



# Abbey Road News

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**Dear Parents/Carers**

## Beaumanor Adventure

Year 2 have returned from their overnight adventure to Beaumanor Hall. The children had a fabulous time and staff have been full of praise for our young travellers, some of whom were staying away from home for the first time. The children took part in a variety of activities and had lots of fun in the sunshine with friends. I believe they even managed to get plenty of sleep!



## Congratulations Year 6!

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 6 pupils, who undertook their end of year assessments (SATs) last week. We will not find out the children's scores until they are shared with us in July. However, whatever the results, we couldn't be prouder of the children, who approached last week with the best attitudes, ready to share what they had learned and determined to try their very best (even with the notoriously difficult reading paper!). They were also really supportive of each other, which was lovely to see. Friday afternoon's visit from the ice cream van was very well deserved!



## Dinner Money – Ready Reckoner

For those who like to pay for school meals for the whole half term ahead, the cost for the final half term of the school year will be £96.20 (a weekly charge of £13.00).

## Staffing News

Following a rigorous recruitment process, Charlotte Lever has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher and Michael Jones as Assistant Headteacher for September 2023. We are delighted to have Mrs Lever stepping into the Deputy role alongside Tina Horton and we are very much looking forward to welcoming Mr Jones into the Abbey Road team.

As Mrs Lever will be spending some time out of the classroom from September as part of her new role, we are currently recruiting for a new teacher to join us. We are also seeking two new teaching assistants to support individual children with SEND across school.

As soon as we have pieced the staffing jigsaw together, we will share news of which teachers will be working in which year groups for the academic year ahead.

## INSET Days 2023/24

Governors have approved our INSET days for 2023/24 and they are as follows:

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## Lost Property

Our lost property bins are currently full to overflowing! If your child has lost any items of clothing in recent weeks, please check our lost property tubs (by the green shed near our Forest School area) before half term. Items that are not labelled and remain uncollected will be donated to the HSA or clothing bank.

## Medical Needs

If there are any changes to the medical needs for your child, please can you get in touch to let us know. It is vitally important that our medical records are up to date. It may be that your child has recently been prescribed with an inhaler or no longer needs an inhaler that was previously prescribed. Even where school are not involved in administering medication, it is still important that we are aware of any medical conditions, including allergies. Please email [alison.lovett@abbeyroadprimary.co.uk](mailto:alison.lovett@abbeyroadprimary.co.uk) with details.

## Playground

Huge thanks to parents who responded to our DIY SOS call! They did a great job of building the new playground storage units, which are now in full use and being enjoyed by children of all ages. Thank-you as well to families who donated additional toys to the boxes.

We would still be very happy to accept donations, so if you are having a clear out and have any of the following toys that are no longer played with at home, we would be extremely grateful.

- plastic or wooden animals (including dinosaurs)
- baby doll accessories
- plastic or wooden castle figures (knight, dragon, princess etc)
- Playmobil
- Hama beads (for Year 1 craft table)



## Teachers 2 Parents

This is just a reminder to parents that emails received from our Teachers2Parents app, are sent from a 'no reply' service. If you do want to respond or to get in touch with the office, please email: [office@abbeyroadprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@abbeyroadprimary.co.uk)

## Rushcliffe – Secondary Applications

As our Year 6 children prepare for the transition to secondary school, I thought it might be a good time to share important admissions information with parents of younger children. Abbey Road is a feeder school for Rushcliffe Spencer Academy and most of our children move on to this school. Rushcliffe is heavily over-subscribed, and it is important for parents to understand the oversubscription criteria, which includes attendance at a linked primary school (such as Abbey Road) **and** living within the school's catchment area. For more information, here is a link to the Admissions Policy: [Admissions-Policy-Rushcliffe.pdf \(rushcliffespencer.com\)](https://www.rushcliffespencer.com/Admissions-Policy-Rushcliffe.pdf)

The above criteria is similarly applied by The West Bridgford School, which also receives more applications each year than there are places.

Both of the above schools hold open evenings for Year 6 children in the autumn term and this event provides parents with more information about school admissions. However, with the closing date for applications being soon after this, it is useful to understand the criteria beforehand.



## World Earth Day 2023

Thank-you to our Eco Councillors for sharing their learning about environmental issues and endangered animals during World Earth Day. The group led assemblies for all children in school and encouraged teachers to continue the theme back in their classrooms. We also enjoyed looking at some of the fabulous artwork created by children as part of the art challenge. A number of sculptures have taken pride of place in the school entrance.

As part of Earth Day, we raised £179 for the World Wildlife Fund – many thanks for your contributions.

Our Eco Council have also worked very hard to earn the Eco Schools 'Green Flag' award for Abbey Road. You may have noticed the flag flying proudly atop our new flagpole! Well done to our dedicated team of Councillors and thanks to Miss Wroe and Mrs Boughton for leading the group.



Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

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## Dates for the Term Ahead

Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Year 4 visit to Gunthorpe</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>INSET Day</b>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Year 6 visit to Broadway Cinema</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Year 6 drama workshop in school</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Class 3SP to Brackenhurst College – ‘Field to Fork’</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Class 3M to Brackenhurst College – ‘Field to Fork’</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Ultimate Frisbee tournament – year 6 team</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Rushcliffe Pupil Parliament – year 6 school councillors</b>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Year 6 residential to Mount Cook Adventure Centre</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Class photos</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Year 1 trip to Clip ‘n Climb</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>HSA Disco</b>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>Music Concert – 6.30pm</b> <i>If your child is in years 5 or 6, has music lessons outside of school and would like the opportunity to play in our music concert, please email <a href="mailto:head@abbeyroadprimary.co.uk">head@abbeyroadprimary.co.uk</a>. We are already liaising with music teachers for children who have lessons in school.</i>
w/b 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Sports/Health Week</b> <i>There will be a range of activities linked to physical activity, health and wellbeing taking place during the week. Some are listed below.</i>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>am – Key Stage 2 ‘Potted Sports’</b> <b>pm – Key Stage 2 Sports Day</b> <b>Reception, Y1 and Y2 – Mental Health and Wellbeing day</b>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Years 4-6 – Bike Club visit to Hicks Lodge National Cycling Centre</b> <b>pm - Key Stage 1 Sports Day</b>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Key Stage 2 – BMX/Scooter workshops</b>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Key Stage 2 – BMX/Scooter workshops</b>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 trampolining workshops</b> <b>Key Stage 2 – Mental Health and Wellbeing day</b> <b>After school – HSA Duathlon</b>
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 6 Bike Club cycling residential</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 6 Production at Rushcliffe Spencer Academy – Wizard of Oz</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>New parent meeting (Reception) – 5pm</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Non-uniform day – HSA Summer Fair</b>
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Summer Fair</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>End of year reports to parents</b>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 6 transition visit to Rushcliffe Spencer Academy</b> <b>Reception – Year 5 - ‘Move up morning’</b> <b>New Reception children visiting school</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 5 STEM day at Rushcliffe Spencer Academy</b>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Last day of term</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Summer holidays</b>