



Abbot Beyne School

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had an excellent first week back with the highlight being the Year 7 trip to Whitemoor Lakes. I am actually writing this on Thursday afternoon as I am off tonight to go and spend the evening with 140 Year 7 students. My thanks goes out to the staff across the whole school that give up their own time so that this trip is able to go ahead.

If you are a parent of a child in Year 11, you should have received a message regarding Saturday club. Saturday club takes place every Saturday at Evershed from 9am to 12pm. It is for students to come along and complete homework, revision or get extra help from their teachers. Students do not have to come every week but we have found that those students who have taken up this opportunity are able to enjoy the rest of their weekends more as their work is out of the way and have achieved better results in their GCSEs.

On Friday 15th November it is Children in Need. As usual, we are having a non-uniform day and all money received will go straight to this worthwhile charity. Please login to ParentPay before next Friday to make your contribution.

As is the way of the world, Technology and AI is making our lives much easier. We have noticed this with a minority of students and their homework, especially homework set on Sparx. In the past, when we went to school, we always had the option to copy someone else's homework. AI means we can ask someone to tell us the answer. The way Sparx is set up, if a student constantly gets the answers correct in an incredibly quick time, it will make the questions more difficult, possibly beyond a student's level of understanding. I am not asking you to watch your child complete their homework, but now and then please have a check that they are not using AI to complete it. There are videos on Sparx designed to help students but they do not just tell them the answer, they teach them how to solve the problem.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. My daughter turns 18 on Saturday. I cannot believe I now have an adult as a child.

Kind regards

Mr Jamie Tickle

Headteacher