

ABBOTSMEDE NEWS

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope that you had a restful Easter break. It was wonderful to welcome the children back for the beginning of the summer term, despite waking to snow on Monday morning!

I'd like to say a warm welcome to two new members of staff that have joined the Abbotsmede team. Mrs Gray has joined the Year 2 team. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience teaching in Key Stage One, so we are delighted to have her on board. We would also like to say a warm welcome to Mrs Sumner who has joined the school as a Midday Assistant.

There has been some really exciting learning going on in the classrooms this week. The Year 3 pupils had an engaging start to their new history topic by taking part in a Tudor experience day on Monday. The year 4 pupils kickstarted their new topic linked to the book 'The House with Chicken Legs', by creating their own clay houses.

We have relaunched our attendance awards this week. It is vital that pupils attend school for both academic and social reasons. The pandemic has meant a lot of lost learning, so we are striving for our pupils to be in school every day to avoid further lost learning. We will be rewarding classes for the highest attendance each week and they will receive a trophy and a class treat. Their names will also be going into a draw for some exciting end of term prizes.

Next week we will be holding parent consultations via School Cloud. Please sign up to meet with class teachers to discuss your child's learning, progress and how you can further support them at home.

We are feeling really positive about the term ahead. We want to make it as purposeful as possible for our children. We will be running after school clubs and aiming to get the pupils learning beyond the classroom through a range of local visits.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Dobson
Headteacher

Attendance Congratulations

Week 12 April – 16 April

Classes with 96% and above

EYSF – RAJ
KS1 – 2ME, 2SG
KS2 – 3FL, 4AB, 6HN

Celebrating Punctuality

KS1 – 2ME
KS2 – 5PD, 6HN

Events

3 May	May Day
31 May – 7 June	Half Term

Summer Term Dates – 2020/2021

SUMMER TERM 2019	
Opens	Monday 12 April
May Day	Monday 3 May
Half Term	Monday 31 May – Monday 7 June
Ends	Friday 16 July (1.30pm finish)

Swimming starts on Monday!

4AB will be having weekly swimming lessons every Monday (5 sessions in total), starting on Monday 19 April. To cover the cost of transport, parents are asked to contribute £10.00 for all 5 lessons (£2.00 per week). You can do this by login to your ParentMail account and go to PAYMENTS section.

Safety reminders:

Please can we ask that all children get off their bikes before entering both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 playgrounds.

And we would like to remind you to use pedestrian gate to entrance the school premise and follow the yellow path and not school carpark gate.

Absence Procedures

If your child is absent you must:

Contact the school on the first day of absence and keep us informed thereafter by calling the school office or reporting via ParentMail.

If your child is due to have a planned medical appointment or procedure/operation, you must notify the school in advance and provide documentary evidence in the form of an official letter or appointment card. Where available, make appointments outside of school hours.

For exceptional circumstances please refer to our policy and procedure to request time off. Please contact Miss Drinnan if you have any queries.

Reception September 2021 – Offer Day

If you have applied for a Reception September 2021 school place for your child, please be aware that first round offers have now been sent out via email for online applications or posted second class by Peterborough City Council. Please contact Mrs Lidgett via the school office on 01733 566847 or by emailing sarah.lidgett@limetrust.org to accept your place and to be advised of your next steps. The deadline for accepting your child's place is Friday 30 April 2021.

Seat Belts and the law

As lockdown eases we will all be hoping to travel a little bit more!!! Here are some helpful tips, advice and information on Seat belts and the law when driving with children on board.

It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that children are in and using the appropriate restraints when travelling in a vehicle. To find out more follow this link: [seatbelts and the law](#). Children must be secured into a child seat when travelling by car until they are **12 years old or 135 centimetres tall**. There are few exemptions to this and the following link will explain further - [child car seats and the law](#).

ROSPA has a dedicated [child car seats website](#) with information on safety. This includes advice on choosing and fitting a car seat.

Think, one of the road safety websites has a wealth of information covering all aspects of road safety. They have also developed a campaign to ensure maximum understanding for children and young people by using emojis: www.think.gov.uk





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Whether you are under pressure to carry a knife or feel you need to carry one for your own protection, you could be putting yourself and your friends in danger.

If you don't take a knife with you, it can't be used.

Walking away is often the hardest thing to do, but it's the safest.






What's the point? You're just putting yourself at greater risk.

Did you know:


- It is illegal to sell a knife to anyone under the age of 18
- The maximum penalty for carrying a knife is four years in prison and a fine of £5,000 - even if it is not used as a weapon

If you know someone who carries a knife, call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or visit crimestoppers-uk.org.

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