



# Abbey Road News

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**Dear Parents/Carers**

## Health & Wellbeing Week

Our health & wellbeing week has been a great success, with children enjoying lots of active learning. Feedback from children (and parents!) has been so positive. Many photos have been published on our website and Twitter feed, but here is just a small selection showing what the children have been up to...



Many thanks to staff for organising so many different activities to engage the children and support their health and wellbeing, and thanks to you for supporting our active travel initiative. The winning class will be announced next week!



## Music Concert

Our annual music concert is always a wonderful evening. To hear the children sing and perform is an absolute joy. Glee Club always bring enthusiasm and fine voice to the event, and we were

very impressed by the talents of our instrumentalists and orchestra. Music is a very important feature of our school, and I am very proud of everyone who took part, filling our hall with beautiful sound!





## Year 6 Residential

Year 6 made the most of their three days at Mount Cook Adventure Centre. The children enjoyed high adrenaline activities, working together and spending time with friends, excellent food... and using the vending machines!

Staff were full of praise for the year group, who were positive throughout and very supportive of each other.



## More Staffing News!

We have appointed two new teaching assistants to support individual children in school. Samantha Bakewell and Jessica Crooks will be joining the Abbey Road team from September.

We are also seeking a part-time office administrator, to work with our office team on a Wednesday and Thursday. This position has become available as the lovely Mrs McNeill will be reducing her hours from September, working on a Monday and Tuesday.

## Breaktime Snacks

We have always asked that children only eat healthy snacks at playtime. Fruit is provided for all children in Reception and Key Stage 1 and, for children who bring their own snacks from home, we define healthy snacks as fruit (dried or fresh), crunchy vegetables or low salt/sugar/fat items such as breadsticks, plain crackers or rice cakes.

We ask that the children do not eat crisps, sweets, chocolate bars or other high-sugar bars for breaktime snacks. You may choose to provide these items to form part of your child's lunch, if they bring a packed lunch from home. However, we are trying hard to encourage children not to eat too many high-salt, high-sugar foods. We are also keen to reduce the amount of disposable packaging used, as well as reducing litter on the playground.

Our School Council have been busy working on a written policy for Healthy Eating, which we will share with you in September. In the meantime, we will remind children of these rules at school and would appreciate your support in only providing healthy breaktime snack items. Many thanks.

Due to having a number of children in school with severe nut allergies, we ask that children don't bring whole nut products into school.



## Chessfest

Notts Chess Association invites you to join its celebration of 100 years of organised chess in the County. On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July, they will be holding a grand festival of chess at Trinity Square, between 10am and 4pm. There will be:

- Chess games, puzzles and challenges
- Giant boards and pieces to pick up with two hands
- Friendly chess coaching and help to get started
- A visiting chess master challenging you to a game
- Live action on a giant screen

Individuals, groups and families are all invited to take part completely free. Whether you are shopping, stopping for lunch, just passing-by, a chess enthusiast or just curious to find out more about the game, you are very welcome.

## INSET Days 2023/24

Here is a reminder of our INSET days for 2023/24:

- 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

These have been published on our school website, together with the calendar for 2023/24 school holidays. [School Holidays – Abbey Road Primary School](#)

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Best wishes,



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| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July        | <b>Year 6 Bike Club cycling residential</b>  |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July                                  | <b>Year 4 Viking Day</b>   |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July                                 | <b>Abbey Road's Got Talent</b> – Semi Finals   |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July  | <b>Year 6 Production at Rushcliffe Spencer Academy</b><br>Wizard of Oz - 7pm start   |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July                                | <b>New parent meeting</b> (Reception) – 5pm  |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July                                  | <b>Non-uniform day</b> – HSA Summer Fair   |
| Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July                                | <b>Summer Fair</b> – 12-3pm  |
| 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><br><b>Reception – Year 5 - 'Move up morning'</b><br><b>New Reception children visiting school</b> |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July  | <b>Year 1 visit to St. Luke's Church</b>   |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July                              | <b>Year 5 STEM day at Rushcliffe Spencer Academy</b>   |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July                                | <b>Year 6 Leavers' Assembly</b>  |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July                                | <b>Last day of term</b>  |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July                              | <b>Summer holidays</b>   |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September | <b>INSET days</b>  |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September                          | <b>Back to school!</b>   |