

## **Abbey Primary Newsletter 17.09.21**

### **School Uniform**



All children at Abbey Primary are expected to wear our school uniform which is both simple and inexpensive. We believe this shared identity helps children to work together for a common goal and to develop a sense of pride in being a member of the school community. Please mark all items of clothing with your child's name.

All children should wear:

- Abbey Primary School sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey long trousers for boys\*
- Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers for girls\*
- White plain polo shirt
- Black sensible school shoes (black trainers may also be worn but they must be completely black – including the sole)
- Grey socks (boys)
- White socks or grey tights for girls
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\* In Summer, shorts can be worn instead of trousers and girls may wear a blue/white gingham dress.

### **PE Uniform**

On PE days, children should wear their PE kit to school and stay in their PE kit all day.

- Royal blue or black PE shorts
- T-shirt in their house colour (red (fire), blue (water), green (earth) or yellow (air))
- Abbey Primary School sweatshirt or cardigan
- Jogging bottoms/leggings (in cooler weather). These should be a plain dark colour (black, navy or dark grey)
- Trainers for games lessons at both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

### **Hairstyling**

All shoulder length /long hair should be tied back using a plain black, white or blue hair band or scrunchie. Hair clips may also be worn but they should be small and in school colours. We request that patterns (including mohicans) are not shaved into the head as this is inappropriate for school.

### **Jewellery**

Children should not wear jewellery to school. If children must wear earrings, then a small pair of plain studs may be worn.

## Awesome Awards

The following children have been recognised by their teachers as being 'awesome' this week!

NS – Ariana S  
RC – Alex M  
RH – Zayanna A  
1E – William C  
1R – Alfie A  
2P – Teddie S  
2S – Jacob J  
3L – Samuel TH  
3W – Mitzie S  
4B – Chase L  
4S – Clara B  
5B – Dilaxan T  
5M – Shareef A  
6RB – Mariah OC  
6S – Danny OM



## Curriculum Meetings

We would like to remind you about our year group curriculum meetings that begin in the last week of September. As well as meeting the staff and finding out what your children will be learning, you will also have the opportunity to visit their new classrooms.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September** - Year 1 Curriculum meeting (2.30-3.00pm)

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September** - Year 2 Curriculum meeting (2.30-3.00pm)



**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September** - Year 3 Curriculum meeting (2.30-3.00pm)

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September** - Year 4 Curriculum meeting (2.30-3.00pm)

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October** - Year 5 Curriculum meeting (2.30-3.00pm)

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 6 Curriculum meeting (2.30-3.00pm)

We look forward to seeing you then.

## Online safety

In order to keep your child safe online, we would like to remind you of the ages restrictions for some Apps and games. Some Apps and games suggest an age restriction and may also require parental consent before allowing your child access.

Below is a general guide to age restrictions however certain apps may have versions for younger children. Parents should research this before allowing their children access.

Age Restrictions On Games And Social Media				
12+	13+	16+	17+	18+
Fortnite	TikTok Twitter Facebook Instagram Snapchat Spotify YouTube	WhatsApp	PUBG Mobile	Kik

We would suggest staying alert if your child is wearing a headset whilst playing games. For their safety you should ensure that you know who they are communicating with and what conversations are going on. Another option is for them to play without a headset so that all gameplay and conversations can be heard. This is something that we would urge Parents/Carers to check regularly.

Let's all work together to protect the safety of our children online!

### **National Teaching Assistant Appreciation Day**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September was National Teaching Assistant Appreciation Day and we decided to give our Teaching Assistants a 'Cream Tea' to demonstrate how much we appreciate them. They all work so hard supporting the children in our school and we wouldn't be without them.



### **Attendance**

Attendance is mandatory (and a parental duty) – we expect all children to be at school, unless they are self-isolating (due to coronavirus symptoms, and/or have tested positive, and/or have been contacted by NHS Test and Trace). Attendance is vital for the children's education, socialising and overall well-being,

including their economic prosperity and long-term health – children benefit hugely from being at school.

Attendance for the whole school this week was 88.5%. Well done 6S – best attendance this week!

RC	58.5%	RH	61.2%
1E	95.6%	1R	95.7%
2P	90.2%	2S	95.7%
3L	91.1%	3W	91.5%
4B	93.9%	4S	94.8%
5B	89.2%	5M	94.9%
6RB	88.5%	6S	95.8%



## **Recommended Read**

'Paradise on Fire' by Jewell Parker Rhodes.



From award-winning and bestselling author Jewell Parker Rhodes comes a powerful coming-of-age survival tale set during a devastating wildfire.

Haunted by a tragic fire that killed her parents and best friend, Addy has grown up in the Bronx with her grandmother, who enrolls her in a summer wilderness program. There, she joins five other city kids of colour to spend a summer out West. Deep in the forest, the kids learn new skills: camping, hiking, rock climbing, and more. They overcome their suspicion of their white guides and mentors. Most importantly, they learn to depend upon each other for companionship and survival. Then comes the great Camp Fire of 2018 and Addy comes face-to-face with her destiny. Remembering her origins and grandmother's teachings, will Addy be able to use her street smarts, wilderness skills, and spiritual intuition to survive?

This book is recommended for children between the ages of 10 and 13.

## **School Library**

Eagle-eyed parents will have noticed that the library is no longer situated in the room next to the school office. Rest assured though, that we do still have a library in school, it is now on the other side of the building near the reception classrooms. With the government's push on phonics and reading, we are in the process of updating and replenishing our stock of library books.



## **Parking Outside School**

We have been made aware that some parents are parking inconsiderately and illegally outside school. This is putting our children at risk. This is also upsetting to our neighbours who are unable to access their driveways at drop off and pick up times.

We understand that some parents need to drive to school. If you do, we ask that you leave home with plenty of time to park considerately and safely in the surrounding roads. This will ensure that we continue to keep congestion to a minimum, maintain a good relationship with the school's neighbours and help keep children safe around the school.

Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited. The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children. Parking on yellow zig-zags outside schools puts our children at risk.



## **Pupil Premium**

### **What is Pupil Premium?**

Pupil Premium is additional Government funding paid to schools for any pupils who qualify or who have qualified at any point in the last six years. Schools receive this funding to support their eligible pupils and narrow the attainment gap between them and their peers.

### **How do I apply?**

Please contact the school office to obtain the relevant form.

### **Who qualifies for Pupil Premium?**

You may qualify for Pupil Premium if you receive:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 The guaranteed element of State Pension Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190) Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Or has your child:

- Been in local-authority care for one day or more in England or Wales
- Been adopted from care in England or Wales
- Left care under a special guardianship order or residence order in England or Wales

### **Why should I apply?**

Although all Infant children are eligible for a free school meal from September 2014, if you meet the requirements, please still register for Free School Meals in order for your child's school to receive additional funding.

Examples of how schools may use the funding include:

- Subsidising school trips or uniforms
- Extra-curricular activities
- New technology
- Additional resources eg. books, computers, sports equipment

### **Do I apply for each child?**

Yes, if you have more than one child please apply for each child. The Pupil Premium grant is paid per child rather than per family.

### **Questions?**

If you have any questions, please ask at the office.





## **All Aboard Club – play sessions for autistic and ADHD children**

All Aboard Club runs play sessions for autistic and ADHD children, where they can build their confidence, develop their social skills and just be themselves.



We provide a safe, understanding, and inclusive environment for the children to enjoy their trains.

The children are in charge. They can run trains around the track or build their own track. They can choose from boxes and boxes of trains, track, tunnels, and bridges. Parents are often surprised by how relaxed, focused and calm their children are during our 2-hour play sessions

All our staff have lived experience of autism and ADHD and have professional experience with SEN children. We have designed our child-led play sessions to reduce the children's sensory and social challenges and allow them to play together.

Click on the link below to see where and when the next sessions are. The next one in Sutton is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

[Play sessions > All Aboard Club](#)

### **Spotlight on.....Mrs Campbell**

Hello, I am Mrs Campbell. I am a Teaching Assistant and have worked at Abbey for 14 years. I am currently working in Year 3 but have supported our children in all year groups. I am also an ELSA and provide support for children who are going through a difficult time. I have assisted Mrs Morris in running our fantastic Singing Club for the last 12 years (which I love!). I enjoy going to the theatre and I love musicals! My weekends are filled with entertaining my gorgeous grandson. Please come and say 'hi' if you see me around the school.



## **Sutton Schools Nursing Service**



Children, young people and families with any concerns can contact the school nursing service via phone. For parents, the school nursing duty line number **0208 770 5409** from Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. For children and young people who require support, the contact number is **0208 770 4409** 9am-5pm, or the email address is [schoolnursing@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:schoolnursing@sutton.gov.uk)



# FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL

## 18 September

2.30pm - 4.30pm  
Beddington Park

free entry!

Come down for a celebration of Hong Kong culture and an integration between local residents and newly arriving Hongkongers!

- Face painting
- Fire Brigade
- Live Music
- Bouncy Slide
- Chinese Lanterns

Learn more about the event at [www.suttonvineyard.org/friendshipfestival](http://www.suttonvineyard.org/friendshipfestival)  
#SuttonFriendshipFestival #SFF #London #Hongkonger

SUTTON FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL



## Dates for your Diary

### **Academic Year 2021-2022**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 PGL trip  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Year 1 Curriculum meeting (2.30-3.00pm)  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Year 2 Curriculum meeting (2.30-3.00pm)  
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Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6 Curriculum meeting (2.30-3.00pm)  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Individual Photographs  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Years 5 and 6 Wellbeing workshops  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Year 3 and 4 Wellbeing workshops  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Years 1 and 2 Wellbeing workshops

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October – school closed for half-term

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – school closed for staff training (INSET Day)  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – school closed for staff training (INSET Day)  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Scholastic book fair in school  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening - (3.30-6.50pm)  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening (3.30-4.50pm)  
w/beginning 15<sup>th</sup> November – Bikeability (details to follow)  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term – **early finish for all children (including Nursery)**

### **Spring Term**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January - school closed for staff training (INSET Day)  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January - school closed for staff training (INSET Day)  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Children return at 8.45am (Morning Nursery at 8.30am)

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February – school closed for half-term

### **And finally....**

