



Abbey Road News

Wednesday 7th September 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back!

The year has got off to a great start and it has been lovely to hear the sound of happy children back in school again. They have been super-busy catching up with friends, working hard and impressing their new teachers.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Sunshine and Rainbow families. The children have settled in brilliantly and enjoyed getting to know their new teachers and classroom spaces. Hopefully, all Reception parents and carers have received an invite to our coffee and cake morning at 9am on Thursday 8th September. Whether you are brand new to school, or have older siblings with us already, you are very welcome to come and join us in the school hall and start your day with company and cake!

The School Day

It was great to see everyone arrive at school on time for the first day back. I have received a few questions about the timings of our day and so here is a quick reminder...

Children should arrive at school between 8.40 and 8.50am and go straight to their classroom, where they will be met at the door by classroom staff. Parents are able to pass quick messages on to teachers/teaching assistants at this time, but if you are looking to discuss anything at greater length, you will need to arrange a meeting at a separate time (either by asking the class teacher at the beginning or end of the day, writing a note or calling/emailing the school office or year group account (eg: year3@abbeyroadprimary.co.uk).

Lessons begin at 8.50am and all children should be in school by this time. Typically, classroom doors will close at this time and it can be very unsettling for a child to enter their class once the day has started.

If you are experiencing any difficulties in getting your child to school on time, for whatever reason, please contact us to let us know. We are keen to help!

Any child arriving at school between 8.55 and 9.10am will be marked as 'late' in the register. Internal gates will be locked from 8.55am and all children will need to report to the school office from this time.

If a child arrives at school after 9.10am, this will be marked as 'unauthorised absence', unless they are late due to a medical appointment or exceptional circumstances.

Our school day officially ends at 3.30pm. To support the safe handover of children to parents, teachers may start to dismiss pupils from 3.25pm, if carers are present. Older children, who are walking home unaccompanied, will not be dismissed until 3.30pm.

I will also just add a reminder that we ask children not to scoot or cycle on the paths around school as they do get very busy at the start and end of the day, and we really appreciate your support with this.

Baby News!

Congratulations to Mrs Pearson, who is expecting her second baby in the spring term. Her maternity leave dates are not yet confirmed, but we will communicate this information with class parents once agreed.

School Uniform

Children have looked really smart this week, with their bright, white shirts and shiny shoes!

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you to take the time to write/iron your child's name into their school uniform, coat and PE kit. We started the year with empty lost property trunks and are already finding brand new jumpers and coats discarded around school, many of which have no names in at all. Please know that it is virtually impossible to reunite children with their clothing when garments aren't labelled and I know from experience the frustration that lost uniform causes!

We do have a lot of spare uniform in school and our HSA regularly holds playground sales, where parents can pick up pre-worn clothes for a fraction of the price of new garments. If you need any assistance with sourcing uniform in between these sales, please contact the school office as we can always help out.

Children can continue to arrive at school dressed in their PE kit, on the days they have PE. This must follow our school uniform requirements, as specified below:

- White t-shirt/polo shirt (or navy 'Abbey Road' t-shirt)
- Navy/black shorts and navy/black joggers or leggings
- Plimsolls/trainers
- Plain navy or black sweatshirt or hoodie (no big logos please)

Our PE Timetable is as follows:

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| Reception | Friday | |
| Year 1 | Monday | Thursday |
| Year 2 | Tuesday | Wednesday |
| Year 3 | Wednesday | Friday |
| Year 4 | Tuesday | Thursday |
| Year 5 | Tuesday | Thursday |
| Year 6 | Wednesday | Friday |

Lunchtime Supervisor - Job Opportunity

We are looking to employ two new lunchtime supervisors, to start work as soon as possible. Employment is during the school day and term time only, so it could be a great opportunity for someone with children of school age.

The role involves working for an hour and a quarter over the lunchtime period each day, although if you are only able to work for part of the week, job share arrangements will be considered.

Pay: £9.50 per hour

Our midday team are a friendly and positive group and they work really hard to help the children to have a happy lunchtime. I would be very grateful if you could take time to consider whether this position would be of interest to you, or someone you know.

For further information please visit [Vacancies – Abbey Road Primary School](#) or contact Gail Hill: 0115 9748055 or sbm@abbeyroadprimary.co.uk.

Happy's Circus

Happy's Circus will be returning to Abbey Road on Thursday 15th September. To help us get into the circus spirit, children are invited to come to school dressed in bright, colourful clothes for the day, or to wear circus-themed fancy dress. (PE lessons will take place as planned so clothing will need to be appropriate for physical activity for these year groups.

The HSA have arranged for a magician to spend the day in school; performing to all year groups.

Tickets for 7pm performance are completely sold out but there are still a few available for the earlier, 5pm show. Please visit www.pta-events.co.uk/abbeyroadhsa to secure your seats.

The HSA would also be very grateful for some additional volunteers to help out before the two performances. If you are able to lend a hand for an hour during the evening, please email abbeyroadhsa@gmail.com.

Extra-Curricular Activities

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.

Rushcliffe Food Bank

Just a reminder that Abbey Road School is a drop-off point for the Rushcliffe Food Bank. Any donations of food and other essential items would be very gratefully received. They are currently urgently requesting any of the following:

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| rice | noodles | pasta sauce | fish |
| tinned potatoes | peanut butter | tinned vegetables | flour |
| long-life milk | tinned fruit | rice pudding | sugar |
| hot chocolate | spaghetti hoops | tea | soup |
| tinned tomatoes | tinned meat | pulses | cereal |
| Coffee (small jar) | packet desserts | rice pudding | oil |

A collection box is permanently situated in the main entrance to school.

Parking Outside School

We have been working together with St. Edmund Campion, local councillors, local police officers and Nottinghamshire County Council to look at ways we can make the journey to and from school safer for everyone and reduce the volume of traffic in this area.

On Monday, we came together at the end of the day so that everyone involved could see the situation for themselves. Sadly, but exactly as expected, we witnessed quite a typical scene, with a number of parents and carers from both schools parking illegally, carrying out dangerous manoeuvres and showing little regard for the rules in place, for pedestrians and local residents.

For a while, the road was completely gridlocked, which I know is a regular occurrence. Cars were then forced to make three-point turns in tight spaces and those travelling on foot or by bike or scooter had to dodge these vehicles.

I have written this request in my newsletter a number of times, but please can I ask again that if you absolutely need to drive to school, park further away, where the roads are less congested, and walk the last part of your journey. We have been advised that parents are welcome to use the car park of the Willow Tree pub, which is only a short walk away, rather than pulling into Tewkesbury Close.

Via (Nottinghamshire County Council's traffic management service) have assured us that changes will be made to improve the situation, although some of these measures will take time to introduce. In the short-term, we have been told that there will be an increased traffic warden/police presence.

You can also contact Nottinghamshire County Council via an online form to request the presence of their CCTV cars, used to enforce parking outside of schools:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/road-safety/cctv-vehicle-enforcement/request>.

Dates for the Term Ahead

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| Thursday 8th September | 9am – Coffee and Cake welcome morning for EYFS parents |
| Thursday 8 th September | Tour of Britain – race begins on Central Avenue, West Bridgford. Abbey Road pupils help to start the race! Tour of Britain Nottinghamshire County Council |
| Thursday 8 th September | Information evening for Year 1 parents – 5.30pm |
| Friday 9 th September | Swimming starts for Class 3M |
| Thursday 15 th September | Magician Visit (funded by the HSA) |
| Thursday 15 th September | Happy's Circus – evening shows at 5pm and 7pm (doors open at 4pm and 6pm) |
| Friday 23 rd September | Year 6 visit to Safety Zone event |
| Tuesday 27 th September | Hathersage information evening for Year 4 parents |
| Friday 30 th September | MacMillan Coffee Morning – 8.15-9.30am |
| Friday 30 th September | Flu Vaccines for Reception to Year 6 (written consent required – please look out for email sent on 01/09/22) |
| Monday 3 rd October | Individual and sibling photos (Wrates) <i>Children with younger and older siblings, not at Abbey Road, can pop into school from 8.15 to have family photos taken. All other individual and sibling photos will be taken during the school day.</i> |
| Friday 7 th October | Year 5 visit to the National Justice Centre |
| Tuesday 11 th October | Parents Evening (4.00-7.00pm) |
| Thursday 13 th October | Parents Evening (4.00-7.00pm) |
| Friday 14 th October | Year 6 visit to Beaumanor Hall |
| Monday 17 th – Friday 28 th October | Half term |
| Monday 31 st October | INSET Day |

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| Thursday 3 rd November | HSA Disco |
| Friday 4 th November | Swimming starts for Class 3SP |
| Mon 7 th – Wed 9 th November | Class 4A residential visit to Hathersage |
| Wed 9 th – Fri 11 th November | Class 4P residential visit to Hathersage |
| w/b Monday 14 th November | Anti-Bullying Week |
| Wednesday 21 st December | Last day of term |
| Wednesday 4 th January 2023 | 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.

Best wishes,

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