend time with them in a different setting where they helped make Christmas decorations, were treated to some Christmas songs by the Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils. This was followed by a welcome cup of tea and cake.

In the New Year we look forward to inviting parents and grandparents to visit Barrow Hill to see first-hand what a special place it is.



Round Square Exchange

Halle from Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School has been with us since half-term. Here she tells of her experiences at Abbotsholme.



I have been very fortunate to come to Abbotsholme this Christmas half-term as part of the Round Square exchange programme. It has been an awesome opportunity to experience what school is like in a different country. I have made some great friends and have had the opportunity to experience what it's like to be a part of a boarding community. I have had the chance to do some things I wouldn't usually be able to in Australia like ice skating, rock climbing and experiencing Christmas time when it's cold outside! I will really miss Abbotsholme when I leave and I am so grateful to Mrs Holmes for organising this exchange and for the school for being so welcoming and receptive of me. I urge any of you who are thinking about possibly attending an exchange to go and speak with Mrs Holmes about it and see what your options are, because it really has been a rewarding experience that I will remember for a long time.



Last week our **Year 7 boys** travelled to Robert Sutton in Burton to compete in the Sports Hall Athletics District Competition. Our boys came in first place and everyone came home with gold medals worn proudly around their neck, they now look forward to representing East Staffs in February.



On Thursday 29 November the **Orchard girls** went to Sticky Fingers in Ashbourne for their Christmas social. As a Christmas treat the girls tucked in to a selection of cakes from rocky road to Victoria sponge whilst hand painting their chosen pot. Many of the girls decorated lovely Christmas gifts, whilst some students created pieces to remember their time at Abbotsholme!

For both students and house staff it was a really lovely evening out. The girls will receive their finished glazed pots in time to pack in their bags for Christmas.



Boarders enjoyed getting in to the festive spirit this weekend. A visit to Chatsworth Christmas Markets was the perfect opportunity for all to buy some unusual Christmas gifts for friends and family, whilst also enjoying the delicious food on offer. Although it was a wet morning, the Christmas singing all the way home was evidence of the festive fun had by all.

Later on Saturday many of the boarders took part in Mrs Cooper's favourite activity of the year – decorating gingerbread houses! It was a lovely evening in Orchard surrounded by the Christmas decorations and yet again, some gorgeous creations were made.



On Monday 3 December, Art, Performing Arts & Business Studies students travelled to Warner Bros Studios, Leavesden the home of Harry Potter. Students were given the opportunity to visit iconic sets used by the stars in the making of the blockbuster movies. The tour starts in the Grand Hall where many a festive feast was shared by Harry, his peers and professors. We then moved onto the Gryffindor Boy's Dormitory, a few further steps and you found yourself in Dumbledore's office. You then made your way through Professor Snape's classroom and the Weasley's kitchen before entering the Forbidden Forest and experiencing Diagon Alley first hand.



Half way through the tour students were taken behind the scenes for a script to screen lecture. Students learnt about the diverse careers available with the film industry, the second biggest wealth creator in the UK. Costumes and props for the films were discussed and the monetary cost and value of these products discovered. Blue prints of the many buildings designed for the films were shown and the skills involved in creating these documents were demonstrated. Business students were then introduced into the film's promotional mix and students drew upon the topics studied in class to

make links to the product life cycle and methods of production.

I believe this trip will give students real-life examples to illustrate topics being taught in the classroom and will help improve application of knowledge to different business scenarios, eventually improving not only understanding and progress but overall performance in their upcoming GCSE examinations.

Notices

Naughty Elves Spotted at Abbotsholme!



Kit Amnesty

We are collecting all kit that is borrowed from school – Hockey tops, skirts, shorts must be back in PE next week please. Please check bedrooms, kit bags and return to Mrs Askew or reception. We will need to start charging if we do not receive this kit back.

Personalised Kit

If you would like your son/daughter to have a personalised hockey top or netball dress for next term please get in touch ASAP. Orders will be going in next week.

Barbados 2020 Current Year 7-12

After the huge success of Holland 2018, we are pleased to launch our next Sports Tour to Barbados 2020. This tour will be Cricket and Hockey with 5 fixtures played for each sport. We travel on the 7 July 2020 and return on Saturday 18 July, flying with Virgin from Manchester Airport. We will be staying at the Coconut Court Beach Hotel, Half Board. As well as 5 fixture days we have also booked to attend The Boatyard Beach Party, an inflatable park on the sea, Oistins Fish Fry, a local market, Island Jeep Safari to see the sights of the island, Catamaran Cruise to swim with the turtles and a well-earned beach day on the last day. The Cost of this trip is £2100 with a deposit of £100 to be paid in order to secure your child's place. Deposits will be collected up until February half term 2019. A payment plan can then be devised for each family to suit best. We will be looking for sponsors for our kit and fundraising will take place in the run up. Spending money will be of a minimum as although we are half board we do get post-match hospitality and lunch is provided on the excursions. It is important that your child represents the school cricket/hockey team in the run up to this tour, pupils who play both will be able to represent in both sports on the tour. Cricket matches will be played throughout the day and hockey matches during the evening. Cheques made payable to 'Abbotsholme School' please and handed to Mrs Askew. If you would like to pay by BACS please label as 'Barbados' and email me so that I can track the deposits.

Any further information please email Mrs Askew – laura.askew@abbotsholme.co.uk



Free Range Turkeys for sale.
Collection on the last day of term only
(14 December 2018).

This year we have 'price matched' Tesco's finest
free range turkey and will be offering turkeys at
the following fixed prices

4 Adults- £28
6 Adults - £35
8 Adults - £42 (limited availability)
10 Adults- £49 (limited availability)
12 Adults- £56
14 Adults- £63

Please note, these prices are based on the guide
from Southhall Butchers website at £7/kg

If you would like to reserve a turkey please email
me on emily.morris@abbotsholme.co.uk

Miss Emily Morris



Abbotsholme Parents Association

Christmas Bazaar

Friday 7th December
4-6pm the Snell Building

✿ Stalls ✿ Tombola ✿ Lucky Dip ✿
✿ Raffle ✿ Refreshments and ✿ Santa! ✿

Donations
Please may we ask families to donate chocolate (no nuts please) and bottles for our
Tombolas and good as new toys and DVDs for our toy stall.
Please bring donated items to the school reception on Wednesday 5th and Thursday
6th December. Thank you!