

Newsletter 1 – Term 2 – Autumn 2018

Dear Parent

Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal – POPPIES ON SALE NOW

We are supporting this annual appeal at Abbot Alphege and we are selling poppies throughout the week leading up to Remembrance Day. If you would like your child to buy a poppy, please send your contribution in to school via your child.

Flu Immunisation

Flu Immunisation for Year 0 to Year 5 pupils will take place on Wednesday, 14th November. Apologies if you have been unable to register on the link sent previously – Virgin Care sent us the wrong link for AAA! Please make sure you have completed the electronic consent form which can be accessed on the following link:

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/?h=918CD594C91F2D1920AEA8AC8DBEC3BB1E5684A8D7CEE61025CD272BE546CB5D>

Cake Sale – Thursday, 8th November 2018

This is a reminder that we are holding our cake sale with refreshments on Thursday 8th November from 2.45pm to 3.45pm. Cake sales are always popular with both adults and children so please try and support the event by making or bringing in a cake or cakes – please no nuts; AAA is a nut free school! Cakes can be brought into school on the morning of the sale and any help setting up the Hall from 2.30pm would be most welcome.

SEND Coffee Morning

The SEND Team will be holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 14th November from 9.00am until 10am at Abbot Alphege. This will be an opportunity to catch up with the SEND Team. All welcome.

Parent Council

I am keen to set up a parent/staff/pupil council at Abbot Alphege Academy with one parent representative from each class. If you think you would like to volunteer for this, please complete the pro-forma overleaf and return to the AAA School Office.

The aim of the Council will be to discuss educational matters, future events and generally to positively support the school. Meetings will be held each term and booked on the calendar in advance.

Rainbow Resource

The Rainbow Resource is a website of information for parents of children with a special educational need or disability designed and maintained by BANES SEND & Inclusion Service and it forms part of their 'Local Offer'. The new, redesigned website has recently been launched and is now much easier to navigate. It contains a wealth of SEND information including a calendar of events. Please visit www.rainbowresource.org.uk

Volunteers/Help Needed!

We would welcome any volunteering help at Abbot Alphege Academy from parents or grandparents for help with reading and/or sewing. If you would like to volunteer at Abbot Alphege then please drop a note in to the School Office with your name and a contact number indicating what days/times you would be available.

Christmas Fair

Please note that the AAA Christmas Fair will now be held on **THURSDAY, 13TH DECEMBER** and not Thursday 6th December as originally stated as a number of parents were unable to attend on the 6th December.

- **Christmas Fair Raffle Prizes** - Please can we ask for your help? We wonder if you, as parents at AAA, could help by requesting your employers or companies to offer a raffle prize, no matter how small, to help make the Christmas Fair a big success? Your help would be greatly appreciated and would share out the necessary tasks.

- **Christmas Fair Raffle Tickets** - a book of raffle tickets will shortly be coming home via your child which we hope you will purchase or sell in aid of our Christmas Fair. Counterfoils will need to be returned to school by noon on Thursday 13th December 2018 and the draw will take place at the AAA Christmas Fair on Thursday 13th December. If you would like more raffle tickets to sell, then please call in to the School Office.
- **Christmas Fair Hamper** – our Christmas Hamper will be one of the raffle prizes at this year's Christmas Fair and we rely on our parents for donations towards this. Please find below a list of suggested donations but this is just a guide – in fact any Christmassy donations would be greatly received but no perishable items please. The list will be held in the School Office with effect from Thursday, 8th November 2018. We would be very grateful if you could please pop into the School Office and put your name down against one of the donations. Many thanks for your support.
Suggested Hamper Donations: red wine, white wine, prosecco, chocolates, mulled wine, biscuits for cheese, napkins, mince pies, Christmas cake, crackers, candles, Christmas pudding, ground coffee, tea, shortbread, cranberry sauce, etc.

Child Safety on YouTube

You may have seen news reports about inappropriate children's videos on YouTube. Please view the following information on how to protect your child when they are using YouTube apps or the website:

YouTube Kids App – automatically filters out inappropriate content. Please visit the **YouTube Kids Parental Guide** on the following link: <https://support.google.com/youtubekids#topic=6130504>

Policies, safety and reporting, YouTube:

https://support.google.com/youtube/topic/2676378?hl=en&ref_topic=6151248

Privacy complaint process, YouTube: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/142443>

The NSPCC has a range of resources for parents on internet safety:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Concerns re On-Line Game – Fortnite

You may have seen news reports or heard concerns about the following concerning Fortnite:

- **Communication between players** - a chat function allows players to talk to each other. Children could use it to speak to strangers, or it could put them at risk of cyber-bullying.
- **In-app Purchases** – players can build up large bills on their parents' accounts by buying cosmetic items like outfits for the characters or better looking weapons.
- **Addictive nature** of the game – anecdotal stories tell of children staying up all night to play or falling asleep in lessons after playing for too long.
- **Safety options** available – most devices allow you to **set time limits** on game play, **set age limits** for content and **restrict in-app purchases**.

Please note in particular that Fortnite **is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age**.

How Else Can I Help Ensure my Child's Safety Online?

The tips below will help you to set rules for your child about accessing videos on the internet and their online behaviour, and support them to understand the risks and what to do if something happens:

- Try to have your child in the same room as you when they are using the internet and discourage them from wearing headphones.
- Chat to your child about what videos might not be suitable for them to watch and share.
- Regularly check the history of videos they have watched online for anything inappropriate.
- Encourage your child to tell you if they see something they find worrying or nasty.
- If your child wants to share a video they have recorded, check they get permission from anyone who features in it before uploading it.
- Tell your child not to give out any personal information or anything that can identify them, such as a school uniform or street name.
- Regularly check comments made on your child's videos. Talk to your child about how they could receive nasty or negative comments from other people, and what they should do if this happens.
- If another YouTube user posts a video of your child or shares personal information without consent, you can ask for this content to be removed by using YouTube's privacy complaint process.

Yours sincerely
Dr Anne Bull
Headteacher

AAA Parent Council

I would like to volunteer for the role of parent representative for class

Name:

Parent of: (Pupil's Name):

Signed:

Date: Telephone Contact Number: