



Abbey Road News

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Dear Parents/Carers

Attendance

We are committed to ensuring that every child attends school regularly, as we know how vital good attendance is for children's learning and development.

In response to the recently published Department for Education (DfE) guidance on improving attendance in schools, we have updated our attendance policy. To help parents to understand the key changes and expectations, we have created a two-page summary which I have attached together with this letter. For those who would like more detailed information, the full policy is available on our school website. [Pupil-Attendance-Policy-2024.pdf \(abbeyroadprimary.co.uk\)](#)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of the policy, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

As part of this update, we have changed our system for leave of absence requests. All future requests will need to be made online, using this link or QR code. These are both available on our school website and the school office also have a copy of the QR code for parents to scan.

<https://forms.office.com/e/836W8Kfg3B>

APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL
LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM
TIME



HSA Update

After seven years of outstanding service, I would like to say a huge thank you to Josi Hollis, our wonderful HSA Chair, who has now stepped down from her role. She has been the driving force behind so many fantastic community events, raising invaluable funds for the school.

Josi's passion for making school life enjoyable for the children has left a lasting impression, and we are incredibly grateful for everything she has achieved during this time, together with the wider HSA team.

Also, a big welcome to our new Chair, Lyndsey Wheeler. We look forward to working together and seeing the continued success of our HSA.

Governor Thanks

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Lisa Spedding, our long-serving Chair of Governors, who has recently stepped down after twelve incredible years of service, ten of which have been as Chair.

Throughout this time, she has demonstrated unwavering support and dedication to our school community. Her wisdom, leadership, and passion have played a vital role in shaping Abbey Road's direction and success. On behalf of everyone at the school, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Lisa and wish her all the best in the future.

Later this term, we will be inviting nominations for new Parent Governors to join our Governing Body. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to become more involved in the life of our school and to contribute to shaping its future direction. As a Parent Governor, you will play a key role in supporting the school's leadership, representing the views of parents, and helping to ensure the best outcomes for all our children. Please keep an eye out for a letter with more details about the nomination process. We encourage all interested parents to consider applying – your involvement could make a real difference!

Staffing Update

We are pleased to announce that after a rigorous recruitment process, we have appointed two new members of our school team. We welcome Grace Cooper, who will be joining us as our new School Business Manager, and Simon Elson, who will be taking up the role of Site Manager. Both bring a wealth of experience and skills, and we look forward to working with them as part of our school community. Please join us in congratulating them and offering them a warm welcome when they take up their posts during the half-term ahead,

'Making Sense of Autism' coffee morning at Abbey Road Primary School Tuesday 26th November 9:15am to 11:45am

On 26th November, we will be hosting a tea and coffee morning for parents and carers, with a visitor speaking about autism. The visitor is a specialist teacher from the Nottinghamshire Local Authority Communication and Interaction team and she will be here to help build understanding. She will look at the three main areas of difference in autism and how these can affect autistic children. This event is intended to be very informal, and is an opportunity to find out more and chat with other parents too. It is open to any interested parent/carer regardless of whether their child has an Autism diagnosis or not. If you would like to attend, please can you email our SENDCo at send@abbeyroadprimary.co.uk to book a place.

Terracycle Project

Last year, we invited you to bring your old/broken drinks bottles and food containers to be recycled (Thanks to Katherine Rooke for promoting this – we sent about 9kg of plastic to be recycled!).

Katherine has been liaising with Mrs Amin and our Eco Club about a further recycling opportunity where participating primary schools will have a chance to win playground equipment (made from recycled plastic!), as well as a food container and reusable bottle for each child.

A collection box will be available in our main entrance. The poster on the left details the items that can and can't be accepted for recycling. Thank-you.

The Food Storage Container and Reusable Bottle Free Recycling Programme



Yes please

Any brand plastic reusable lunch boxes
Any brand plastic reusable water bottles

No thank you

Glass containers or lids
Plastic Take away containers

Thank-you for Harvest Donations

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and families for their overwhelming generosity in supporting our Harvest collection. The amount of food items sent into school was incredible, and we are pleased to share that everything has been collected by the Friary Drop-in Centre. The Centre does wonderful work supporting homeless and vulnerable people in our local area, and your contributions will go a long way in helping those in need. Thank you again for your kindness and support!



History in Action

Today, our Year 6 pupils have travelled back in time to the 1940s as part of their immersive visit to Beaumanor Hall. Taking on the roles of wartime evacuees, they will experience what life was like during this time. From learning about rationing while shopping for essentials to spending time in a replica public shelter, they will get a real sense of the uncertainty and atmosphere of an air raid. This hands-on experience brings history to life in a way that will hopefully stay with the children for years to come.



Abbey Park Website

We have received a communication from the treasurer of The Abbey Park Community Association, who has set up a website for the locality <https://www.abbeyparkng.com>, which contains web links to several different pages for visitors to gain information.

Dates for the Term Ahead

Friday 18 th October	Y6 visit to Beaumanor Hall (World War II themed day)
Monday 21 st October to Friday 1 st November	Half term
Thursday 7 th November	HSA Disco 6.15-7.15 - Reception & KS1 7.30-8.30 – KS2
11 th – 13 th November	Hathersage residential – 4G
13 th – 15 th November	Hathersage residential – 4P
w/b Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 26 th November	‘Making Sense of Autism’ coffee morning 9.15-11.45
Wednesday 27 th November	Equals Trust storytelling event – Year 6 group
Thursday 28 th November	Year 5 visit to National Space Centre
Friday 6 th December	HSA Christmas Fair (after school)
Tuesday 10 th December – 9.30-10.15 Thursday 12 th December – 9.30-10.15	Reception Nativity
Tuesday 10 th December – 1.45-2.30 Wednesday 11 th December – 9.30-10.15	Year 1 Nativity
Monday 16 th December	Year 1 grandparent’s afternoon
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 1 visit to Nottingham Playhouse
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 3 visit to Cresswell Crag
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19 th December	Pantomime - Years 2–6 (in school)
Friday 20 th December	2.45pm – Outdoor Carol Service (weather permitting!)
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term
Monday 6 th January 2024	Back to school

Best wishes for a happy half term break to all the children!

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