

Abbey Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24th May 2024

Summer Term 2024—Issue 17

News and updates

I can't believe we have come to the end of Summer Term One already, time has flown this year and the children are nearing the end of their time in their current year group.

I would like to start by saying a big well done to the Y6 children and teachers. Last week the Y6 children completed their SAT's tests that they have been working so hard towards all year. They conducted themselves maturely and were resilient throughout the week.

Staffing Update

I would like to inform you that at the end of this academic year we will be saying goodbye to our Y5 teacher, Mr O'Toole and one of our Y3 teachers, Miss Brunell. Both teachers have worked at Abbey over the last few years and I know that the children they have taught and supported will miss them greatly.

I would like to thank Mr O'Toole for his hard work and dedication, mainly in upper key stage two. He has attended residential visits with the children and supported his classes well, whilst also leading computing and Geography. Mr O'Toole is taking some time out of teaching to travel—who can blame him!

Miss Brunell is now a teacher, however came to us as a teaching assistant in Early Years. Over the time she has been here, she has led our dance club for many children across the school, and we will certainly miss her expertise in this area. Not only has Miss Brunell led dance club, she supported in Y6 last year and has been an excellent teacher this year. Miss Brunell has secured a teacher position at a school in Walsall.

School Meals—Price change from 1st September 2024

As of 1st September 2024 Walsall Council will be implementing a price increase of 5p per meal to all school dinner meals, taking the cost up to £2.20 per day. Parent Pay will remain in place for parents to make payments.

Parent Workshop—Online Safety for all parents

On Wednesday 26th June we have Nicola Rudge from Walsall Local Authority in school to deliver the annual online safety parents sessions. This will be held in school at 6pm in the evening. Parents can arrive from 5.45pm.

We would encourage as many parents to attend as possible, as each year the risk to our pupils (of any age) increases and they have access to many new platforms and information that some parents will not be aware of.

HAF Programme

Details will soon be released to parents who are entitled to Pupil premium funding, for the summer HAF programme. This summer Abbey Primary School will be hosting Sports Plus, and I am pleased to say that we will have Miss Gomery, our sports coach, running the sessions. These will be held Monday to Thursday of week beginning 5th and 12th August 2024.

Rock Stars Walsall Rock Choir

A new junior choir is being set up at the Walsall Arena and arts Centre, Hawbush Road, Leamore, from 3rd July, 4.30pm-5.30pm. It is for any children in Walsall that are in KS2 (Y3-Y6). The 'Rock Choir, Rock Stars, will be running this choir. Details can be found on a flyer from the office or by going to www.walmused.org.uk

PTA Summer Fayre and Raffle

From after half-term we have the summer raffle tickets on sale again. The raffle tickets will be on sale for 50p for 1 strip or 3 strips for £1. Also on Wednesday 19th June straight after school we will be holding the PTA Summer Fayre. We would love parents and families to stay and support us, please spread the word!

Well done to our two lucky winners this half term who had 100% attendance



Harry (Y5) – Big bounce voucher
Renayah (Y2) – 5 free plays at Fuzzy Ed's
Ruben (N) – 5 free plays at Fuzzy Ed's

Dates for the diary

Friday 24th May—PTA non-uniform day & Break up for Whitsun holidays

HALF TERM—Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May 2024

Monday 3rd June—Summer Term 2 starts, children back in school. Y4 times table check week.

Thursday 6th June -Y2 at Twycross Zoo, all day.

Friday 7th June—Y4 at Tamworth Castle for Viking workshop

Monday 10th June—Y1 Phonics Screening Check & 9.30am SPARKs Fire service visit to the school for Y4.

Wednesday 19th June—9am, Parents reception meeting (for Reception parents in September).

Wednesday 19th June—After school until 4pm PTA Summer Fayre

Thursday 20th June—Dance Festival at Forest Arts Centre

Friday 21st June—RE day—Humanism

Monday 24th June—World of Work week, more details to follow.

Thursday 25th June—Y3 at Think tank visit all day

Wednesday 26th June—9am, Parents nursery meeting (for Nursery parents in September).

6pm Parent Online Safety Workshop for all parents.

Monday 1st July—9am-10am—Pupils new to YR play and stay (with parents)

Tuesday 2nd July—9am-12pm, Y1 Learn to Ride A-stars session, more details to follow.

Wednesday 3rd July—Y6 pupils Transition Day for pupils going to Walsall schools. All children in school—transition day to new classes. 9-10am pupils new to YR play and stay (without parents)



Year 3 Playscript work

This week Y3 parents were invited in to see Y3's Play script afternoon. The children enjoyed writing and rehearsing their own versions of the BFG to perform to parents and then shared popcorn and watched part of the BFG. Thank you to all parents that were able to attend.



Wraparound After School Club

We offer after school club until 5.30pm each day. The cost for the whole session is £10 per pupil, per day. Please contact the office for further information about how to book. If you don't require the whole session, children can stay until 4.15pm for £5.