



ABBOTS FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Happy New Year!

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year to all of our fellow Farmers. We welcome you all back to what looks likely to be another action packed term. The staff and I are really looking forward to seeing our pupils build on their Autumn Term successes and put into practice the skills they have learnt.



Curriculum News

This term sees a number of exciting learning opportunities organised with a variety of engaging topics being taught across the year groups. By **Friday 18th January**, you will have received a copy of the curriculum newsletter from the class teachers, which will give details of the year group activities for the term and any proposed trips/additional events. We will also be updating the curriculum section of our website (www.abbotsfarm.co.uk) so you can keep up-to-date with your child's learning there if

you wish.

Clubs

Well done to all of our pupils who took part in after school clubs last term. We ran 17 clubs across the 14 weeks and have tried to ensure there is an even balance of sport and other curriculum areas on offer. Thank you to teachers, TAs and external coaches for your efforts ☺

Our list of Spring Term extra-curricular clubs went out before the Christmas break. Please tick which clubs your child would like to take part in and note the start/end dates and times (as some vary). Send back ASAP and we will try to ensure everyone is allocated once again. Clubs will start again next week – we are also opening **The 'Den'** at lunchtime every day to allow pupils a choice of outdoor fun or games/crafts inside.

School Values and Rules – Stickers alert!

You may have noticed your children coming home displaying our new School rules stickers of **Kindness, Respect** and **100% Effort**. We are very pleased to see just how well pupils have responded to receiving them as a result of the great examples of behaviour and support they have shown each other recently. Well done to all!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sparrow (Year 4) for having the highest level of attendance in the whole school for December. They achieved 98.38%. Well done! 5 tokens have been awarded to the class. I wonder who will get the January tokens?

Congratulations to Chaffinch (Year 5) and to **Robin (Year 4)** for achieving the most tokens awarded to classes for last half term. They have been rewarded with an afternoon of activity choice for the whole class. Well done! I wonder who will win this half-term?

Congratulations to all our pupils who received 100% attendance for the Autumn Term. Certificates to be handed out this week!

Congratulations to all our 'Good to be Green' pupils who received their certificates for staying green all term. They were all entered into a raffle and a winner was chosen from each class. Well done!



Fundraising

The Christmas Fair was a great success thanks to the all those generous parents who contributed to and attended our event. They managed to make a staggering £1260 profit. Our PTA and parent helpers did an incredible job and work tirelessly for the school. We really do appreciate their contribution and hopefully more parents will be able to help at future events. We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas assemblies and Carol Service as the children performed wonderfully.



Thanks to the generous donations after our Christmas productions and the Christmas Jumper silver coin event. The total we will be sending to the Save the Children charity is £281.63. We also raised **£357** through selling our unique designed Christmas Cards. Thank you to all those families who purchased the cards.

Class assemblies

This term our class assemblies will be in the **mornings, starting at approx. 9:05am**. Each term we alternate the time of the assemblies to accommodate our working families as best we can. They are expected to last around 15mins (although some do take a little longer!) Please note the dates for your class assemblies and join us if you can.



- Wednesday 30th January @ 9:05am: WREN (YEAR 3) – Mrs Bostock**
- Wednesday 6th February @ 9:05am: SPARROW (YEAR 4) – Mr Wolsey**
- Wednesday 13th February @ 9:05am: SONGTHRUSH (YEAR 6) – Mrs Webb**
- Wednesday 27th February @ 9:05am: CHAFFINCH (YEAR 5) – Miss Tate**
- Wednesday 13th March @ 9:05am: GOLDCREST (YEAR 3) – Mr Robinson**
- Wednesday 20th March @ 9:05am: BLACKBIRD (YEAR 6) – Mrs Seneschall-Jones**
- Wednesday 27th March @ 9.05am: ROBIN (YEAR 4) – Mrs Beech**
- Wednesday 3rd April @ 9:05am: STARLING (YEAR 5) – Mrs Brant/Miss Trainer**

Parents' Consultation Evenings

This year we are again holding our Spring Parents' Evenings before half term (**Tuesday 12th** and **Thursday 14th February**). School will also be sending out your child's/children's Mid-Year Review booklets. These give details about current progress, strengths and any areas for discussion at the parental consultation evening. The parents' evening letter will be sent out at the end of January and booklets will be sent out the week before the parent's evening.

School Communication



As ever, we are trying to share as much as we can with parents, whether that be changes to curriculum or celebrating our pupils' successes. We use Twitter regularly to share snippets of info and updates, as well as the school website. If you are not already following us, please do so at **@abbotsfarm**. If you haven't used Twitter before and you're not quite sure how to set it up, ask one of your children – they seem to know everything about technology!

Website update – Due to a delay in the building of our new website, we are hoping to have a test site up and running for the end of term. We may also be asking for some willing parental volunteers to test the site and provide feedback. Watch this space!

Social Media Update

As with many schools, we are working hard to educate our pupils about the benefits and also dangers of using social media. Work will continue this term in our Computing and PSHE lessons around the subject of using social media sensibly, particularly on **Tuesday 5th February**, which is a national Safer Internet Day. We would very much welcome your support and diligence in this area and ensure that you too are reinforcing how best to use websites and apps such as Instagram and Snapchat etc. at home. If you want further information around how to help you child, please visit the fantastic sites below

for further info: <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/social-media/> and <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Reminders:

****Don't forget – our library is open every day from 3.20 until 4pm** for you to come and read with your family or swap books etc. Please come and join us.

Thank you to all our parents who continue to make use of the online payments scheme.

Dinner Money for this half term is £63.80 (£2.20 per day/Weekly £11)

Please make use of the online payments scheme for all other payments for school (Music lessons, Milk etc)

Music Fees: £40 per term

Swimming Cost: £36.50 for the term

****Please note: An up-to-date school calendar is always available on the school website****

Mr Joss Andrews
Headteacher