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MISSION STATEMENT
Believe and Achieve

We are committed to the protection and safety of our pupils and safeguarding is a priority

NEWSLETTER - Summer Term 2016 - Issue 15 - Friday 22nd April 2016

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome you back to the final term of the academic year. This term will be very important for many of our children as they look to complete national tests for 2016. Year 6 will be completing tests week beginning 9th May, Year 2 will be completing tests that will be teacher assessed on week beginning 23rd May and Year 1 will complete their phonics screening check week beginning 13th June 2016. All other groups will take part in ongoing assessment to be judged against age-related expectations. All of these results will be reported to parents at the end of the Summer Term.

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

WB 21st March - Year 3

WB 11th April - Year 6

Well done to all the children in each class, they have received the trophy and attendance teddy, with a lollipop for each child.

STAFF & GOVERNOR NEWS

Thank you to those parents who voted in the parent governor elections. We had a small number of votes cast and in the end it was very close, but I can announce that Mrs Siham Clarke has been voted as a parent Governor for Abbey Primary School. She has children in year 1 and year 3 and will be a valuable addition to the governing body.

I am sure you are aware of the letter that came out to parents earlier on in the week regarding Mrs Winstone. I am sure you will join with me again in wishing her all the best at this difficult time.

Miss Dawes, our nursery teacher, is due to be back next week on a part-time basis at first and then back to full-time soon after. As the last newsletter went out on the final day of Spring Term, we found out that Mrs Crooks had secured a permanent position at

another school, so for the short time until Miss Dawes' return, we welcome Mrs Gina Sturgess as the teacher in nursery.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor to work in school each day. The hours are from 11.55am until 1.05pm and you would be expected to work as a team to supervise children, engage in activities and maintain order in the dining room and classrooms. This job is also being advertised on Walsall Job Shop. For further details and an application form, please see the school office for details.

PARKING

Over the last few weeks we have had continued complaints from local residents and parents about the parking at the beginning and end of the day. Also last week we had an incident after school involving a car and a van parked inappropriately.

I have noticed myself vehicles parked on the pavement across the road from the school, the grass verges and on the double yellow lines or zig-zag markings. Please can I once again request that to help keep all pedestrians safe outside of school and to ensure vehicles passing can see clearly around the bend on Glastonbury Crescent, that you park away from the school.

I have taken the opportunity to notify the council this week and would ask that if you are concerned you do the same thing.

FOREST SCHOOL

This term all the children will take part in Forest School sessions. The sessions are led by Mrs Sheargold, a trained Forest School worker. They will take place whatever the weather, so it is really important that children bring wellington boots on their allocated day, along with messy clothes.



A letter will be sent nearer the time of each classes turn to remind parents but below is an overview of the days for each class;

29th April & 6th May - Year 5

13th May & 20th May - Year 2

27th May & 10th June - Year 3

17th June & 24th June - Year 6

1st July & 15th July - Year 1

Reception and Nursery will go in small groups throughout the term as Mrs Sheargold works in this class each day.

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers, which will be available until 3rd May. These will help us obtain new equipment for playtimes and encourage healthy living.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 2nd May - **MAY DAY**, school closed

Week beginning Monday 9th May - **Y6 SAT'S WEEK**, all children to attend every day. No boosters this week, but breakfast will be provided free of charge for all children from 8.30am.

Week beginning Monday 16th May - **Y6 Bryntysilio Week**

Week beginning Monday 23rd May - **Y2 SAT's WEEK**, all children to attend every day.

Monday 23rd May & Wednesday 25th May - **Y6 Bikeability** (1st group of 12 children)

Thursday 26th May & Friday 27th May - **Y6 Bikeability** (2nd group of 12 children)

Friday 27th May - **Break up for Whitsun week**

Monday 6th June - **TEACHER TRAINING DAY - school closed to pupils**

Friday 10th June - **School Street Party for the Queen's 90th celebrations** (more information to follow)

Monday 27th June - **World of Work week**

Tuesday 28th June - **Y5 out at Blithfield Reservoir for World of Work week**

Wednesday 29th June - **Y4 out at Whitmore Hall for World of Work week**

Friday 8th July - **KS2 sports day AM, EYFS and KS1 sports day PM** (all nursery in PM session)
Reports to parents

Monday 11th July, 3pm - **Parents open afternoon, including meet and greet new teachers**

Thursday 14th July - **Y6 PROM**

Tuesday 19th July, 9am - **WOW of the Year and celebration attendance assembly. Break up at 1.30pm**

Wednesday 20th July - **TEACHER TRAINING DAY - school closed to pupils**

