

JULY NEWSLETTER

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

I can't quite believe that the last week of the year has arrived, although we all feel ready for a holiday. So much has happened in a year and even last week was jam packed with exciting events. All we need now is a little bit of summer weather (not the British kind). Thanks to everyone for their support and enthusiasm during the past year at Abbey Park First & Nursery, it's been another wonderful year.

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

All parents of our Year 4 children are invited to join us at our Leavers' Assembly, this Friday starting at 9.00am. The assembly will be packed with happy memories and no doubt there will be a tear or two! The Year 4s have been fantastic, they have been excellent role models for the rest of the children in the school; always working hard and behaving perfectly. They will be missed by all. We wish them the best of luck as they move to their new schools and know they will continue with the success.

ATTENDANCE - END OF YEAR FIGURES

We have had a real focus this year on improving attendance in school, as a result we have seen a drop in the number of parents requesting term time holidays and parents are also informing the office promptly when their child is off ill. The attendance figures for the year are very promising; last year we had a final figure of 93.9% and this year 95%. This means OFSTED can finally grade our attendance as 'Good'.

ONE BIG COMMUNITY DAY

We are holding an activity day for all pupils on Tuesday 27th September, in conjunction with the Middle School, Children's Centre and Play Group. The day will introduce the children to a wide assortment of local artists, crafts people and local businesses and they will be involved in a range of activities and presentations. If you have any skills you can offer, or know of any local people who may be able to support the event please see Mr Johnson with details. Parents are also invited to drop in to the event, which will run between 10am and 2pm in the school hall.

MUSIC LESSONS – PLACES AVAILABLE

As a result of several year 4 children moving up to middle school, there are several places available for piano and guitar lessons. The lessons are very reasonably priced and run by talented peripatetic teachers. If you are interested in your child starting lessons in the autumn, please contact the teachers directly. Tim Roberts (guitar): 01386 556803 and Ruth Jones (piano): 01386 860415.

PARENT PARKING

The issue of parking and traffic on the driveway continues to be an issue on the school site, particularly at Nursery pick up time. We therefore remind all parents not to park inside the school gates or drive. Sharing the limited spaces with the middle school, children's centre and play group staff is difficult enough! Thanks for your support.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES IN PERSHORE.

Below are the details of some of the many summer holiday activities available to pupils around Abbey Park during the six week break.

Circus Skills Summer School with Shooting Stars at APMS - Mon 1st August – Friday 5th August and Monday 22nd August – Friday 26th August (10am-4pm). Call 01386 550260 to book a place.

Spy School with Sports Xtra at APFS – Monday 22nd August (full days) – Friday 26th August. Call Nicole on 07960045794 to book a place.

Sports Summer School with Sports Xtra at APFS – Monday 29th August (full days) – Friday 2nd September. Call Nicole on 07960045794 to book a place.

Baptist Church Summer Holiday Club – Monday 25th July – Friday 29th July (mornings only).

With all these activities on offer, who can say the summer isn't fun in Pershore?

SUMMER FAIR

An enormous thank you goes out to our 'PTFA', who managed to raise a staggering £1050 during the Summer Fair. Thanks to their hard work and great organisation skills the event was a fantastic success (despite the weather!). Thanks to all parents who supported the event on the day too.

The PTFA desperately needs new support in the next year, please help out in any way you can as everyone in the school benefits from their amazing work.

PERSHORE HIGH SCHOOL TURNS INTO AN ACADEMY

Clive Corbett and the Governing Body at Pershore High School are pleased to announce their transition into an Academy school. The transition took place on 1st July and will give the school greater freedom with finance and curriculum. The school promises to continue its positive working relationship with all first & middle schools in the area. School lunch cheques must now be made payable to Pershore High School.

OH WHAT A TALENTED BUNCH!

The school has been a bustle of energy over the past two weeks, with children rehearsing for end of year performance. The KS2 production of *The Peace Child* was simply stunning and the audience were wowed with the fantastic acting, singing and dancing. Well done to all the pupils who took part, including the choir and year 2/3 pupils who designed and made some of the set and costumes, and of course to the staff who worked incredibly hard to make it happen. Professionally produced DVDs and photographs are available from the PTFA at very reasonable prices – see Danielle Fryer to place orders.

HAPPY RETIREMENT WISHES

Our School Nurse Pat Day will be retiring during the summer holidays, we all wish her the very best of luck for the future and thank her for supporting the school and our families over the past 3 years.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Following our recent Parent Governor election process, we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Alice Brooks (Daisy – yr1) will be renewing her term of office for the next 4 years.

Top Tips for Parents

Try telling your child a story or get them to tell you one

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Fri. 22nd July.

Break up for summer holidays.

Mon. 5th Sept.

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