

# MAY NEWSLETTER

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

## **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 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am start with a picnic lunch for all the family.**

**Leavers' Assembly –Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 9.00am start.**

## **ATTENDANCE FOR THE SPRING TERM**

Attendance for the Spring Term indicated an improvement at 95.8% compared with 94.3% in the Autumn Term and 94.2% for last year's Spring Term. To secure an Ofsted 'good' grading, attendance for the year must remain above 95%.

Many thanks to all parents who have helped this improvement by resisting booking holidays during the term time.

## **PARENT INDUCTION EVENING – NURSERY, RECEPTION & YEAR 1.**

Parents with children due to start in either year 1, Reception or Nursery from September are invited to attend our induction evening on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June, between 6pm and 8pm. The meeting will enable parents to meet the teachers and find out about what will be expected when their child starts their new class.

## **SUN PROTECTION**

With the most welcomed warm weather, we urge parents to send their children to school with adequate sun protection. We recommend that parents apply a high factor sun cream to their children before school and also provide a water bottle and sun hat each day.

## **YEAR 4 PGL RESIDENTIAL TRIP.**

A group of year 4 pupils will be visiting the PGL Centre in Ross-on-Wye between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June, along with year 4 pupils from Cherry Orchard and St Barnabas.

A meeting for parents and pupils attending the trip will take place in school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 3.30pm to 4.15pm.

## **SUMMER FOOTWEAR**

As the warm weather approaches we are seeing an increase in the number of children coming to school in sandals and open-toed shoes. Unfortunately such foot-wear is not school uniform and can be unsafe; we therefore request that parents ensure children come to school in closed-toe, preferably black shoes.

## **LOOKING FOR YOGURT THEATRE PRODUCTION – 24/5/11**

Following the success of last week's performance and workshops from Vamos Theatre, all children will be watching a performance called 'Looking for Yogurt' from the REP Theatre Company in Birmingham. The production is about a group of children from three different countries who manage to communicate despite not speaking each others language. This production will conclude our very successful and much enjoyed story telling project.

### WOOD-WIND MUSIC LESSONS

Pupils attended an assembly this week by wood-wind peripatetic teacher Nicky Amphlet. She is hoping to teach flute and clarinet to interested pupils from years 2, 3 & 4.

Small group lessons will take place weekly during the school day and will last for 20 minutes at a very reasonable cost of £5 per week.

If you would like your child to begin lessons from September please speak to the office staff before half term.

### ABSENCE LETTERS FOR SCHOOL

We remind all parents and carers that by law they must inform the school when their child is absent from school; this enables the school to complete the registers to the required standard. Please ensure that you either phone the school in the morning of the first day of absence and pass a note to the class teacher on the first day of return.

If the school does not receive notification from the parent then the absence will be recorded as unauthorised in the register.

### PARENT & TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Many thanks to all the parents and carers who attended a Parent Consultation Meeting last term; we had a very pleasing attendance of 91%. This figure shows an increase in the number of parents attending compared with last term and last year.

### SUMMER FAIR - 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011

The date has been set for this year's Summer Fair, and with a circus theme 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.

### RATTLING GATE!

Miss Hutchinson and her class have made a special request for me to remind parents not to allow their toddlers to rattle the side gate. Whilst their rather bold signs have led to a reduction in the disturbance; the problem continues!

### OPEN DOOR POLICY

We pride our selves on the open door policy here at Abbey Park and welcome parents in to discuss the progress of their children. Teachers do however prefer to talk with parents at the end of the day, once all the children have been dismissed from the classroom.

### BELL BOAT REGATTA – SAT. 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Any parents interested in taking part in a parents' boat race, please contact Mr Johnson or Mr Perry.

## *TOP TIPS FOR LEARNING AT HOME*

*Buy some cheap chalk from the pound shop and let the children draw on your bath or floor*

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> May.**

**TED Day(school closed) pupils start their half term.**

**Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> June.**

**School opens after half term break.**

**Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Nursery/Reception/Year 1 Induction Evening for parents – 6pm.**

**Fri. 17<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Non-uniform day (cakes) & Summer Fair**

**Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> June.**

**Year 4 Residential to PGL.**

**Thurs. 23<sup>rd</sup> June.**

**EYFS Pin-pals Picnic at Bowbrook School ( N & R)**

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June.**

**ICT & DT Focus Days (3 days) – whole school.**