



Abbey Primary School Newsletter

October 2023

Right of the Month

Article 12: Respect for the views of the child

Thursday 19th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't quite believe we are nearly at the end of this half term. It has been a great half term, full of lovely learning experiences, after-school clubs, trips, visitors and sporting events too.

The whole staff have worked tirelessly to support your wonderful pupils and it has been very pleasing to witness the progress pupils are making here in Abbey.

It has been lovely to see so many of you around the school, with MacMillan Coffee events and also lots of PTA activities and planning. Our new Family Engagement Officer, Miss Jarvis, has organised many groups and visitors to support families of our school, including our baby group, stay and play sessions and coffee mornings which have been very well attended. (Please see Miss. Jarvis' newsletter on Class Dojo). It is fantastic to see our school grow and develop as a strong, positive community.

Safeguarding Concern

It has been brought to my attention by a parent regarding possible WhatsApp groups that pupils are involved in. There are some groups which have resulted in some unwarranted comments etc. so please be mindful and check the activity of pupils on these platforms.

Please note, the legal age for WhatsApp is 16. Please read this useful NSPCC article about keeping your children safe on WhatsApp. [NSPCC – Is WhatsApp safe for my child?](#)

Punctuality & Attendance

It is imperative that pupils do not miss any more school than is absolutely necessary. Clearly, pupils will be ill and it is important for them to remain home during a period of ill health. But, every other occasion, children need to be in school.

Attendance is a priority for the school this year and is included in our School Improvement Plan.

Punctuality will also be monitored closely and persistent offenders will be discussed with our **Education Welfare Officer, Tiona Richards**. All medical appointments must be made after school or during the school holidays. Hospital appointments cannot be changed (I understand that), but appointment letters will need to be provided.

Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening

Please ensure you have booked an appointment for next week's meetings with teachers. The meetings will be allocated for 10 minutes; however, if there are any issues or concerns you wish to discuss in greater detail, teachers can be contacted for a meeting or phone call via Class Dojo. It is important to be mindful of other parents/carers waiting for their appointment.

Water Bottles

Water bottles have been purchased by the school's P.T.A. for each child, many thanks to our supportive P.T.A.

Annual Consent Forms

The online annual consent form this for this year can be found by clicking this [link](#). We still have a few forms still outstanding so please complete if you haven't already done so.

Flu Vaccination

Flu vaccinations (nasal) will take place on **Monday 6th November**. Please ensure you return the form **with** or **without** consent, as if no form is received the Nursing Team will ring you.

Christmas Dinner Day

Reception to Year 6 – if your child/ren would like a Christmas lunch please complete the online form via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/eeHrHenmNv> or through the one posted by Mrs. Callard on the School Story on Class Dojo.

Christmas Concerts

This year, we have Christmas concerts planned for all pupils and they will be arranged as follows:

Concerts	Afternoon (2pm)	Evening (5pm)
N/R	18 th	19 th
Y1/2	19 th	18 th
Y3/4	11 th	12 th
Y5/6	12 th	11 th

There will be one afternoon and one evening performance for each phase. Further details will be provided regarding cost and allocation in next month's newsletter; however, dates and times are above to allow you to book time off work etc.

Confirmed dates for your diary

Date	Activity/Event
Friday 20 th October	Wear Red Day 2023 Show Racism The Red Card (Non-uniform Day)
W/B 23 rd October	PARENTAL CONSULTATION WEEK (No after-school clubs this week)
Thursday 26 th October	Last day of half term for pupils
Friday 27 th October	CLUSTER INSET DAY
Friday 27 th October	END OF HALF TERM
Mon 30 th Oct – Fri 3 rd Nov	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 6 th November	Pupils and staff return to school
Monday 6 th November	Flu vaccinations – Reception to Year 6
Monday 27 th November	Book Fair (more details to follow via ClassDojo)
Monday 11 th December	Christmas Concerts (see table above)
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Concerts (see table above)
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Concerts (see table above)
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Concerts (see table above)
Thursday 21 st December	Last day for pupils – Have a wonderful Christmas and festive period
Friday 22 nd December	INSET DAY
Monday 24 th December to Sunday 7 th January 2024	

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 8th January 2024	INSET DAY
Tuesday 9th January	Pupils return after the Christmas holidays

Have a wonderful half term everyone and thank you all so much for your positive comments and support over the last half term.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. K. M. Hodder
(Headteacher)