

We break up on Friday 20th December and return to school on Tuesday 7th January.

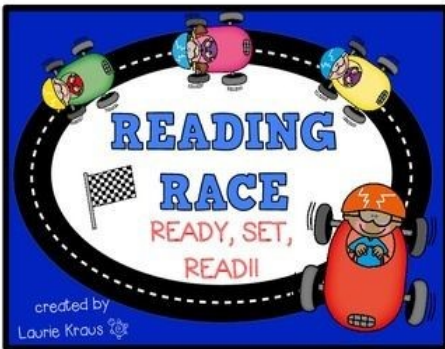


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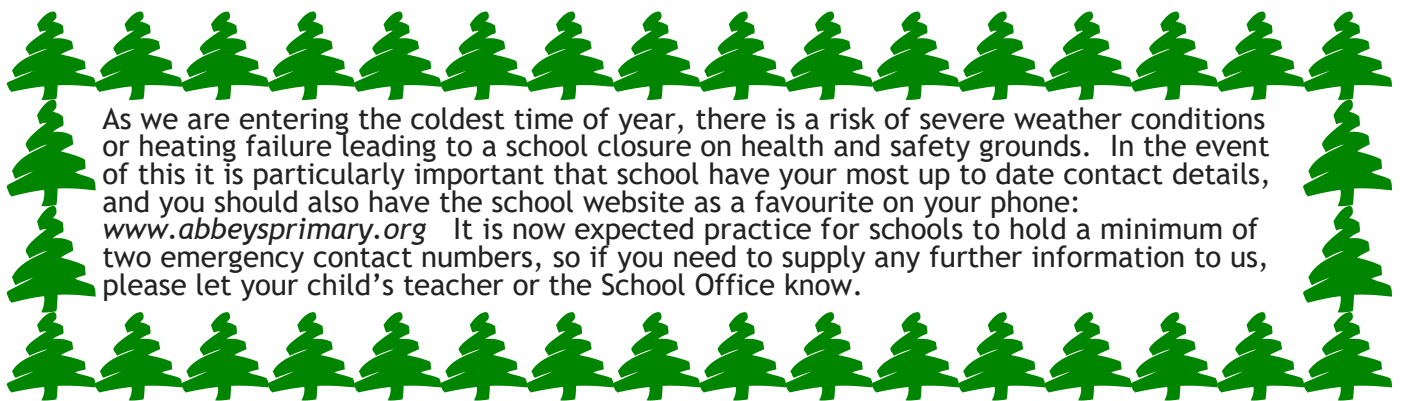
Dear Abbeys' Families

As we reach the end of the Autumn term, I'm sure that everybody is looking forward to having the chance to relax at some point over the Christmas break with family and friends. It has been a long term, but although the staff and children are all feeling ready for the holidays, school has been a hive of activity throughout December. It has been lovely to welcome families into school for the Nativity performances from our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children. The Key Stage 2 Carol concert at St Mary's Church was also a really special evening. Throughout December, our school choir have been busy entertaining in the local community, with visits to Flowers House and Bletchley Sainsburys, as well as St Mary's Church Christmas party and the Frank Moran Centre Christmas Fair.



**The Abbeys Reading Race:** All classes are currently competing in a Reading Race to see how many children from each class are reading regularly at home. As part of home learning, our expectation is that every child should read at home at least four times each week, for 10 minutes minimum. A quick note in your child's planner each time they read will help to track how well they are doing.

The class who are the first to reach the end of the racetrack on our display in the main hall will receive a special prize, so please help to support your child's developing reading skills by hearing them read and signing their planner. **Reading unlocks learning!**



As we are entering the coldest time of year, there is a risk of severe weather conditions or heating failure leading to a school closure on health and safety grounds. In the event of this it is particularly important that school have your most up to date contact details, and you should also have the school website as a favourite on your phone: [www.abbeyprimary.org](http://www.abbeyprimary.org) It is now expected practice for schools to hold a minimum of two emergency contact numbers, so if you need to supply any further information to us, please let your child's teacher or the School Office know.

And finally... Congratulations to Isabelle Devereux in Early Years, the Winner of our 2019 Abbeys Christmas Card design competition. Isabelle's design will be featured on all the cards we send out within the community. Highly Commended entries which also impressed the judges came from Ope Ogungbemi and Ryley Deering. Well done children!

Mrs Sophie Good  
Headteacher

**After-School Clubs:**

Spring 1 clubs will start on Thursday 16th January. If you have applied for Spring term clubs you will be notified by Monday 13th January of your child's place.

