



Parent Forum

– The first Parent Forum of the year takes place next Wednesday (18/11/20) -5.30pm
A letter about this was sent home this week and can be found on our website here.
<http://www.abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk/documents/ParentForum.pdf> - you need to request ZOOM passcodes by emailing the school office if you wish to attend.



House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Ridgeway	361pts
Avebury	358pts
Silbury	352pts
Kennet	348pts



Golden Book

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

Antonia and Ashton (Birch)
Azriel and Liliana (Alder)
Jacob (1Chestnut)
Ava P and Louie (1Hornbeam)
Zara and Aaron (2Rowan)
Layla and Evelyn (2Sycamore)
Ethan, Isla T and Spencer (3Juniper)
Emily and Theo (3Willow)
Kaitlyn and Elliott (4Ash)
Izzy and Harry H (4Oak)
Amiya and George (4Maple)
Sahara and Finley (5Holly)
Phoebe J and Max P (5Elm)
Izzy H, Freddie and Josh E (Year 6)



FOAMS - Big thanks to Nic and Louise.

A big **THANK YOU** is in order for Louise Turner and Nic Badger, who have recently stood down from Senior Committee Member roles within FOAMS (our PTA). Louise and Nic had been Chair and Treasurer for more than a decade and have both now handed over these roles.

They have been a tremendous asset to the Friends Of Abbey Meads School and of course to the school itself during this time.

Thank you both for your excellent leadership and support over this time.

Current Committee Roles are as follows:

Joint Chairs - Kim Jones & Nicola Newman

Treasurer - Lucy Carson

Secretary - Tia Heuston

Social Media - Danielle Spencer.



Thank you all for sending in Dough for Dough.

We can't say which class is leading as all boxes are sealed, but they are gaining weight every day.

See Dough for Dough poster on **page 2**.

Swindon Christmas Toy Appeal

This Christmas, Abbey Meads School is going to be a donation station for any of our families who wish to support the Swindon Christmas Toy Appeal.

This appeal, now in its 4th year, is run by the Gateway Church Swindon. They collect **new toys** for ages 0-16, which are then distributed to families in need across the town. If you would like to make a donation, please send new toys into your child's class before Friday December 7th.

Thank you for your support. **Poster page 3**



School Tours for Reception places (Sept 2021)

Mr Buckley has reorganised all of the tour dates available for parents looking for a school for their 4 year olds, for a September 2021 start.

The dates start again after 'Lockdown 2' and can be found on our website here:

<http://www.abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk/documents/ToursDec20.pdf>

You can also see videos of the school using these links:

[AMCPS Virtual Tour](#)

[AMCPS Reception Class Video](#)



Nursery News

It has been another busy week in Nursery. We have been learning the nursery rhymes, Incy Wincy Spider and Little Miss Muffet. Our Nursery children are super brave unlike Little Miss Muffet, as most children are not afraid of spiders. Good news for Mrs Wright.



Nursery Places Available

We have places in our Nursery from January for both 3 year olds and 4 year olds.

We offer options including both 15 and 30 hrs.

If you or anyone you know is looking for a nursery place for their child, please pass on our contact details and ask them to call the school for more information: 01793 723239





Alien Craft Crashes on School Field

Year 1 found the remains of what appears to be an Alien Spacecraft on our school field this week. It seems that the aliens crash landed, with lots of evidence for the children to investigate.

They saw an engine, wires, boosters, headphones, seats and control system. If you have any information, please let Year 1 know. They are working with NASA to try and identify who owned the craft.

[They even made Twitter.](#)



We are a Santa-gram School

Home Instead SENIOR CARE
to us, it's personal.

Get creative, embrace your inner artist, crafter, poet, or writer, and get involved

Could you be a Santa-gram Elf?

BE A SANTA TO A SENIOR

CAN YOU HELP US BRIGHTEN AN OLDER PERSON'S DAY AT CHRISTMAS WITH A 'SANTA-GRAM'?

We are looking for **pictures, drawings, puzzles, crosswords, cards, crafts, letters, craft kits, bookmarks ...**
ANYTHING hand-made, printed or purchased that will fit in an A4 sized envelope and will help raise a smile and brighten someone's day ... and it doesn't have to be festive!

Contributions deadline 27th November 2020

For more information, speak to our Chief Santa-gram Elf:
Tracy Badger, School Office

Home Instead Swindon and Vale of White Horse 01793 232585
homeinstead.co.uk/swindon

ABBEY MEADS CLASS COIN CHALLENGE

SEND IN LOOSE CHANGE FOR YOUR CLASS TIN FROM 2ND NOV UNTIL 11TH DEC.

THE CLASS WHO RAISES THE MOST WINS A DOUGHNUT TREAT!

DOUGH FOR DOUGH!

Friends of Abbey Meads School
FAMS
"Your children are your future - let us help you!"

Covid Procedures Update - Please Read

Thank you to all who continue to be supportive of the school by keeping to the 2-metre distance and respecting others whilst delivering or collecting children from school. A few parents are struggling a little to remember what 2m distancing means, so please do think of others and if you need to stop and chat, wait until you are well away from school. Some people have medical reasons for not wearing face coverings, but if you have no such medical reason please wear them around the school site - where space is likely to reduce below 2 metres between adults.



Many Thanks



Friday 27th November – is a Non-Uniform day in exchange for

Christmas Hamper Donations - FOAMS Famous Christmas Hamper Draw

FOAMS are extremely grateful for any donation and we will create hampers based on the donations made.

If you are worried about what to donate for a specific category, please do not panic and just donate something you feel able to give.

The lists below are just ideas – you may have better ideas. Please ensure items are new and unopened.

Nursery & Reception	Ladies	Make up, toiletries, notelets, chocolates, picture frames, vouchers, magazines, alcohol, hair accessories, jewellery, scarves, candles, nail polish
Year 1	Gents	Toiletries, magazines, chocolates/sweets, alcohol, lottery ticket, snack food, books, stationery, crackers, games, mince pies, torch, socks, car or sport accessories, water bottle
Year 2	Children	Toys, scarf, games, paper, pens, magazines, sweets, hair accessories, puzzles, comics, pencil case, books, art and crafts
Year 3	Grandparents	Christmas puddings, jar of mincemeat, books, alcohol, confectionery, biscuits, crackers, Christmas decorations or cards, wrapping paper, bookmarks, photo frames, stationery, kitchen accessories
Year 4	Christmas at home	Alcohol, crisps, popcorn, mince pies, crackers, Christmas puddings, wrapping paper, cards, tree decorations, tinsel, baubles, table decorations, vouchers, kitchen accessories
Year 5	Arts & Crafts	Pens, card or paper, stickers, colouring books, magazines, beads, painting, pencil cases, stickers, cross-stitch, designs of things to make, feathers, handmade gifts, origami paper, books or vouchers
Year 6	Hobbies	Sport equipment, golf balls, socks, tennis balls, games, playing cards, craft vouchers, sports or craft magazine, painting, baking, sewing, knitting, books, fishing, cars, DIY, cross stitch

Tickets for the Raffle will be on sale via ParentPay - more information to follow soon.

Can you help?



Donation Station open in classes:

November 16-Dec 7th.

New toys for children aged 0-16 years

STONE

TWO FRIENDS WERE WALKING THROUGH THE DESERT.

DURING SOME POINT OF THE JOURNEY, THEY HAD AN ARGUMENT; AND ONE FRIEND SLAPPED THE OTHER ONE IN THE FACE.

THE ONE WHO GOT SLAPPED WAS HURT, BUT WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING, WROTE IN THE SAND,

"TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE."

THEY KEPT ON WALKING, UNTIL THEY FOUND AN OASIS, WHERE THEY DECIDED TO TAKE A BATH

THE ONE WHO HAD BEEN SLAPPED GOT STUCK IN THE MIRE AND STARTED DROWNING, BUT THE FRIEND SAVED HIM.

AFTER HE RECOVERED FROM THE NEAR DROWNING, HE WROTE ON A STONE:

'TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SAVED MY LIFE'

THE FRIEND WHO HAD SLAPPED AND SAVED HIS BEST FRIEND ASKED HIM, 'AFTER I HURT YOU - YOU WROTE IN THE SAND AND NOW - YOU WRITE ON A STONE, WHY?'

THE FRIEND REPLIED 'WHEN SOMEONE HURTS US WE SHOULD WRITE IT DOWN IN SAND, WHERE WINDS OF FORGIVENESS CAN ERASE IT AWAY.

BUT, WHEN SOMEONE DOES SOMETHING GOOD FOR US, WE MUST ENGRAVE IT IN STONE WHERE NO WIND CAN EVER ERASE IT'

LEARN TO WRITE YOUR HURTS IN THE SAND AND TO CARVE YOUR BENEFITS IN STONE.

DO NOT VALUE THE THINGS YOU HAVE IN YOUR LIFE, BUT VALUE WHO YOU HAVE IN YOUR LIFE!

It is wonderful to be part of the Abbey Meads Family

Carved in Stone!

Bob