

APRIL NEWSLETTER

Abbey Park
First & Nursery
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**WORKING TOGETHER
LEARNING FOR LIFE.**

I'm sure you all had a lovely Easter, the weather didn't let us down for once! It's hard to believe that the Summer term has arrived; there are certainly lots of exciting events planned for the next couple of months, for us all to look forward to.

SPORTS DAY & LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

We have provisionally set some dates for these events at the end of the Summer Term. I know many of you are keen to book the time off work well in advance. Unfortunately Sports Day relies on the weather, so we can't guarantee it will definitely happen on this day.

Sports Day – Wednesday 30th June 9.30am start.

Leavers' Assembly – Wednesday 21st July 9.00am start.

POLLING DAY AT ABBEY PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

The polling day will take place on Thursday 6th May at Abbey Park Middle School. The middle school will close for the day, but as our school will remain unaffected, it will be open to our children as usual.

HAITI FUNDRAISER

It was the children's idea to hold a bring and buy sale last term to raise money for the families affected by the earthquake in Haiti. The sale was a great success and it was wonderful to see the children counting their pennies and working out the correct change. We managed to raise £122 which was sent off to Save the Children. I'm sure this will make a difference to the lives of those children less fortunate over in Haiti. Many thanks to the parents and staff who helped to make it happen.

TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Those children in years 3 & 4 who participated in the Rugby Festival last term have the opportunity to purchase some professional photos from the day. To do so simply visit the web gallery at: www.photoboxgallery.com/mattperrin.

SUN PROTECTION

As a result of the recent warm weather the children have been looking at ways to stay safe in the sun. Please remember to send your child to school during the summer term wearing sun cream and a sun hat. Furthermore we recommend that all pupils bring a drinks bottle filled with water, which can be refilled regularly during the day.

PERSHORE CARNIVAL PARADE

The Friends have made the decision to become involved in this year's carnival in Pershore on 31st May. We will be creating a fairy tale float to join the parade. If you would like to help build the float or dress up to follow the float please contact a member of the Friend's Committee.

PERSHORE BAPTIST CHURCH HOLIDAY CLUB

The local Baptist Church will be running a summer holiday club this year, which will take place between 26th & 30th July, 10am until 12.30pm.

For further details call Anne or Ema at the Pershore Baptist Church.

NEW SPORTS ACTIVITIES FROM SPORTS X-TRA.

We surveyed all parents recently and found that a significant number of you would be interested in using an outside provider to run summer school activities and after school clubs in school. Sports X-tra is a National company and will be introducing a week of summer school in August and an after school sports club in June and July. All activities will require a fee from parents and full details of both will be sent out soon in a flyer. We hope this service will support parents with their summer child-care needs.

EARLY YEARS STAY & PLAY SESSIONS

Beginning on Tuesday 4th May, we are inviting all parents and carers of pupils in Nursery and Reception to stay and play for 15 minutes at the start of the day on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We hope this will give you an insight into the range of learning activities available in class and believe it may help you to support your child when playing and learning at home.

INTERNET SAFETY CONCERNS

Whilst we have not experienced any problems with cyber bullying in our school, there have been a number of issues at local schools. With an increased use of the internet and social networking sites by children we remind parents to monitor their child's use of the internet and to be aware of the possible dangers.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND CLOTHING GRANTS

A recent letter from the local authority has requested that the school remind parents of the availability of free school meal funding and uniform grants available to families with low incomes or claiming income support. If you would like further information about the grants and the criteria which would make your children eligible, please contact Val Houghton on 01905 765890.

SUMMER FAIR – FRIDAY 2nd JULY 2010 – 5-7pm

The date has been set for this year's Summer Fair, and it promises to be even more exciting than ever. The Friends have asked me to put a request out for extra help, so if you have any great ideas for fundraising, or know of anyone who can help locally, please let us know.

TOP TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Collect holiday brochures from the local travel agents and ask your child to select, price up and organise their dream family holiday. Then get them to start saving for the future!

This is a great way to develop your child's understanding of money, time and numbers.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 3rd May.

Fri. 14th May.

Fri. 28th May.

Mon. 7th June.

Sat. 12th Jun.

Sat. 26th Jun.

Wed. 21st July

Thur. 2nd Sept.

May Day (school closed).

Interactive Bible workshops for pupils in Yrs 2 - 4.

Children break up for half term holiday.

School opens after half term break.

Free Family Pottery Workshops.

Pershore Bell Boating Regatta – yr4.

School closes for the summer holidays.

School reopens to pupils.