



Abbey Road News

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome!

It has been so lovely to see everyone again - rested, refreshed and raring to go after the long summer holiday. Children have looked really smart for their first days of the new school year (shiny and polished, as Mrs Mitchell put it last week!) and they have been super-busy catching up with friends, working hard and impressing their new teachers! I would like to give a big Abbey Road welcome to our new Sunshines and Rainbows, who came together for the first time today. They are settling in brilliantly and appear to be taking everything in their stride as they learn new names and routines. I know that Mrs Simister, Miss Pearson and the EYFS team are really enjoying getting to know them all. Welcome also to new children who have joined other year groups. I hope that their first days at Abbey Road have been happy ones!

Congratulations!

Three members of the Abbey Road staff team have exciting news to share with you all...

Firstly, Mrs Turner became a very proud mum to twin boys, Ruben and Isaac, who were born on Tuesday 24th July (exactly the same day as their big brother, Caleb!). All are doing very well indeed.

Then, during the summer holidays, Miss Pearson got married and is now Mrs Pearson - and finally, Miss Tomkiss got married and we are all getting to used to calling her Mrs Lovett (she wore a name badge for the first day to help us all out!) Congratulations to all three lovely ladies.

School Holidays 2019/20

Even though we have only just reached the end of the 2018 summer holiday, it is probably worth informing/reminding you all at this early stage in the school year that the holiday pattern will be changing for the academic year 2019/20. Summer holidays are being cut shorter by a week and October half term will be extended to two weeks. This change was made following a council led consultation in 2017. Mrs McNeill will be sharing these dates with you via email but they are also published on the Nottinghamshire County Council website.

Summer Holiday Refurbishment Works

During the summer holidays, toilet blocks for both Years 2 and 4 were upgraded, which means that all cloakrooms in school have now been modernised. Year 2 also took delivery of new classroom furniture and the classes are looking really smart and also enjoying being next door to each other for the first time in a number of years!

In the school hall, a new audio-visual system has been installed, thanks to funds raised by the HSA, and it is already proving to be incredibly useful for assemblies and PE lessons.

Later in the year, we plan to resurface some paths and play areas around school. If anyone knows of any companies specialising in this area, we would be happy to receive any contact details as it has proved quite difficult to obtain quotes and good references so far!

Extra Curricular Clubs

Together with this letter, you should receive a timetable detailing all of the extra-curricular clubs and activities on offer to the children this term. Further details regarding each activity will be distributed to relevant year groups by leading teachers/coaches.

Accessibility Arrangements

We have an Accessibility Policy in school, which outlines our commitment to meeting the needs of children and adults with disabilities or those who require alternative access arrangements either permanently, or for a fixed term. One aspect of this policy is an action plan, which we review on an annual basis. If you have any accessibility requirements, please let me know so that we can consider how we can best support you.

Crossdale 11k and Fun Run

The Crossdale 11k and Fun Run takes place on Sunday 16th September and there is still time to enter. Last year, a small group of children from Abbey Road entered the race for the first time and managed to pick up the school's team trophy! You may have noticed from my title that this year, the adult's 10k race has grown slightly to 11k as course organisers have added an extra kilometre, including a new hill! However, the Fun Run remains the same – a 2.3km out-and-back route between Crossdale School and Plumtree Cricket Club. Both courses are entirely off-road.

The 11k is scheduled to start at 10am, with the Fun Run setting off, shortly afterwards, at 10.05am.

For further details of the event and for booking information visit: www.crossdale10k.co.uk

School Uniform

Children looked really smart this week in their new uniform and shiny shoes! We are keen to maintain this standard throughout the year and so here is a reminder of our uniform policy.

Boys	Girls
Grey trousers or grey school shorts White shirt or white polo shirt Navy blue sweatshirt (with or without logo) Plain dark or white socks Plain black shoes	Grey/navy skirt or pinafore dress Grey/navy trousers or shorts White shirt or white polo shirt Blue and white checked dress (summer/warm weather) Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without logo) Plain dark or white socks Plain black shoes (no sandals, high heels or boots above ankle height)

Although many children wear the navy blue jackets and fleeces supplied by Kit Out, these are optional as there is no colour specification for coats within our uniform policy.

PE Kit

For PE lessons children should wear navy or black shorts and a white t-shirt or navy 'Abbey Road' sports T-shirt.

Plain dark tracksuit trousers and sweatshirt should be provided for outdoor PE on cold days. (Classes continue to go outside for PE throughout the winter.)

KS1: Plimsolls and/or trainers (child should be able to put them on and secure them independently)

KS2: Trainers

Swimming (Years 3 and 4) Girls need to wear a one-piece costume and boys need trunks, not loose-fitting shorts.

Please consult the Head Teacher if you request a modification of uniform for religious or cultural reasons.

Dates for the Term Ahead

Tuesday 11 th September	9am – ‘Tea & Tissues’ coffee morning for EYFS parents
Thursday 13 th September	5.30pm – Year 2 information evening for parents (in Class 2WH) 6.00pm – Year 1 information evening for parents (in school hall)
Friday 14 th September	Swimming starts for Class 3SP
Tuesday 18 th September	Year 6 to Safety Zone (am)
Tuesday 25 th September	6.30pm – Year 6 information evening for parents (in school hall)
Friday 28 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning – from 8.45am
Tuesday 9 th October	6.30pm – Information evening for Foundation Stage parents re: phonics and reading (in school hall)
Tuesday 16 th October	6.30pm – Year 4 information evening for parents re: Hathersage residential
Tuesday 23 rd October	Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Day
Tuesday 23 rd October	Parents Evening (4.00-7.00pm)
Thursday 25 th October	Parents Evening (4.00-7.00pm)
Friday 26 th October	Flu immunisations – EYFS to Year 5
Friday 26 th October	Year 6 to Beaumanor Hall
Monday 29 th October – Friday 2 nd November	Half term
Thursday 8 th November	Disco
Friday 9 th November	Swimming starts for Class 3M
Monday 12 th – Wednesday 14 th November	Class 4M to Hathersage
Wednesday 14 th – Friday 16 th November	Class 4A to Hathersage
w/b Monday 12 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 20 th November	Sleep Workshop for Parents
Thursday 22 nd November	Year 5 to Galleries of Justice
Tuesday 18 th December	Year 3 to Cresswell Crag
Friday 21 st December	Last day of term
Monday 7 th January 2019	Back to school

Plenty more dates will be added over the coming weeks and we will continue to share these with you via Newsletters and our website. My monthly newsletters are one way in which we share school news with you all but we also share news via our twitter feed (@AbbeyRoadSchool) and school website.

We are all excited and ready for the new school year ahead and look forward to working with you.

Best wishes,

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