



# Ab Kettleby Primary School



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## Autumn News Roundup

Dear parents and carers,

As we near the end of our first term of our academic year 2022-2023, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the term and update you on our next steps as we move into 2023.

### Arts in School

When I first met parents of Ab Kettleby in the summer of 2021, just before I took over as Headteacher, there was a plea to bring the arts back to Ab Kettleby. I feel we have made great strides in this area: children worked with Kathryn Saunby Art Studio to bring art to life; children in The Hive enjoyed working with the Iveshead Drama teacher and our whole school choir made us proud as they shared their Christmas joy with the residents at Framland followed by the Mayor's Christmas Concert at the Church - they were brilliant. Children in The Hive have also thoroughly enjoyed learning to play the guitar this term and I know many will be sad it has come to an end for now. If you wish your child to develop their guitar skills further, please let me know and we can look at organising small group or 1:1 tuition in the new year.

We have lots of other opportunities for children to enjoy as we move into 2023 and can't wait to share them!

### FOAKS

As you know, FOAKS have been working hard to raise as much money as possible to help support an outdoor structure that we can use as a working space, to replace the decked area in the playground. We are indebted to the team at FOAKS for this and we can't wait to get it ordered, built and used! We are currently gaining quotes from a range of companies and are hoping this work can start around the end of Spring. I have just received feedback from Tesco Communities, and I am delighted to inform you that we have been successful in the Tesco Communities Project and have the chance of winning up to £1500! Everyone needs to shop at Tesco from the end of January to March and post the blue token in support of our project! Again, I will send more details out in January. This money will help towards clearing out the pond area to create a Forest School Area.

### Wider Community

We have enjoyed getting involved with many wider community aspects this term, including the Wombles who shared their passion of litter picking; a visit from the inclusion officer with Leicestershire Police, who spoke to children in the Hive about making the right choices to keep us all safe; donating foods to the Storehouse to help those in need, especially with the rising



cost of living plus of course working with local businesses such as the art studio. Again, if anyone has any connections with the wider community who would add value to our learning and bring our learning to life, we would be grateful for any links.

### New SENCO

Grove Primary School have appointed their new SENCO, Mrs French, who will be supporting Ab Kettleby one day a week starting from January 2023. Her first day with us is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January and any parent who has a child with Special Educational Needs is welcome to come and meet Mrs French over a coffee at 9am. If you are unable to make this date, let me know and we can rearrange a one-to-one meeting with her.

### Spring Dates

Please find attached our updated Spring Dates. We will send further information on each event nearer the time.

### HRH King Charles Coronation Bank Holiday - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Please note an additional bank holiday has been awarded on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to celebrate the King's Coronation: school will be closed on that day. For our Y6 pupils sitting their KS2 SATS tests, all tests will now be administered Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

### As we move into 2023...

So as we move towards the end of a busy first term and into 2023, I would like to firstly thank our amazing team at Ab Kettleby who work tirelessly to inspire our children on a daily basis. Thank you as always to our parents for your continued support and of course, to our small but mighty children who make it all worthwhile.

On behalf of all of us at Ab Kettleby Primary School, we would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed in the new year!

Andrea Brown  
Headteacher