



ABBOTS FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Our May 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back – We hope you all enjoyed the Easter Break. From what the children have been saying, it seems they were action packed for the most part!

It's hard to believe that we are now into the Summer Term and, as always, it's jam-packed with what we hope is a good combination of exciting events and high quality learning opportunities.

End Of Term Awards

House Point Awards - Congratulations to all pupils who earned a house point award last term for their efforts with school work, home learning, reading and general effort and progress.

Good to Be Green Raffle Winners – This term's class winners have each received a free ticket to attend a science day based on forces at Drayton Manor theme park. Congratulations to everyone who were green every day of the term and congratulations to those who were lucky enough to be pulled out of the raffle for each class.

End of Term Awards – Well done to the pupils below who have been awarded with the **Sports, Endeavour** and **Most improved** prizes. A great achievement and one you should all be very proud of!

Sporting Success

After tasting success in the district tournament, the Year 6 boys and girls' rowing teams travelled to Solihull to compete in the regional finals. Great success was had individually and collectively with the highlight being the girls' team finishing 4th across the whole of the Midlands! Congratulations to all 8 competitors!

After School Clubs

The majority of clubs will start this week. There are a number of clubs that have started and we hope your children will look forward to taking part in them.

We'd like to remind all parents to inform us if your child is not attending a club that they have signed up for on any particular day. This can either be a call to the office or a note in your child's planner. Have fun everyone!



Celebration Assemblies

As you will all know, every Friday we have a celebration assembly where we take an opportunity to share in pupil success both in and out of school. It has been great to see so many children bringing in their awards and achievements from home to share with the wider school community. Please keep bringing them in – it is always a pleasure to hear about our pupils' successes.

Staffing Update

We wish to welcome **Miss Poppy** to the school team. Miss Poppy has been appointed our new Pastoral Coordinator and will support a wide variety of children and their families in a variety of capacities. Currently she is working two days per week until she starts full time with us in September. Welcome Miss Poppy!

Good luck to **Mrs Bostock** who is due to start her maternity leave at the end of May. We wish you all the very best and are looking forward to meeting the newest member of the Farmer family! **Mrs Mehta**, who has been



working across the school over the past two years, will take over the teaching responsibility for B3 until the end of July, as well as continuing in her role with T5. Further information will follow.

Upcoming Summer Term Events

This term we have a wide variety of learning opportunities taking place for all pupils. The **Curriculum Newsletters**, sent by each year group, will be coming out this Friday (10th). They will explain all year group related events, such as class assemblies, trips, specific events and any changes to timetables. These letters will also be available via our school website www.abbotsfarm.co.uk

All class and whole school events are available to view on the online calendar on the school website.



Key Stage 2 SATs tests – Week beginning 13th May

Our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their end of key stage tests during the week of 13th -17th 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.

RSE meeting for Parents

We will be starting our Relationship and Sex Education programme of study towards the end of this term. This will involve the same content as we delivered to the children last year. For those families who are new to school, and for those who would like a refresh on what is being taught, we will be putting on a meeting to explain what each year group will learn about and the content of the videos used.

The date of the meeting is **Wednesday 22nd May at 6pm** and there is an open invitation for parents to attend.

Wider Opportunities beyond AFJS

Try **Sailing, Windsurfing, Stand Up Paddleboarding** or **canoeing** for **FREE** at Draycote Water on Saturday 18th May between 11 and 4pm. For more information email traing@draycotewater.co.uk or visit www.draycotewater.co.uk

Harris Sports Academy **Bikeability** half term courses – If you're interested undertaking a Level 1 (pm course) or Level 2 in Bikeability (2 x morning sessions), please contact ssp@harriscofeacademy.co.uk or call 01788 812549

Attendance

As at the start of every term, we will be conducting our attendance reviews. Should your child's attendance have fallen below 90% or if there has been a number of occasions where your child has arrived late, we will contact you via a letter. If you are in receipt of such a letter, please do not hesitate in contacting us. Likewise, if you are, or know that you will be, struggling with attendance for whatever reason, please feel free to contact us at school and we will see how we might be able to help.

A high attendance is key to any pupil's success and we continue to value your support in this area.

Reminders - Music Fees: £40 for the term, **Swimming:** £28 for the full term

Milk: £4:18 (first half term), **Dinners:** £41:80 (first half term)

School Uniform - As we enter into the warmer months (we hope) and the field becomes available, please ensure children have outdoor footwear for PE/games as well as pumps if required.

Water bottles - Please also provide your child with a water bottle daily to ensure they stay hydrated.

Key dates:

May Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May, **End of half Term:** Friday 24th May, **Half Term:** Monday 27th - 31st May, **Teacher Training Day:** Monday 3rd June, **Pupils back in school:** Tuesday 4th June

Mr Joss Andrews

Headteacher

Summary of key dates created for parents

Fundraising??