



ABBOTS FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Our School

Values:

Courage Tolerance
Consideration Honesty
Creativity

Our June Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the half term break with the final arrival of the sun! We can't quite believe that we are now entering our final half term of this academic year and we have a busy time ahead of us.



Learning Around School this Half Term

Alongside the exciting learning opportunities planned for each year group this half term, our teachers have been organising a number of whole school projects and experiences for the children to be immersed in. The following information explains what is going on and when:

Art Projects

Throughout this week and next, all year groups will be undertaking a variety of art projects focusing on a range of different artist and medium. Year 3 are studying David Hockney, Year 4 are creating images in the style of Pop Art, Year 5 with Picasso and Year 6 are making sculptures in the style of Niki De Saint Phalle.



Race for Life – Thursday 15th June

Mrs Sandall and Mrs Beech have been busily organising the school taking part in a Race for Life which supports a charity close to ours and a number of our families' hearts. A letter has already been sent out explaining the times of each year groups' running slot and the all-important sponsorship form. We are hoping to get as many relatives involved as possible, so if you fancy dusting off your trainers or are already kitted up and ready to go, please come and join us on the day for a very worthwhile cause.



Sports Week – WB 19th June

Mrs Beech has been busy organising a range of sports and activities for all pupils to experience over the course of the week. Children are advised to have sports kit in school each and every day that week. A timetable will be put onto the school website by the end of the week so you can see what we have planned.

****Please note: Our school sports day is on Monday 17th July (weather permitting!). We run all track events in the morning followed by an afternoon of field events. More information will be given in July newsletter.**

Space Week – WB 3rd July

Mr Wolsey has organised a super week of learning based on the space theme. Some of you will have already received letters for very exciting Space Camps, taking place over the week. We also have a trip to the Space Centre planned for Year 5, rocket and parachute experiments, astronaut training, space related artwork and much more. A timetable of events will be available shortly.

Congratulations goes to Niamh Evans in year 4 who won our 'Design the logo' competition with the following design. Thank you also to all of those who took part (including the parents) - Thank you again.

****Please remember that the Space Camp Information Evening for Years 4 and 5 is tonight at 6pm.**



Open Afternoons – 3rd – 6th July

Our termly open afternoons are back. We are hoping to see as many of you as possible between 2-3pm on the afternoons below:

Year 3 – Monday 3rd July

Year 4 – Tuesday 4th July

Year 5 – Wednesday 5th July

Year 6 – Thursday 6th July

Sporting Success



Congratulations to all of our budding athletes who have been taking part in various sporting events recently. All our pupils who have represented the school in various sports have done a great job and we are very proud of them.

We have particularly had some great success with our cricket and tennis teams who both reached the finals at their respective tournaments.

Attendance

As you are aware, all schools are required to report to parents if their attendance falls below certain levels – below 93%, below 90% and an external referral at 85% and below. We send letters and/or make phone calls to those families who are in these positions to inform you of the impact any absence is having on attendance. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or indeed, if you have received a letter from ourselves and wish to discuss it further, please contact us. We are here to support families in any way we can.

Congratulations to both **BLACKBIRD** and **ROBIN** for achieving the highest attendance for May – **98.17%** (5 Tokens awarded to each class) I wonder who will win June's tokens?

Summer Fair

Our annual Summer Fair & BBQ is being held on Friday 14th July from 6.30pm. There will be a planning meeting on Thursday 15th June at 2.15pm – everyone is welcome to attend. More information on the event will be sent out shortly.



Water and Sun cream

Can I remind parents to make sure that their child has a named water bottle in school especially during the forthcoming warm days. We have water coolers for children to refill their water bottles through the day but not an endless supply of paper cups. We also recommend applying sun cream before the children come to school and please encourage them to wear a sun hat.

Office Reminders:

- Dinner Costs: Half term £71.40 (34 days @ £2.10) (Yr6 will be less one day for induction day 11th July £69.30)
- Music Lessons: £40.00 (summer term – for those still outstanding)
- Swimming lessons – full term £33.60 / 2nd half term £19.60 (£2.80 weekly)

Finally, please follow us on Twitter - **@abbotsfarm**. We aim to put lots of photos of events and pupils' achievements on there and it would be great if you could share in those celebrations.

Mr Joss Andrews
Head Teacher

