



# ABBOTS FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL

*Learners for Life*

*Farmers Forever*

*Ambitious, Healthy Bodies and Minds, Reflective, Resilient*

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## Our July 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are creeping ever closer to the end of an action packed term and year!

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Abbots Farm community (pupils, parents, the Infant School family and our neighbours) for your continued support of the school. We all really appreciate the time and effort our fellow 'Farmers' put in to make the school the special place that it is!

I would also like to commend all our pupils for their hard work and dedication. They have all demonstrated our Key Values of **Ambition**, **Healthy Body** and **Mind**, **Reflectiveness** and **Resilience** and can feel very proud of the past year.

### **Recent events:**

#### **Sports Week**

Last week, the pupils all took part in a range of different sporting activities to celebrate National Schools Sports Week. Pupils from each year group tried their hands at: Airtrack, gymnastics, tag rugby, cricket, street surfing, dance, gymnastics, football, cardio tennis and much more. From the evidence seen, we have some extremely talented sportspeople.

Thank you Mrs Beech in particular for organising the week's experience.



### **Upcoming Events:**

**Open Afternoons** – This week also sees our school open to our parents for the ever popular open afternoons. I am pretty confident you'll be roped into something space related for most year groups, so please come prepared for exploding rockets, pond dipping, scientific experiments and much more.

The year group open afternoons are as follows:

Year 3 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2-3pm

Year 4 – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2-3pm

Year 5 – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm

Year 6 – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm

#### **Induction Day – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 6 will attend their new secondary schools for the day and parents will need to take them directly to and from their new school. Our new Year 3 pupils for September will be joining us for the day and there will be a meeting for all new parents on **Tuesday evening at 6.00pm**.

The rest of the school will be spending the day with their new teacher in their new classroom on induction day. The children will be told on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> who their new class teacher will be next year. The year group teachers for next year are as follows:

Year 3 - Mr Robinson and Mrs Bostock (formerly Miss Marshall), Year 4 – Mrs Beech and Mr Wolsey, Year 5 – Miss Tate and Miss Abel Year 6 – Mrs Seneschall-Jones (formerly Miss Jones) and Mrs Webb (formerly Miss Clarke)



### **Sports Day**

Our annual sports day will be on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. The new timetable for events was sent out on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June (copies available in the office). The field events, now in the morning, will take place as follow:  
09.10 – 09.50 – Year 3, 09.50 – 10.30 – Year 4, 10.30 – 11.10 – Year 5, 11.10 – 11.50 – Year 6  
(Year 6 parents able to stay ready for lunch due to timings)



This will be followed by a picnic lunch from 12-1pm for pupils and their family members (again, please sign and complete form sent on 29<sup>th</sup> June). The afternoon whole school sports event (traditionally our morning event) will now take place between 1.30 and 3 pm.

Parents will be allowed to take their children at the end of the afternoon event after being signed out by their teachers. **Please note: If the weather is wet we will try to hold the event on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July.**



## Year 6

Our Year 6 will be soon on their way to their new exciting secondary schools and we all wish them good luck. We are looking forward to their final assembly on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 1:45pm**. All year 6 parents are welcome to join the school for that special afternoon. The staff will be putting on a farewell BBQ for Year 6 on the evening of **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm – 7.30pm (Year 6 pupils only – no parents!)**



### Reports

On **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July**, you will receive your child's annual academic report. The report will also include their attainment and progress for the year. Year 6 will also receive their official report on their key stage 2 test results.

The class teachers do spend a great deal of time writing detailed reports about the children and I look forward to reading each one.



### PTA FAMILY BBQ

Our end of year BBQ & Summer Fair is taking place on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 6.30-8.30pm** and we would like to invite all parents, pupils and friends of the school to join us. We are holding a non-uniform day on that day and are asking for donations for any of the following stalls:

- Adult Tombola: bottles, chocolates, toiletries - any new items
- Children's Tombola: sweets, stationery, toys - any new items
- Cake Stall: homemade or shop bought, jams, chutneys – all appreciated!
- Raffle: please let us know if you work for a company that may be able to donate a prize ( contact us at: [PTA2421.c@welearn365.com](mailto:PTA2421.c@welearn365.com))

Raffle tickets were sent home a couple of weeks ago – please return money and stubs as soon as possible. We need plenty of helpers on the day so please return the volunteer slip (or email us) if you are able to help.

### Staff Goodbyes

This year we say goodbye to two members of staff. Mrs Goulding (formerly Miss Gardner) leaves us to look after her beautiful boy, Ted. We wish her all the best for the future!

We also say a big thank you and good bye to Mrs Mehta, who has taught a number of classes this year. Most recently she has been teaching H5, covering for Mrs Hartwell whilst she in on maternity leave. She too goes with our best wishes and great thanks for her support of the children and staff this year.

### Attendance

The class that had the highest attendance for June with **97.52%** is Goldcrest. Well done, 5 tokens have been awarded! I wonder who will win the July total and the whole year?

### Office Reminders:

- Please make sure that any outstanding monies are paid to the office as soon as possible
- We are still waiting for some school sports kits to be returned to school. Please check at home for any
- Water bottles, sun cream and hats are essential at the moment – please ensure your child/children have them (sun cream can be applied before coming to school if you prefer)
- Please ensure that you collect any medicines, inhalers etc. from the office at the end of term.

### Parent Payments Online

We are in the process of finalising accounts for this academic year. **Parents will not be able to make any online payments after 20<sup>th</sup> July until the second week back in September**. Therefore, please ensure that any outstanding monies are paid prior to the last day of term.

Finally, our school will close for the summer holidays on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 3:20pm** and the school opens for the new academic year on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018**. **Please note: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September is our training day.**

All the staff would like to wish our families a lovely **sunny** holiday!

Mr Joss Andrews  
Headteacher