



ABBOTS FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Our June Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

We 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.

Breaking News – Science GOLD Award Achieved!

Over the past 18 months, Mr Wolsey and those supporting him have been working towards the PSQM Award for Science. This entails not only developing the science curriculum and teaching at school but also providing wider opportunities such as our successful Space Weeks and Space Camps last year, supporting other schools across Rugby with their science delivery and also bringing together pupils to celebrate in the brilliance that science can bring. We are delighted to share that we have achieved the highest award of GOLD, which means that the fantastic scientific opportunities we provide our pupils is now nationally recognised. Huge congratulations to Mr Wolsey and everyone involved!



The science fun continues for Year 5 this Friday (8th) with our second year of running the overnight Space Camp. We are all very much looking forward to another hugely successful evening (and also hoping for some sleep!). More info has been shared with Year 5s regarding events for the evening.



Learning Around School

Last half term saw us cram in more than ever before. Some highlights included trips to the National Space Centre and Cadbury World, our brilliant Year 6s working so hard through their SATs, multiple sports events (football, athletics and tennis) and of course a hugely successful Mud Run. We are very much anticipating more of the same this half term.



The Half Term Ahead

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

Over the next two weeks, all year groups will be undertaking a variety of art projects focusing on a range of different artists 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. Keep an eye on Twitter (@abbotsfarm) for photos of the works of art created.



Sports Week – WB 25th 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 next week (15th June) so you can see what we have planned. ****Please note: Our school sports day is planned for Monday 16th July (weather permitting!). We are planning to change things slightly and potentially incorporate a family picnic on the day. Watch out for further information.**

First Aid Training

All staff will be undertaking Emergency First Aid at work refresher training on Thursday June 7th and Thursday June 14th between 3.30 and 6.30. As such, no one will be available to meet parents on these days. Some clubs will also be affected. The clubs cancelled will be Year 5/6 football and Art club. Singing club will continue as usual and Trigolf finished at half-term.

Open Afternoons – 2nd – 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. Please remember that if you wish to take your child/children home, you must wait until 3pm and then sign out at the office.

Year 3 – Monday 2nd July

Year 4 – Tuesday 3rd July

Year 5 – Thursday 5th July

Year 6 – Friday 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 tennis team who reached the finals. We have currently reached the semi-final of the Rugby Schools' Football Tournament and are looking to our next game on 12th June here at AFJS.



We also have a number of other events coming up soon – cricket, athletics and rounders are also due to be taking place in the coming weeks. Dates to follow when confirmed.

A True demonstration of Key Values

After spending nearly 17 hours swimming 2.5 miles, cycling 112 miles followed by running a marathon, Mr Robinson completed his first (and possibly last) Ironman on Sunday last week. Huge congratulations to him for his efforts and his demonstration of our key values. Parents and pupils alike, please let us know your goals and challenges as we'd like to start celebrating in them with you at school via our values display board. Anything you've set yourselves, we'd love to know. Please send through to admin2421@welearn365.com

Attendance

Congratulations to **BLACKBIRD** for achieving the highest attendance for May – **98.8%** (5 Tokens awarded to the class) I wonder who will win June's tokens?

Summer Fair

Our annual Summer Fair & BBQ is being held on Friday 13th July from 6.30pm. Further information will be sent out shortly (along with raffle tickets etc).



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 £73.10 (34 days @ £2.15) (Yr6 will be less one day for induction day 11th July £70.95)
- Music Lessons: £40.00 (summer term – for those still outstanding)

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

