

# Abbey Primary School Newsletter

**'Nurture, Believe, Explore, Achieve'**

Wednesday 18th July 2023

Summer Term 2023- Issue 20

## News and updates

This is the final newsletter for this year and I would like to thank you for your continued support of the teaching staff and your children. Thank you, if you have supported with reading at home, or other homework. Thank you if you have been able to support events in school. We always aim to please, and we don't always get everything right first time, however we do try each day to ensure your child is safe, happy and learns effectively. We wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday, and we will see you in September.

I look forward with anticipation to next year, as children move to their new classes. I am mindful that with Mrs. Read leaving we have some leadership changes in school, please see below. I would like to thank Mrs. Read for the efforts she has made whilst being deputy headteacher at Abbey, much of the success would not be without her contribution. Please see the message from her to the children, families and community.

### Leadership team 2023-24

From September we have the following leadership arrangements in place, with myself as Headteacher:

| Teacher/Leader Name | Responsibility                                                                        |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mrs Wright          | Acting assistant Headteacher, Upper KS2 leader, Joint Curriculum leader               |
| Mrs Sanders         | Acting assistant Headteacher, Early Years leader, Joint curriculum leader             |
| Mrs Richardson      | Inclusion Leader (temporary) including support for SEND, pupil premium and attendance |
| Miss Bullock        | Outdoor Play and Learning Leader, KS1 leader                                          |
| Mrs Smith           | SENCO                                                                                 |
| Mrs Sellen          | Lower KS2 leader and lead teacher                                                     |

### Message from Mrs Read

I am deeply saddened to be leaving as I have had the most amazing experience at Abbey, I have always been proud to be Deputy Headteacher, it really is a special place to work.

I can say with complete honesty that our children are the best pupils I have ever met. We have children who are full of humour, compassion and who care for one another. They all make me extremely proud and I know they will all go on to do great things in later life.

I have been privileged to work with a team of amazing staff. They work extremely hard to give the best they can to our pupils. I have enjoyed coming into work each day and I will miss this extended family.

I have also been fortunate to work with Mr Gilbert, and together over our time as head and deputy we have always put the children at the centre of all our decisions, even through tough times we've always managed to see the humour and keep a smile on our faces. Abbey Primary is lucky to have such an amazing headteacher.

To all Abbey parents I cannot thank you enough, for the support you have given me over the years, and for sending your wonderful children to Abbey! Although I am sad to be leaving, I am excited about the future, and the next chapter. I wish the Abbey family all the best, I will miss you all.

I hope to see you all in the not-so-distant future as I return in my role as Governor. Have a wonderful summer holiday and best wishes to you all.

Love from, Justine Read.

### PTA Summer Term Raffle

We continue to sell tickets for the raffle each day, and they are on sale 50p a strip or 3 strips for £1, until the morning of Friday 21st July 2023.

### Events this fortnight

If you have attended the EYFS Graduation, the Spirited arts work, the dance event, the Y6 Prom or Y6 leavers assembly, we hope you enjoyed it and thank you for the support you have given. I have to say we were overwhelmed with how good the Y6 performance was, and a big thank you to Miss Brunell in the efforts made in bringing it all together.

### Y6 Leaving

Finally good luck to Y6 in your new schools, you have been an outstanding group of pupils and we will miss you immensely,

### Plans for next year

A few weeks ago, we sent out letters to request places for breakfast club. We are now full and any names will be added to a waiting list. If you do not require each day or the place, please notify the office as soon as possible.

If you require a place at after school club, this will run until 5.30pm each day at a cost of £10. If you require until 4.15pm the cost will be £5. For any further information please contact the school office.

Next year we are looking to overhaul our playtimes and lunchtimes. In September staff are being training on Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL). We will share with you more information in the new year but for now if you look at our Facebook page for previous posts on what materials we can use in school.

On the children's return we will have a new start time of 8.40am for Reception (through the gate by the main entrance), Y1 (through the front gate) and Y2-Y6 (through the gate onto the playground). Nursery will start at 8.45am, via the front gate.

School finishes at 3.10pm, and the gates on to the main playground will open at 3.05pm. Reception will leave via the gate by the main entrance. Y1 and Y2 will come out at 3.10pm via the front gate, Nurture through the hall doors, and Y3/4 from the mobile, Y5/6 via the back door. Parents should not enter the school at the end of the day, other than through the main entrance.

Y5 and Y6 pupils will be able to come to school and leave at the end of the day with signed permission from parents/carers, please contact the office for a form to be completed.

### Dates for the Diary

**Friday 21st July**—WOW of the year assembly

1.30pm—Break up for summer holidays (no clubs on this day)

**Monday 24th July & Tuesday 25th July**—**TRAINING DAY**, no children in school on these days.

#### **SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

**Wednesday 26th July 2023—Friday 1st September 2023**

**Monday 4th September & Tuesday 5th September**—**TRAINING DAYS**, no children in school on these days

**Wednesday 6th September**—New start and end times. Gates open for all classes at 8.40am and school finishes at 3.10pm, gates on to the playground at 3.05pm. After school clubs will run until 4.10pm.

Children in Reception to Y6 start back for Autumn Term 2023. Reception will finish at 1.00pm on the first three days.

Calendar for next year will be released as soon as possible on the website, however please see below for Autumn term dates and confirmed training days for 2023/24

### Autumn Term 2023

Autumn Term 1 - Wednesday 6th September—Friday 27th October 2023

HALF TERM—Monday 30th October—Friday 3rd November 2023

Autumn Term 2—Tuesday 7th November—Thursday 21st December 2023

### OTHER TRAINING DAYS FOR 2023-2024

Monday 6th November 2023

Friday 22nd December 2023

Monday 22nd July 2024

### Forest School request

Mrs Sheargold has requested that when you are out and about, if you spot any pine cones on the ground, to collect them and bring them in to school.

**The bigger, the better.**

Many thanks!

