



Abbey Primary School Newsletter

April 2024

Right of the Month
Article 30: Your right to use your own language.

Thursday 25th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back for the summer term, a term which will be emotional with our Year 6 pupils leaving for pastures new as they continue their learning journey in secondary school. We have lots of activities planned for our Year 6 pupils, plus summer trips planned for all pupils.

Mid-year reports

I sincerely hope you found the mid-year annual report to parents informative and useful. Staff worked diligently on the reports, and we have tried to ensure that you can see what your child does well and some next steps for improvement.

I have read a number of comments already on the feedback forms and they are extremely positive. If you have not left a comment, the link to the report is here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/DLV0zPnyB4>

The next step will be for a celebration of your child’s work to occur in July, where you come in to view the books and discuss the progress against the next steps on the report. I truly believe to be a more purposeful way of working, developing a shared understanding of the progress being made by your child(ren).

After-school Clubs

After-school clubs have started this week and we have tried to provide a variety of clubs across the school. Please see the table below for the full details. Unfortunately, due to the size of the school, we can only provide one club per pupil, but if there are spaces in other clubs, we will let you know.

Day	Club		Finish Time	Notes
Tuesday	Coding Club		4.15pm	This is a carry on club from the previous term
	Cricket	Y4-6	4.15pm	
	Minecraft	Y3-6	4.00pm	
	Abbey Harriers – Running Club	Y4-6	4.00pm	
Wednesday	Lego	Y1-2	4.00pm	
	Draw Along	Y1-2	4.00pm	
	Fit and Fun	Rec – Y2	4.00pm	
	Art Attack	Y3-6	4.00pm	
	Rugby	Y3-6	4.00pm	
	Gymnastics	Rec – Y6	4.00pm	
	Thursday	I-Pad club	Rec – Y2	4.00pm
Cookery		Rec – Y1	4.15pm	There is an £8 charge to cover this club for the Summer Term
Sign Language		Y3-6	4.00pm	
Rounders		Y3-6	4.00pm	
Capture the flag and team games		Y5-6	4.00pm	

Numeracy Workshop for Parents/Carers

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Numeracy Workshop event on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March. It was brilliant to see so many parents/carers in school, working with their children within the classroom. In total we had just under 150 parents/carers attend, and I really hope you found the experience a valuable one! We will certainly look to do similar events on an annual basis.

Premises

Car Park – The car park was started in the Easter holidays by Oaktree Construction. I will be having monthly progress meetings with the council and Oaktree Construction to keep an eye on the progress and any difficulties that have arisen. The estimated completion date is August, with the hope that the car park / drop-off area is fully available from 1st September 2024.

I must stress the importance of using this drop-off area once complete, as I am very worried regarding an accident involving a pedestrian currently. **Please refrain from blocking the barriers and parking inconsiderately.** I know it can be very difficult, but patience is key to avoid any sort of accident.

Drainage – The path leading down from the field has been rectified and the surface water issue has now been resolved. I am delighted by the work carried out, and it has made a huge difference to the safety of our pupils, parents and staff members walking down from the field.

Fencing

We have had new fencing along the steps leading to the Year 1, 2 and 3 classrooms, as well as fencing at the back of the school where the nursery and reception pupils play. The fencing there is to stop pupils travelling along the steep bank and it will allow the youngest pupils to access the small grass bank. I have allocated some funds to make good the grass bank, with new topsoil and turf.

The perimeter fence had many gaps, and these have all been repaired by South Wales Fencing to ensure everyone is safe and no animals can come in.

Sports Day/Week

Sports Day will occur during the week beginning **17th June**. We are hoping to use our school field this year, however, we will need to ensure it is safe to use.

Sports day t-shirts will need to be worn and we will let you know what days your child will be participating in sports day.

P.T.A.

Please support our wonderful PTA who are organising a Family Quiz and Bingo night at Skewen RFC (6pm) on Thursday 16th May. Information has been provided on ClassDojo.

The PTA will also be hosting the Summer Serenade party for all pupils on **Thursday 27th June** (See timings below).

Staffing

Miss. Tyler will be starting her maternity leave on 10th May and we wish her well and hope everything goes smoothly with the birth of her baby boy. Pob lwc, Miss. Tyler!

Mr. Thomas (who was the long-term supply for Mr. Richards when he was off school) has agreed to cover the maternity leave until the end of the academic year. We are very pleased to have Mr. Thomas back.

Polite Reminders

Punctuality – Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time before 8:55am.

Uniform – We have noticed that a small number of pupils are not adhering to the uniform policy. Jeans are not to be worn to school and please ensure that your child wears suitable footwear, Crocs are not appropriate.

Paths – Please can I stress the importance of using the paths and not the road when walking to and from school. It is vitally important to keep everyone safe. Diolch.

Confirmed dates for your diary

Date	Activity/Event
Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wed. 8 th May to Fri. 10 th May	Year 6 residential trip to Tregoyd House
Monday 13 th May	Yogo Mooves to visit Nursery
Monday 13 th May	Parent Workshop on 'Worries' with CAMHs Practitioner Kelly Austin
Thursday 23 rd May	Reception pupils – Height, weight and vision tests with the school nurse
Friday 24 th May	END OF HALF TERM
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 3 rd June	INSET DAY
Wednesday 5 th June	Kelly Austin (CAMHs Practitioner) in for a self-esteem workshop with Year 6
Friday 7 th June	SOCCER AID - £1 per pupil and wear your favourite football kit!
W/B 17 th June	SPORTS WEEK
Wednesday 19 th June	Kelly Austin (CAMHs Practitioner) in for a transition workshop with Year 6
Wednesday 19 th June	Kelly Austin (CAMHs Practitioner) in for a self-esteem workshop with Year 2
Friday 21 st June	Cluster Football Festival Y3/4 (am) & Y5/6 (pm)
Thursday 27 th June	Summer Serenade (Rec to Y2) - 3:30pm to 4:30pm and Y3 to Y6 (5pm to 6pm). EYAC & Nursery pupils will take part during the day.
Friday 28 th June	Kelly Austin (CAMHs Practitioner) in for a self-esteem workshop with Year 3 (am) and Year 4 (pm)
W/B 1 st July	PARENTS/CARERS CELEBRATION OF WORK AND BOOK LOOK IN CLASSES. (More details and times to follow)
W/B 1 st July	Year 6 swimming sessions all week (Y6M)
Tuesday 2 nd July	Design to Smile Fluoride Varnish (Nursery to Year 2)
Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 6 Transition Day (Dwr-y-Felin) – coach provided
Wednesday 3 rd July	Kelly Austin (CAMHs Practitioner) in for a self-esteem workshop with Year 5
W/B 8 th July	Year 6 swimming sessions all week (Y6T)
Wednesday 10 th July	Y4, 5 & 6 TRIP TO HEATHERTON
Thursday 11 th July	YEAR 6 LEAVERS' PARTY (4:30pm to 6pm)
Monday 15 th July	YEAR 6 LEAVERS' TRIP to LC2 & DENNY'S
Monday 15 th July	RECEPTION TRIP TO FOLLY FARM
Tuesday 16 th July	YEAR 1, 2 & 3 TRIP TO FOLLY FARM
Wednesday 17 th July	NURSERY GRADUATION (Parents/Carers to attend)
Friday 19 th July	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR!

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter and I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. M. Hodder', written in a cursive style.

Mr. K. M. Hodder (Headteacher)