



Abbey Lane Primary School

Summer 1 2023-24 Newsletter

We are back!

Like they always do, the Easter holidays flew by! I hope you all enjoyed the break from school whatever you got up to – I've really enjoyed listening last week to the children speak so enthusiastically about their holiday adventures.

We are now into the summer term and hopefully the weather starts to realise that soon too! There are lots more fun things planned for the children in school this term, including some brilliant trips and plenty of exciting learning opportunities. We also have the Y6 SATS in May and we all wish our Y6s the best of luck with this – you really are a brilliant bunch of children and I have every faith that you will be making us and your families proud when you undertake those assessments.

As always, please get in touch if you have anything that you'd like to raise or talk about regarding school. Your opinions matter as we continue to make Abbey Lane a school for the community.

Mr Calcutt

Reception Places for September

We have a limited number of Reception places still available for children due to start school in September 2024. Please contact the school on 0114 2745054 or via email at enquiries@abbeylane.sheffield.sch.uk for further information or to book a visit with Mr Calcutt. The dates for the visits are **Tuesday 7th May** at 5pm, **Wednesday 8th May** at 1.30pm and **Friday 10th May** at 9.30am.

If you have any friends or family whose children are yet to be placed in a school, or who aren't entirely satisfied with where they have been placed, and would like to consider being part of our wonderful family here at Abbey Lane, please pass this message on and we would be more than happy to discuss it with them.

Reception

We have been so lucky recently to have lots of visitors who have told us about important festivals and celebrations that our classmates are observing this Spring. First Mrs Taylor and Reverend John came in to tell us all about the Easter story. Layla and Roya's dad Mr Moshiri told us about Norooz, which is Persian New Year and happens on the Spring Equinox. Ms Khan came to tell us about Ramadan and Ayaan's mum Mrs Khan came to tell us all about Eid.

We have loved sharing our different celebrations and teaching each other about our different cultures in Foundation Stage – **The FS2 Team**



Hello from PALS!

We hope you all had a lovely Easter and this first week back to school has gone well. Firstly, thank you to everyone who took part in the Easter raffle, **which raised £257**, we hope all the winners enjoyed their goody bags!

Our next event is a uniform sale on Friday 26th April at 3pm. All branded uniform is £1 per item. You can also donate uniform using the labelled PALS bin at the front of school, any unbranded items will be donated to Uni-Recycle. We are in desperate need of branded items in size 11-12 years!

We are in need of helpers to sort uniform from 2.30pm and then to sell from 3pm. Any time you can give makes a big difference! If you can help then please get in touch.

The next meeting takes place on Monday 29th April at 8pm at Peak Dessert Cafe on Chesterfield Road. We would love for you to join us to find out more about what we do, and share any ideas you may have!

SAVE THE DATE - The summer fair will take place on Saturday 6th July. Location to be confirmed!

Finally as always, if you want to find out more or can offer any help to PALS then please email parentsabbeylane@hotmail.com or let us know on Facebook.



School Council BizKids fundraising initiative

A big thank you to everyone who supported us with our 'Break the Rules' Day and raffle for St Luke's hospice. Both events were a huge success and we are delighted to announce that the total amount raised was £686.05.

Abbey Lane School Council, 2024

Y3 Trip to Magna

Just before the Easter holidays, the Y3 classes went on a trip to Magna. They all had a fantastic time and behaved incredibly well.

Here's what Dexter, Theo D, Savannah, Zainab, Wilfred and Evie C, all from Y3J, had to say about the trip:

During our trip to Magna, we really enjoyed learning all about all the different elements, including Fire, Earth, Air and Water. In these rooms, there was lots of tornados, even a fire one! We took part in a light workshop, where we used lots of cool lasers to experiment with light. We discovered that light travels in straight lines. The Big Melt was very interesting because all of a sudden, sparks flew out of the machine and there was lots of fire. Magna was our favourite day of Y3 so far!

Idling Engines

We have had some complaints from residents on the roads nearby school that, at drop off and pick up times, there have been parents sat in their cars with their engines still turned on. Obviously, for safety reasons, coupled with the fact that these cars are nearby the school full of children, we would like to keep idling engines to a minimum.

Thank you so much for your cooperation with this.

Attendance

School attendance is a hugely important factor in children's academic, wellbeing and wider development. Evidence and research tells us that regular school attendance is key to improving children's longer term educational, economic and social outcomes. National data also suggests that children who perform best at the end of primary school (and secondary school) missed fewer school days than those who didn't perform as well.

This is also true of children who regularly arrive late for school. They miss the same parts of the day frequently which causes large gaps to form in their education, meaning that they will fall further behind their peers – both educationally and socially. Currently, there is a big push on school attendance, locally and nationally, and we want to also ensure that the attendance of all children at Abbey Lane is the best that it can be.

Please click on the following link from the Sheffield City Council website to find out more information about attendance:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/school-attendance-truancy>

Attendance in general at Abbey Lane is good and above the national average so thank you to everyone whose children are in school on time every day. We celebrate this in school with weekly Attendance Champions and also class attendance certificates. Below are our attendance figures so far this academic year, broken down into separate year groups.

Year Group	Attendance so far this year
Reception	96.32%
Y1	94.83%
Y2	95.97%
Y3	96.55%
Y4	95.42%
Y5	95.75%
Y6	96.07%

Abbey Lane Cross Country Team

A huge congratulations to all of the children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 who have competed in the Sheffield primary school cross-country league this year. The children have represented the school superbly and have shown incredible resilience, always trying their best regardless of the conditions, which have included hailstorms as well as sunshine! We have also been impressed with the support that the children have shown for one another throughout the season. Well done! A thank you also to all of the parents who have made the trips to various locations across the city on a Saturday morning. Without your support, we could not compete in this competition.

We are looking forward to another successful season next year.

Diary Dates

Please find below a list of provisional dates for the Summer term. We have tried to include as many **provisional** dates as possible. We will send more dates out once they have been finalised.

Friday 26 th April 2024	PALS uniform sale (from 3pm)
Wednesday 1 st May 2024	Class photos in school
Monday 6 th May 2024	May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8 th May 2024	Y5HL trip to Bempton Cliffs
Thursday 9 th May 2024	Y5BF trip to Bempton Cliffs
Friday 10 th May 2024	Reception Biscuit Bear Party
Monday 13 th May 2024 – Thursday 16 th May 2024	Y6 SATs Week
Wednesday 22 nd May 2024	Y1 trip to Cleethorpes
Thursday 23 rd May 2024	Parent's Consultation Meeting – Abbey Lane's potential academisation
Friday 24 th May 2024	Y3 Egyptian Day (in school)
Monday 27 th May 2024 – Friday 31 st May 2024	Summer Half Term Holiday
Monday 10 th June 2024 – Friday 14 th June 2024	Y1 Phonics Screening Check
Thursday 13 th June 2024 and Friday 14 th June 2024	Book fair in school
Monday 24 th June 2024	Y6 Trip to Crucial Crew
Wednesday 26 th June 2024	KS1 Sports Day at school
Friday 28 th June 2024	KS2 Sports Day at Graves Tennis Centre
Tuesday 2 nd July 2024	Meadowhead Community Learning Trust (MCLT) Concert
Thursday 4 th July 2024	Author visit from Clare Povey
Friday 5 th July 2024	Reception Sports Day
Tuesday 16 th July 2024	Y2 trip to Manor Lodge Castle
Wednesday 17 th July 2024	Open Day for parents
Thursday 18 th July 2024	Y4 Trip to Thornbridge (Y4B and half of Y4H)
Friday 19 th July 2024	Y4 Trip to Thornbridge (Y4F and half of Y4H)
Friday 19 th July 2024	Last day of Summer term for children