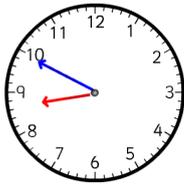


REMEMBER: OUR SCHOOL DAY STARTS AT 10 TO 9 – LET'S ALL BE ON TIME FOR SCHOOL!



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Dear Abbeyes' Families

School Newsletter: September 2019

Welcome to the new school year, I hope everyone had a lovely summer break. It was good to welcome the children back last Wednesday, and staff have been busy helping to settle them into their new routines, including our Early Years Foundation Stage groups.

This year we are welcoming a new teacher to the Abbeyes staff team, Mr Jonathan Cumbleton, who will be working in Marham class. Miss Leigh Dean has moved to Key Stage 1, where she will be leading the team and teaching in Whitby class. Miss Rosie Little joins us as a student teacher, based in Year 3&4, while School Governor Mr Sid Hewitt will continue to work with us as a valued volunteer.

Contact Details and End of Day Arrangements

As a school we need to keep a record of at least two contact numbers as well as the end of day arrangements for every child. Please let us know if there are **any changes** to the information we hold for your child, using the attached contact details form. Without the correct permission we will not be able to release your child to an adult that you have not identified to us, or let them walk home alone at the end of the school day. If there is a one-off change to end of day arrangements for your child (such as someone different picking up), please give the school office a quick call to let us know. We would also appreciate a call if you have been held up and may be late collecting your child. Thank you.



Contact Details and GDPR: Please note that the General Data Protection Regulations and Data Protection Act 2018 do not prevent or limit the sharing of information where it is needed to keep children safe. Do contact us if you have any query around your information which is held by school.

We will be holding Harvest celebrations during the last week of September. Look out for the letter coming home soon with suggestions for suitable food donations. These will all be welcome, as we plan to pass donations to our local food bank, the Bletchley Food Cupboard, which does such great work within our local community.



Jeans for Genes Day
Changing the world for children with genetic disorders

On Friday **20th September** as always we are supporting National Jeans for Genes Day. This will be a non-uniform day where the children will be encouraged to wear their jeans, and bring a £1 donation. Please help to support this well-deserving children's charity.



Could you be a School Governor? Our current Governors have joined us through a variety of routes and with a range of backgrounds, skills and experiences. They are volunteers who work together for the benefit of our school. We are currently looking for new Governors and would like to hear from anyone who has skills in HR, Legal or Finance, as well as an open and enquiring mind, and the confidence to ask questions and join in debate. The sense of achievement in making a difference at Abbeyes is a great reward, so if you think this may interest you, please speak to the School Office or email us on office@abbeyprimary.org

Riding to School



Children are welcome to ride their bike, trike or scooter to school, as we encourage sustainable travel and active lifestyles. However, please remember the safety rule is that they cannot be ridden around on the playground and must be parked on arrival. Adults may need to supervise younger children to help them put their bike, trike or scooter into the bike park.



The 2019-20 school year list of diary dates is attached. Please check for term dates and events, including class assemblies, all Christmas performances, and after-school club dates. The list will be regularly updated as more events enter the school diary, and dates are also on our website www.abbeyprimary.org. Copies of newsletters and our letters can also be found on our site, so please use it to stay up to date with life at Abbeyes. There are some lovely events to look forward to, and we value the involvement of our families.

School Lunches Please remember that all school lunches need to be ordered online using the ParentPay system. Orders must be completed by 11:59pm on a Wednesday for the following week. If you have any queries or need help with online access, please contact the School Office who will be happy to assist.



We have a new school lunch provider this year, The Lunchtime Company. The children have given us some positive feedback about the new menus, particularly the fact that they now have even more choices to go with their main meal from the salad and pudding stations.

Planners

Please take a few minutes each week to check and sign your child's planner, which can be used for contact between home and school. A lost planner will result in a £3 charge, so children do need to be encouraged to look after them and log their home reading.



Sports Day

Many thanks to all families who came along to support the children on Sports Day at the end of last term. I hope you will agree it was a great community event with kind weather, great organisation by PE Leader Mr Lynch and delicious refreshments. (Once again I couldn't resist the BBQ.)



It was also lovely to see so many people staying to enjoy a family picnic lunch at the end of Sports Day, which was a really sociable end to the academic year.

School Trips and Visits

School trips are a valuable and enjoyable part of our curriculum enrichment, but please be aware they may have to be cancelled if we don't receive sufficient parental contributions. We hope you will support any payable trips that are organised for your child this year—they are often subsidised by the school to keep costs down, but we do rely on parents' and carers' contributions.

Best wishes



Mrs Sophie Good
Headteacher

PS: And Finally...

Everyone looks extremely smart in their school uniform, so as always *can I remind parents that all items of clothing should be labelled with your child's name.* We are already finding a number of new school sweatshirts around the school with no names on, so this is important!

Thank you everybody.

**Abbeyes
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