



# ABBOTS FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL

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## March 2021 Newsletter

### Updates from AFJS

What a few weeks we have all had!

Despite the enforced closing of school as we know it, we have been duly inspired by the fantastic effort and commitment of our pupils (and staff) since Lockdown started in January.

Your children have continued to grow in confidence in using technology (perhaps more so than some adults!), have responded positively to the feedback from teachers/TAs and have embraced life online. Equally impressive has been the commitment of those still attending throughout this period. You have been a real credit to your families and year groups by coming in and working so hard in everyone else's absence.

Overall, an excellent effort from all!

Some of people's particular highlights can be seen below ☺

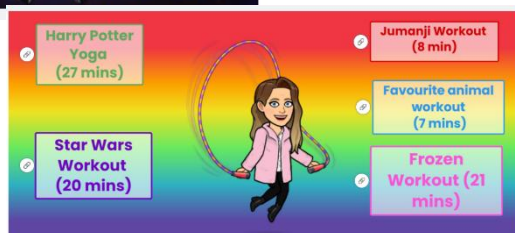
**\*Don't forget to visit our class pages on the school website to learn more about what your child's year group will be learning now they have returned to school.**

Visit: <https://abbotsfarm.co.uk/learning-at-abbots-farm/year-group-pages/>

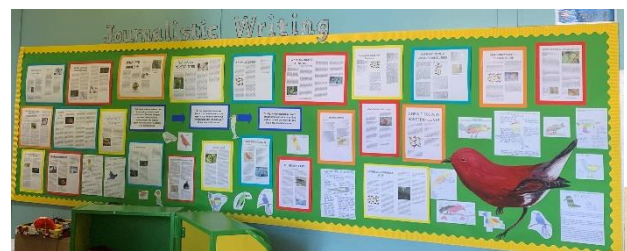
### Remote Learner Highlights



Lots of pupils enjoyed the snow days, World Book Day, PE activities and much more – a brilliant effort from everyone!



### In-school Highlights



The pupils in school have created some fantastic work over the past 8 weeks, as well as being able to do activities like bikeability!





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## Home Learning

Now we have returned, pupils will start to receive home learning as they would have previously done so prior to lockdown. It is likely that the majority of this will be set via Seesaw, which we hope everyone is more than familiar with now.



If you have any queries about content for home learning, please refer to our Home Learning policy.

<https://abbotsfarm.co.uk/key-information/policies/>

For more information, please email [admin2421@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2421@welearn365.com) and the teachers will get back to you.

## Science Week

Mr Wolsey is busily planning this year's Science Week, which will take place between **29<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April**. This year's theme is **Innovating for the Future** and we are taking inspiration from the Mars Rover landing and looking at all things space travel. More information will be shared next week via Seesaw, including videos, competitions and the focus for the learning activities.



## **RED NOSE DAY IS BACK**

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 19th March and this year it's even more important to have some fun and raise money to support people living incredibly tough lives. We need the power of funny to turn things into lasting change. So whenever you can do, please join us.



### **Red Nose Day – 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**

Next Friday (19<sup>th</sup> March), we are inviting pupils to dress up as their favourite superheroes, a made up superhero or in non-uniform in support of Comic Relief.

A £1 donation will be put onto Eduspot (parentpay).

We ask that no one brings in cash due to COVID-19 and banking etc.

We would also like the children to come armed with their favourite joke for the day (providing they are appropriate to the age of children ☺). They could even post it on Seesaw!

### **NeuroDiversity Week – 15-19<sup>th</sup> March**

Next week sees us spend time developing our understanding of what it means to be neurodiverse, how we can support those who think and act differently and how we can celebrate everyone's achievements.

Children will have an assembly and do some sessions around how the brain works and varies between different people.

### **Diary Dates (a selection of key dates – The rest are available on the school website)**

**WB 15<sup>th</sup> March – Neurodiversity Week**

**19<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day**

**WB 29<sup>th</sup> – Science Week**

**1<sup>st</sup> April – Term Ends for Easter**

**2<sup>nd</sup> April – Good Friday**

**19<sup>th</sup> April – Summer Term starts**

**3<sup>rd</sup> May – Bank Holiday**

**31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June (Half term)**

**7<sup>th</sup> June – Teacher Training day**

**21<sup>st</sup> July – Last day of 2020/21 Academic Year**

### **Family Support – in school**

As a school, we are always looking at ways to try and support our pupils and their families. As such, **Miss**

**Poppy**, our pastoral coordinator, continues to be available should families wish to discuss any pastoral or family concerns. Currently, Miss Poppy is free to call families on Friday afternoons between **1 and 3pm**.

Please note, that due to logistical restrictions, Miss Poppy may not be able to work directly with specific year groups, but will be able to coordinate support within those year groups by passing information on.

### **Office Updates and Reminders**

**Payments** – Please can all families check any outstanding payments on Eduspot (parentpay) and ensure that they are all up to date.

**Clubs** – We are busily planning our offer of before and after-school clubs. We hope these will be back up and running after Easter for the duration of the Summer Term.

**Swimming** – Swimming is still yet to be offered. The Diamond Jubilee Centre are not currently able to give a timeframe on when swimming is likely to start back for school parties.

Best wishes,

Mr Andrews