



Ab Kettleby Announcer

Message from Steve Nash, the headteacher

Dear parents and carers,



Wow – I can't believe the term has finished!

The autumn term is always a busy one (as are all the others...) and I am constantly amazed at what the children manage to achieve.

Not only have they been working really hard in their lessons, learning as much as they can about their 'Animal Antics' topic, but they have also managed to fit in so much more besides (see the rest of this newsletter for details, but I couldn't even fit it all in!).

I'd also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for welcoming me to your lovely school; I feel very lucky to be entrusted with being the headteacher at such a wonderful place and am excited to help Ab Kettleby go from strength to strength.

I am really keen to talk to anyone about school, so if you have any questions, concerns or other things you want to share, please come and find me in the playground before and after school – I will be there every day that I am in school.

Have a lovely Christmas and New Year, and I look forward to seeing you all in 2020!

Steve Nash

School admissions

Please remember the deadline for applications for children to start school in September 2020 is **Wednesday 15th January 2020**. See the Leicestershire school admissions website (www.leics.gov.uk/admissions) for details and to apply.

Attendance

Our school attendance target is 96%. We are currently on 96.3%, so we're just over, thanks. Please make sure children are in school every day that they are able – it makes such a positive difference to their learning!



Be in school and on time – the gates close at 8:55am so don't be late!

Friends Of Ab Kettleby School (FOAKS)

Thank you so much to every member of FOAKS parents and teacher group who has helped raise money so far this term – you are all fantastic, and it is a huge help to the children! Thanks too if you were able to support any of the events.

If you'd like to join the FOAKS and help raise money for the children in school please see the office, who can give you all the details. It really won't take up too much of your time if you join!

Children in Need 2019

The children took part in fund raising for 'Children in Need' and learnt about how important it is to help other people. We raised over £75 – thank you so much!



Trips and visitors

The children enjoyed an animal experience visitor to school who taught them about lots of different animals – the children even got to stroke and hold some of the animals!

The school also put on two superb nativity performances for families and friends which were really well attended (thank you so much to everyone who was able to support the children – they were thrilled to put on their show to such large audiences).

We also went to the panto to see Jack and the Beanstalk at Loughborough Town Hall theatre, and the children had a great time (Oh yes they did!).

Tree planting

The children enjoyed planting trees in the school grounds to help the environment, learning about the importance of trees in our local, national and global ecosystem, and having fun getting muddy.



Tree planting in the school grounds

Sport

What an amazing variety of sporting experiences and competitions the children were able to take part in.

Some of the competitions that the children represented the school in were: cross country, sports hall athletics and basketball. They also took part in competitions within school in tag rugby, volleyball, dodgeball and new age kurling.

They also had the opportunity to try a range of different sports clubs, activities and festivals such as: tag rugby, balance bikes, dance, cricket, badminton, orienteering, fencing, kick boxing, tennis and gymnastics.

Bikeability



Here are the children in Class 3 learning the very useful life skill of cycling, earning their Bikeability qualifications on the roads around school.

Team GB athlete visit

The whole school enjoyed an inspirational assembly and fitness session with Laura Samuel, a Team GB triple jumper and Commonwealth Games silver medallist. She visited to talk about her life, teach the children about aiming high and never giving up, and to put them through an



Here's Laura putting class 1 through their paces in the hall – it got sweaty!

Being weather scientists

Class 3 enjoyed being weather scientists and reporters for a morning, learning how to predict the weather and present their information to people – even experiencing being a TV weather presenter filmed by the crew from East Midlands Today!



Some of the children presenting their weather report to the TV cameras

Dates for your diary

Start of spring 1 term:
Tuesday 7th January 2020

End of spring term 1:
Friday 14th February 2020

Start of spring term 2:
Monday 24th February 2020

End of spring term 2:
Friday 3rd April 2020



Remembrance Day

The children also had the opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices that people have made for others during wars. They were able to learn about what their actions meant to us now and discussed how important it is to be a good member of society.



Class 3 at the local church to see the poppy memorials