

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### Tuesday 16th March

ISA Junior Netball & Tag Rugby Day

French Trip meeting 3.45pm (Hall)

### Thursday, 18th March

Y6 'Competition' lunchtime

No swimming; Pool closed.

3.45pm Shropshire Trip meeting (Hall)

### Friday, 19th March

Woodwind Assembly

### Saturday 20th

Open Day: 11am to 3pm

### Monday 22nd March

LAMDA Exams

### Tuesday 23rd March

Easter Arts & Crafts Morning (under 5s)

### Wednesday 24th March

Nursery & Reception Open Afternoon 1.30pm

Parents' Evening: 3.45pm—5.45pm

### Thursday 25th March

Parents' Evening: 3.45pm—5.45pm

### Friday 26th March

LAMDA Exams

### Tuesday 30th March

Easter Service (2pm, Methodist Church)

Term will finish at 3.30pm

on Wed 31st March.

## CLUBS

There will be no netball for Ys3 & 4 on Wednesday due to the Y5 & 6 netball match at St Nicholas' School.

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# Abbotsford News

TERM 2

FRIDAY 12TH MARCH 2010



## Headteacher News...

We have been lucky enough this week to welcome back Mr Ridley to Abbotsford; and the children have had a very productive week working on their 'Design Technology' skills.



The children in Key Stage 1 have been designing, building and decorating marionettes and their results have been truly spectacular! This afternoon they will be sharing their puppets in a special 'puppet show'—they

have all been busy too writing plays in cross-curricular literacy teaching with Mrs Marsden.

Next week the staff and I will be working in a very different way. Some of you may know that a new National Curriculum has been produced that encourages a 'creative' approach to teaching and learning. As a school we have been planning a trial of some of the key points incorporated into this curriculum to explore opportunities to enhance our provision at school. We will then evaluate the process, and more importantly the learning outcomes of the children, to see to what extent we revise our own curriculum to mirror this new initiative. I will, of course,



keep parents up-to-date with developments.

Kind regards,

**Dominic Cook**

### Lost Property

Can I ask parents to take five minutes to check the lost property 'bin' outside the hall for any missing clothing—it is getting very full.

In addition, Mrs Satchwell has a number of 'valuable' items in the office that have been handed in to her in recent weeks. There are a number of pieces of jewellery that I am sure people will miss.

I also have what appears to be a brand new 'Ben10' watch in my office. Well done Berti for handing it in—if no one claims it before Easter I will let you have it as a reward!

### Enterprising Open Days !

On Saturday, 20th March we will be holding an Open Day at Abbotsford School. This is an opportunity for new parents, and existing parents, to have a look around the school to experience Abbotsford first hand. I have invited Year 5 & 6 children to attend but would like to extend this invitation to members of the Steel Pans, Choir and Orchestra to attend between 1.15pm and 2.45pm. If you can bring your child along, please drop an email to [office@abbotsfordschool.co.uk](mailto:office@abbotsfordschool.co.uk). Parents are welcome to drop the children off and collect them later.



Joshua Mitchell enjoys his 'Sound Workshop' at the Birmingham ThinkTank! on Tuesday, 9th March.