

# Abbey Road News

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Welcome

It has been lovely to have the Abbey Road family back together again, full of energy and tales to tell after the long summer holiday. We have enjoyed two very happy days and it has been a pleasure spending time in classes and out on the playground, watching everybody reacquaint themselves with friends, teachers and school routines.

Can I give a big Abbey Road welcome to our new Sunshines and Rainbows, who are spending their first mornings and afternoons in school this week. They appear very much at home in their new setting already and we are all 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 that their first days at Abbey Road have been happy ones – I know that our more experienced Abbey Roaders are always excited to welcome a new friend!

I aim to issue a newsletter at least once a month, sharing news of what we've been up to together with lots of photographs. But although children have been very busy during the last few days, this week's newsletter is more of an opportunity to issue a few reminders as we look forward to the year ahead...

## 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	Grey/navy skirt or pinafore dress
White shirt or white polo shirt	Grey/navy trousers or shorts
Navy blue sweatshirt (with or without logo)	White shirt or white polo shirt
Plain dark or white socks	Blue and white checked dress (summer/warm weather)
Plain black shoes	Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without logo)
<i>(Please note that fleeces sold by Kit Out are for outdoor wear and do not replace sweatshirts)</i>	Plain dark or white socks
	Plain black shoes (no high heels, platforms 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 receive a request for modification of uniform for cultural reasons.

## Arriving at School on Time

I would also like to maintain the standard we have set this week, in terms of children arriving at school on time in the morning. Our school day starts at 8.45am, when children are met on the playground by their class teachers and led to their classes to start the day.

Although 9am is the time detailed within our Attendance Policy where a child would be marked as being 'late', please be aware that by 9am, lessons have already begun. By this time, registers have been taken and children have already moved into groups to work with teachers and teaching assistants. A child arriving at 8.55am can already have missed the beginning of a taught session and it can be disruptive to the learning of other children when a teacher has to register a child after whole class registration has taken place.

Having a good attitude to being on time, as well as being ready and in the right frame of mind for the day ahead is a really good lesson to learn at primary school and I hope you will help the staff in encouraging this.

## PE Provision

Right at the end of the summer term, we learned that Mr Hastie, our PE teacher, had been successful in securing a coaching role in America. We wished him every success in his new venture and have since been busy finalising arrangements with Premier Sport, the company who we are going to be working with this year to support in the delivery of the Physical Education curriculum as well as provision of additional extra-curricular opportunities.

We will continue to work with DNF Coaching as well and after-school football and tennis clubs will continue this year.

The three Premier Sport coaches assigned to Abbey Road are Mr Hancock, Miss Middleton and Mr Haxton. All three are qualified to Level 3 coaching standard and will be working with Years 2 to 6 during the school day (delivering PE lessons during teachers Planning, Preparation & Assessment time) and offering after-school clubs to different year groups throughout the year. Children will meet the team in assembly next Monday.

## Extra Curricular Clubs

On the reverse of 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.

## Building Update

Earlier this week, I sent an email which provided you with an update regarding our building works. As you already know, we did experience a few unexpected delays, but it has been good to see the main structure of the extension start to appear during the last two days.

Year 1 have been enjoying their new 'outdoor classroom' and making the most of their time outside... come rain or shine! New carpets and classroom furniture have smartened up a number of classes in Years 4, 5 and 6 and we will continue to update different learning areas over the next few years.

## Accessibility

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.

## Dinner Money

Please remember that dinner money needs to be paid in advance via our online system. At the end of our last academic year, we had to issue reminders for over £500 of unpaid dinner money. Although each individual amount seemed small, they quickly add up!

For parents wishing to pay more than 1 week in advance, amounts are calculated below for your convenience.

£165.60 for the whole autumn term

£73.60 for the half term (autumn 1)

£11.50 per week

## New-look Website

We are currently in the process of building a new school website, which should be ready for 'launch' very soon. We hope that menus on the new site prove easier to navigate so that key information is easier to find. There are still a few things to add, but we're almost there.

## Dates for the Term Ahead

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>6.30pm – Information evening for KS2 parents re: New Reading Journals</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Swimming starts for Year 3 (Class 3M)</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>9.00-10.00am - 'Tea &amp; Tissues' – for new Foundation Stage parents</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Year 6 to Safety Zone</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Day</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>6.30pm – Information evening for Year 4 parents re: Hathersage residential</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>6.30pm – Information evening for Foundation Stage parents re: phonics and reading</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Individual &amp; family group photos</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Parents Evening (4.00-7.00pm)</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Parents Evening (4.00-7.00pm)</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Half term</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Disco</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Class 4M to Hathersage</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Class 4A to Hathersage</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Children in Need</b>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Year 3 to Cresswell Craggs</b>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Flu Vaccinations for Foundation Stage to Year 4 pupils</b>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Year 5 to Galleries of Justice</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>Last day of term</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	<b>Back to school</b>

Plenty more dates will be added over the coming weeks and we will continue to share these with you via Newsletters and our website.

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

**Kindest regards,**

**Ly Toom**