



ABBOTS FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Our School

Values:

*Courage Tolerance
Consideration Honesty
Creativity*

Our May Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you all enjoyed the Easter break and had an opportunity to relax and spend time together. The school year seems to have flown by and it is quite amazing that we are already into the Summer Term. Don't worry, however, as we have another long weekend this week with bank holiday on **Monday 1st May**.

School Community Congratulations and Updates

It is our great pleasure to congratulate our Year 6 teacher, Miss Watson, who got married on Good Friday and has since spent a lovely and hopefully relaxing honeymoon in the Maldives. Her married name is now Mrs Hartwell so we'll all be getting used to that over the next few days!



On a different note, some of the teachers had the chance to visit our year 5 teacher, Miss Trainer, over the Easter holiday and we are pleased to report back that her son is doing very well having been born prematurely and continues to put on weight at an increasing rate. Miss Trainer would like to send her best wishes and thanks for the kind words to her class, year group and the Abbots Farm community.



Key Stage 2 SATs tests – Week beginning 8th May

Our year 6 pupils will be sitting their end of key stage tests during the week of 8-12 May. They have been working incredibly hard and are showing a real dedication and determination in the build up to the tests. We appreciate, however, that this is a difficult week for them and so to help ease their anxieties we will be offering them an opportunity to have a breakfast club prior to school. Breakfast club will begin at 8:30am and there will be a choice of drinks and foods on offer to help feed the brain. The pupils will need to make sure that they have plenty of rest and come to school refreshed and ready to do their best. We wish them all good luck.

Walk to School Week – 15th – 19th May



Every year we take part in the Walk to School week and we will be learning about the health benefits of walking to school. Classes will record each day how many children have walked to school and at the end of the week there will be a certificate any pupil who has walked every day. We appreciate that as we have a number of pupils who live further away from the school and are not able to walk the whole way, perhaps the car could be parked a further distance and then walk the rest of the way to school.

Summer Term information

With this letter, you should find attached an updated calendar for the Summer Term. If not, you can find it on the home page of our website on the right hand side.

Curriculum letters – The termly curriculum letters for each year group will be out by Friday 5th May. These will include the content of the curriculum and any key information relevant to your child's year group.

Class Assemblies – The following dates have been set for class assemblies. Please note – they will now revert back to 3pm for this term. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible ☺

Robin (Mrs Beech) – Wed 10th May

Wren (Miss Tate) – Wed 24th May

Sparrow (Mr Wolsey) – Wed 7th June

Goldcrest (Mr Robinson) – Wed 14th June

Starling (Miss Marshall) – Wed 28th June

Chaffinch (Mr Twynholm/Miss Trainer) – Wed 12th July

Radio Mast proposal on the corner of Abbots Way

As some of you may be aware from the article in the Rugby Observer, a radio mast is planned to be built on the corner of Abbots Way, in front of the Jolly Abbott. There have been concern raised about the effects of radiation from the mast and the potential harm it could cause our pupils. Mrs Lovejoy has been in contact with the developers (Waldon Telecom) on the two schools' behalf and they have provided us with the information below in response to Mrs Lovejoy:

'We can confirm there are a great many base station sites close to, or even on, school sites across the country. Siting on or near schools has an associated benefit for those concerned about RF exposure. Exposure from handsets are many hundreds of times greater than from a base station – one minute talking on a mobile phone is equivalent to 24 hours near a base station – and the handset will automatically power up (emitting higher levels of RF) if the signal is poor. With a good signal from a nearby base station, both handset and base station reduce power levels and, therefore, RF emissions.

We would also like to reassure you that International health and safety guidelines are in place to limit public exposure to radio waves from base stations. These "ICNIRP" guidelines were established by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). They have the support of UK Government, the European Union and they also have the formal backing of the World Health Organisation. These guidelines are in place to protect all sectors of the public, including children, elderly people and pregnant women, wherever they are in relation to the base station, 24 hours a day. I confirm that the base station proposed has been design to comply fully with ICNIRP guidelines.'

For more information on the planned mobile mast or to comment on the proposal please access Rugby Planning Portal (<http://www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk>) and use the planning application number R17/0519.



Congratulations

Congratulations to WRENS (Year 3) for having the highest level of attendance in the whole school for April. They achieved a staggering **98.65%**. Well done! 5 tokens have been awarded to the class. I wonder who will get the May tokens?

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers finish on 1st May. Can you please send any remaining vouchers into the school as soon as possible? We are currently on 6,800 tokens and are hoping to get close to last year's total of over 10,000. They are an incredibly useful source of further sports equipment for the school and we really appreciate the contributions you make each year.

School Library Service Books

Please can all books banded with a green SLS sticker be brought into school ASAP – we have a library redevelopment planned for the end of the Summer Term in preparation for next year and need to send back books that are loaned to us ASAP. A number of pupils have brought theirs back; we are just waiting on a few more.

Office Reminders:

As the weather warms up (hopefully at some point!), can we remind parents to ensure that they children have sun-cream applied prior to coming to school and to remember to have water bottles in school every day.

Music fees - £40 for the whole term, Swimming fees - £33.60

Reminder: **Half term week: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June.** We have a training day on **Monday 5th June** and so school will re-open on **Tuesday 6th June.**

Mr Joss Andrews
Headteacher

