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Abbey Lane Primary School NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2022 – First Half



New Term

We have had a lovely first few days, with the children settling back into school well.

This year, we are resuming all our 'normal' activities for the children – assemblies, educational visits, after-school clubs. Given the rise in cost of living, we are very mindful of the financial pressures on everybody. The costs of educational trips has increased, with coach companies and venues raising their prices to cover their overheads. We will still be sourcing educational trips to support the learning in school, but will endeavour to make sure that there is only one trip per term, which incurs a cost. Where possible, we will use local venues e.g. Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet/ Ecclesall Woods Discovery Centre and Graves Park, which the children can walk to.

A number of extra-curricular clubs have already been secured for this half term – cross-country, netball, SoccerEds, Taekwondo, Cheer Dance and Performing Arts. These clubs are only open to certain year groups, so please make sure that you check all communications and the school website.

Communication

Please ensure that you keep your contact details, email and mobile number up to date on ParentPay to ensure you receive all information and communications from school. It is possible for more than one parent/carer to have access to ParentPay. Please see the school office who will be able to arrange this for you.

If you haven't already activated your ParentPay account, please do so as soon as possible. ParentPay is our main method of whole school communication and you could be missing out on valuable information and opportunities. New starters will shortly receive ParentPay activation letters, please see the school office if you require any help activating your ParentPay account.

We will use the permission forms, which were previously completed, for various events/activities. If you wish to alter any of your permission preferences please contact the school office. We automatically presume that we can give permission to take photographs at school performances, when we are able to resume them, unless you stipulate otherwise on the form or write a letter to your child's class teacher.

If you need to contact school about your child, there are a number of ways this can be done. If it is an urgent matter, then it is best to telephone the school office. They will always pass on any urgent messages. If it is not urgent, but a general query, then the best way is through the year group email. Staff do monitor these regularly.

FS2 – fs2@abbeylane.sheffield.sch.uk

Y1 – y1@abbeylane.sheffield.sch.uk

Y2 – y2@abbeylane.sheffield.sch.uk

Y3 – y3@abbeylane.sheffield.sch.uk

Y4 – y4@abbeylane.sheffield.sch.uk

Y5 – y5@abbeylane.sheffield.sch.uk

Y6 – y6@abbeylane.sheffield.sch.uk

Website.

There is a lot of information available on our school website: www.abbeylanepriamaryschool.com. You will be able to find curriculum information under the School Information tab. This includes curriculum overviews and knowledge organisers, so that you can see the topics that your children will be learning about this year.

Home Learning is usually set each week, this is done through Google Classroom and is how teachers will communicate reminders of specific visits, events etc. All children should have a log-in, other than FS2 (this will be sent in the next few weeks). We will also send a hard copy of this home, as we know some parents struggle to access Google Classroom.

We are also currently updating the policies and statements which are available on our website. These include Child Protection and Safeguarding, Behaviour, Communication Policy, Complaints Procedure etc. These will all be ready for the end of September.

Attendance

Punctuality

In order to ensure that we have an accurate record of attendance, the school registers are taken as soon as possible after the bell goes. If your child arrives after the bell has gone at **8:45am**, they will need to come through the main entrance and report to the office staff so that they will still get their attendance mark, otherwise they will get a 'Late' mark. If your child arrives after 9:15am this session is then recorded as unauthorised, unless agreed otherwise by the Headteacher. To make sure that the school site is secure in the mornings the gates will be locked at **8:45am**.

Absences

All children who need to leave school before the end of the school day e.g. for a dentist or doctor's appointment, need to contact the office to arrange an 'authorised appointment'. This can be arranged up to 3 days in advance of the appointment and no later than the morning of the appointment.

All children leaving school outside of the normal times will need to be signed out by a parent/carer on the electronic system.

If you are requesting absence for a religious observation then you will need to complete a 'Request for Term Time Leave' form, which can be found outside the main office area. For these occasions you will not receive confirmation, unless it has been agreed.

Parking

In the past we have received a few concerns and complaints from local residents and parents regarding the parking situation around school. Although we appreciate that it can be difficult for some parents to park when collecting and dropping off their children, please can we ask that you park safely.

We would also like to remind you that parking, even briefly, or dropping off, on double yellow lines, zig-zag lines or inside bus stop markings can incur a fine and/or penalty points that can be given either by PCSOs or council representatives.

We have been informed that parking on the pavement/drive in front of the staff car park gates is classed as obstruction. Please refrain from parking here as this hinders the visibility, and therefore safety, of children as they travel to and from school.

We can assure you that your child's safety is our priority and thank you for your continuing support in the efforts taken to keep your children as safe as possible.

Allergies

We have several children in school with severe nut allergies. Please can we remind you that snacks and packed lunches should not contain nuts or nut based products including Peanut Butter or Nutella sandwiches.

As the protein in certain seeds resembles the same proteins in nuts and may trigger an allergic reaction, we would also ask that you avoid sending your children products that contain seeds too.

Thank you for your co- operation.

Crossing Warden

Just to inform you that the times our current crossing warden, Ms. Kirkup, works are:

8:20am to 8:50am

3:10pm to 3:30pm.

If you arrive at school outside of these times, there will not be anybody present to assist you and your children across the road.



Lost property

Even though the children have been back less than a week, we already have a small amount of unnamed lost property. Can you please make sure that all clothing and bags have your child's full name and class on them. We can then get their belongings back to them swiftly.

School Photos

Photos - the photographer will be coming on Tuesday 27th September to take individual photographs.



Parents meetings

Parents' Evening will be held on Monday 3rd October and Wednesday 5th October. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher and discuss how they are settling in to their new class. These will be held virtually, further details will follow.

