

MAY NEWSLETTER

Abbey Park
First & Nursery
School.
May 2010



**WORKING TOGETHER
LEARNING FOR LIFE.**

Well another half term is ending and we are all hoping that the good weather continues into the half term break. Let's hope the dreaded ash cloud blows north for any of you travelling abroad!

SPORTS DAY & LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

We have now finalised 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.

VOICES & VISIONS DANCE & ART FESTIVALS 2010

We are proud to announce that, yet again, our dance has been selected to be one of a chosen few that will be performed at the Malvern Theatre on Friday 9th July. Many thanks go out to Mrs Witts and Mrs Smith for their dedication during rehearsals and their great choreography. Those pupils involved will be rehearsing after school each Monday after half term.

A number of pieces of artwork created by the children have also been taken to Worcester Cathedral to be included in the annual Worcestershire school's art exhibition. Viewing is available to the general public, for free, most days throughout June.

WELCOME ASSEMBLY

All parents and family members are invited to our end of half term Welcome Assembly, this Friday at 9.00am. Special achievement certificates will be given out and Rev. Mark Jennings will be our guest talker.

SPORTS AID FUNDRAISER

Many thanks to all our children who helped to raise money last term for the Sports Relief annual fundraiser. Altogether we managed to send off a grand total of £717, which will help disadvantaged children and their families all around the world. Many thanks to Mr Perry and the staff for helping to organise the event in school.

'BAGS 2 SCHOOL' - FRIEND'S FUNDRAISER.

A great big thank you to all of the families who helped to donate clothes and linen for the Bags 2 School collection last term. The school managed to raise an amazing £262, which will be put to great use. Many thanks to the Friends for organizing the collection.

SLAPPED CHEEK WARNING

A reminder to all parents that the 'Slapped Cheek' virus is currently affecting pupils in our school. The virus is relatively harmless to children and may result in a raised temperature and redness of the cheeks. The virus can however be dangerous to women in the early stages of pregnancy. The school recommends that a child should only be kept off school if the child is feeling unwell or has a raised temperature.

POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAMME

The 'PPP' is available, free to all parents and offers great group/individual support and advice on issues such a behaviour and relationships. The course runs for 8 weeks and starts on 3rd June at Blossom Vale Children's Centre. For details and bookings contact Neil Grimshaw – 552388.

SUN CREAM & HATS

We don't believe everything the weather people tell us, however, rumour has it that this summer is actually going to be a scorcher! We therefore would like to remind you of the need to send your children to school wearing sun cream and a sun hat each day. Unfortunately the staff will be unable to apply cream to any child. It is also very important that your child brings a water bottle in daily, as in warm weather they very quickly dehydrate.

MONEY & LETTERS FOR SCHOOL

We remind all parents and carers to ensure that any money or letters brought into school are put into a clearly marked and sealed envelope. Loose money often gets muddled or mislaid and this makes more work for our admin staff.

To avoid delaying the start of the school day for all children, we also ask that parents give letters to their child, who can then hand them to the teacher or TA.

If you need to meet with the class teacher please try if at all possible to do so at the end of the school day, rather than first thing, as this again enables the teachers to begin the lessons promptly.

WRITING WALL

It is great to see that the outside writing wall is getting used daily by both children and adults. Please feel free to add your comments and ideas to the wall, as we hope to increase the profile of writing across the school. A winning entry is chosen each week and that child receives a certificate and prize in our weekly Celebration Assembly.

SUMMER FAIR -2nd JULY 2010

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

THANKS TO TOMKINS PLUMBING

Many thanks to local company Tomkins Plumbing for fitting a new outside tap at a massively reduced rate. The tap will prove useful when watering our front garden area.

SPORTS XTRA SUMMER PLAY SCHEME & EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

So far we have had a good response from parents requesting places at the Summer Play Scheme between 16th and 20th August in school. There are still places available and application forms are available from the school office.

Sports Xtra will also be running an after school sports club, each Wednesday during the second half of the summer term. Flyers will go out during the first week back.

TOP TIPS FOR LEARNING AT HOME

Get the children to help with the weekly food shop, by creating a list for them too. Kids simply love searching the shelves for the correct products and at the same time develop their reading, counting and language skills. For older kids get them adding up and writing the list themselves.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon. 31st May.

Mon. 7th June.

Tues/Wed 15/16th Jun.

Thurs. 17th June.

Sat. 26th June.

Fri. 2nd July.

Mon. 12th July.

Tues. 6th July.

Wed. 7th July.

Thurs. 15th July.

Wed. 21st July.

Thurs. 2nd Sept.

Friends enter float at The Pershore Carnival.

School opens after half term break.

Music Focus Days – whole school.

Nursery/Reception/Year 1 Induction Evening for parents – 5.45pm.

Pershore Bell Boating Regatta (yr4).

Non- uniform day/Summer Fair - 5pm start.

Reports out to parents/RE Day.

KS2 Play- afternoon (1.30pm).

KS2 Play – evening (6pm).

Stay Safe Event in school – parents & pupils (10am-12pm).

Break up for summer holidays.

School re-opens to pupils.