



Abbey Road News

Monday 11th September 2023

Abbey Road Primary School, Tewkesbury Close, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 5ND

Tel: 0115 9748055 E-mail: office@abbeyroadprimary.co.uk

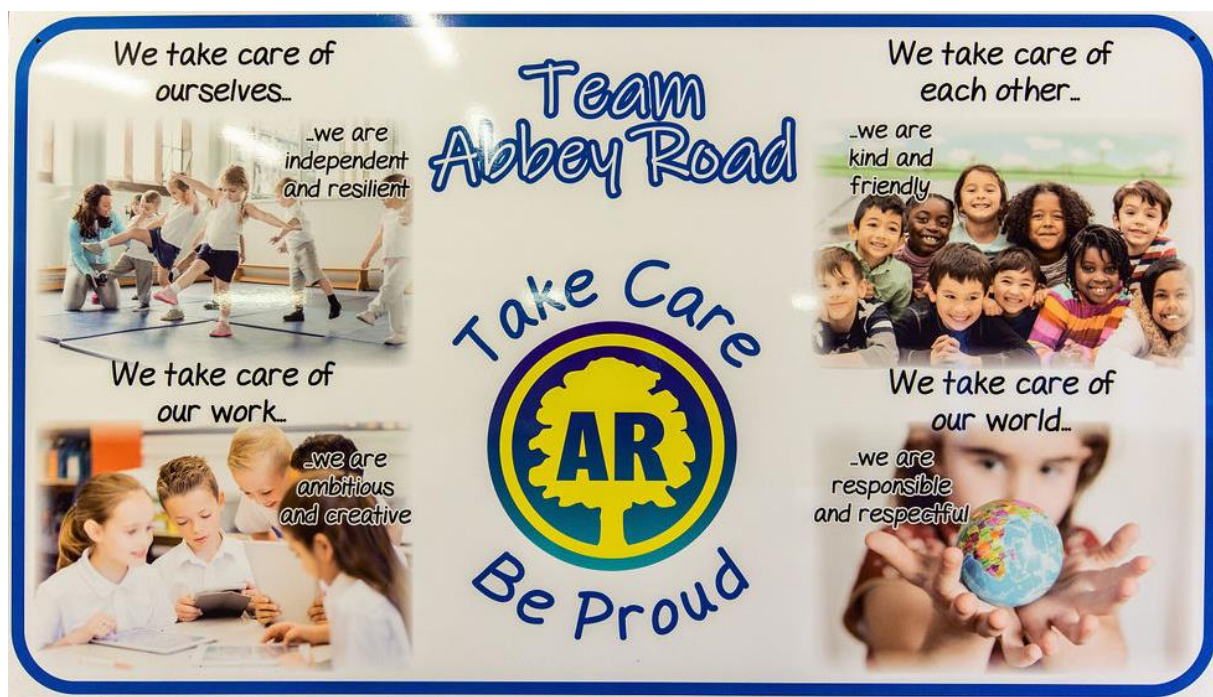
Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back!

It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school last week and hear the happy chatter of children, full of energy and tales to tell after the long summer holiday. It has been a pleasure spending time in classrooms and out on the playground, watching everybody reacquaint themselves with friends, teachers and school routines.

I'd like to give a big Abbey Road welcome to our new Sunshines and Rainbows, who are spending their first full days in school this week. They appear very much at home in their new setting already, and we are looking forward to getting to know each individual a whole lot more over the coming weeks. Welcome also to new children who have joined other year groups. I hope their first days with us have been happy ones – I know that our more experienced Abbey Roaders are always excited to welcome a new friend and we get to see our 'Take Care' code in action!

Our 'Take Care' values underpin everything we do here at Abbey Road. They help us to form our attitudes, guide our choices, and influence our behaviours and we share these values across our whole school community.



I aim to issue a newsletter once a month, sharing news of what we've been up to, together with lots of photographs. This month's newsletter is a little less colourful than usual, providing an opportunity to share some key information and reminders, as well as dates for the term ahead.

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.

School Uniform

Children have looked really smart for the new year - bright, white polo shirts and shiny shoes all round! 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)

If you need any support in obtaining school uniform, at any point in the school year, please let us know. We always have second-hand uniform available, that we are happy to donate. Drop into the school office or email office@abbeyroadprimary.co.uk to let us know what you need.

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 cardigans around school, many of which have no names in at all. 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!

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 [Vacancy Detail -SCH-ET-0032 - FaceEd \(face-ed.co.uk\)](#) or contact Gail Hill: 0115 9748055 or sbm@abbeyroadprimary.co.uk.

Safety Reminders

We have reminded all of the children not to use the playground play equipment before or after school (traverse wall, trim trails, bars, gym etc). We appreciate that some children are being closely supervised by parents/carers, but it is very difficult for us to monitor supervision when teachers are in classrooms or busy handing children over at the end of the day. Our outdoor after school clubs are also keen to begin their sessions and this is more difficult when children are using the playground space at hometime. We would really appreciate your support with this.

We also ask that children don't scoot or cycle on playgrounds and paths around school, unless they stay next to an adult. The reason we ask is because there have been a few incidents/injuries caused as a result and we want to avoid this happening again. Staff do issue regular reminders while outside, but we can't be present everywhere and so do rely on your support.

My final safety reminder is about the school car park - we know that lots of you cut through this area at the beginning and end of the school day. We just ask that you remind your children about the possibility of moving vehicles and supervise them closely in this space. Thank you so much.



Congratulations!

I always like to hear news of the children's successes outside of school. I often share these in my Monday assemblies and am happy for you to email me with details and photos/film. This morning, I shared an update regarding Matilda's flag design for the Tour of Britain cycle race. Matilda had the opportunity to wave her colourful design at the start of the race. She met lots of local celebrities, including the Sherriff of Nottingham!

We also watched the final of the under 14s Junior Touch Rugby national final. Tahlia, from Year 5 had the opportunity to play alongside much older girls and they won, with Tahlia scoring a fantastic try! Well done Matilda and Tahlia!



Dates for the Term Ahead

Tuesday 12 th September	HSA meeting – 8pm at the Willow Tree
Thursday 14 th September	Year 1 information evening for parents – 6pm
Wednesday 27 th September	Year 6 visit to Safety Zone
Wednesday 27 th September	Rushcliffe Year 6 open evening
Friday 29 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning – from 8am
Monday 2 nd October	Individual and sibling photographs
Thursday 5 th October	HSA AGM – 8pm at the Willow Tree
Monday 9 th October	Harvest Festival – collection for the Friary Drop-in Centre
Thursday 12 th October	HSA Disco 6.15-7.15 - Reception & KS1 7.30-8.30 – KS2
Tuesday 17 th and Thursday 19 th October	Parents evening – 4-7pm and Scholastic book fair
Thursday 19 th October	HSA cake sale (3.30pm on the front playground)
Friday 20 th October	INSET Day
Monday 23 rd October - Friday 3 rd November	Half term
Tuesday 7 th November	Storytelling workshops – Year 6
6 th – 8 th November	Hathersage residential – 4G
8 th – 10 th November	Hathersage residential – 4P
Monday 27 th November	Year 3 visit to Cresswell Crag
w/b Monday 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 22 nd December	Last day of term
Thursday 4 th January 2024	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,

Ly Toom