

The Abbotsford School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **PTA AGM**
Tuesday 29th Sept. 7.30pm.
School Hall. All welcome.
- ◆ **Y5 & 6 Netball Playday**
Wednesday 30th September.
- ◆ **Jeans for Genes Day**
Friday, 2nd October.
- ◆ **Book Fair**
Monday, 5th to Thursday 8th October, 3.30pm to 4.15pm
- ◆ **Hockey at Princethorpe**
Tuesday, 6th October. Details to follow...

Headteacher's News

We are settled back into full flow here at Abbotsford and I am pleased with the enthusiasm that your children bring to our school.

There is a great deal going on at the moment and I want to share with you all the developments that are taking place behind the scenes. As a staff we are all currently undertaking a great deal of training and personal development; all to make us better teachers and professionals and to ensure your children receive the best education possible. Our teachers are already outstanding in many areas, so the opportunity to develop further has been truly welcomed. Mrs O'Brien and I have been out learning about Digital Strategies this week - we hope to push our ICT provision forward in the coming weeks. Mrs Chatwin and I are out next week brushing up on our safeguarding children skills; an incredibly important issue for us all in this profession. Mr Higgs is off in a couple of weeks to network with other sports teachers from

ISA Schools and he looks forward to coming back and leading the whole staff through some games and PE training! Mrs Ellis is embracing her special educational needs role and is out on relevant training too in the next couple of weeks. I also have been training this week and have been learning about self-evaluation of schools; very useful in ensuring educational provision is at its highest level possible.

I am indebted to all my staff for their continued desire to remain at the top of their game; it can be easy to sit back and let new educational ideas and initiatives drift over you... something we are not guilty of here at Abbotsford. All our teachers, and support staff are committed to ensuring Abbotsford continues to forge ahead and provide an outstanding education for your children. We are lucky to have them!

Dominic Cook
Headteacher

PTA News

Walking Treasure Hunt:
Sat 26th Sept ... from 11am

Walking "Treasure Hunt" starts from 11am to about 2.30/3.00pm; starting and finishing at school. There will be a staggered start to allow for gaps. Due to response, please check your leaving time on separate information sheet. This information will also tell you what to bring.

PTA AGM : new date
Tues 29th Sept - 7.30pm

ALL are welcome. The evening will start with drinks prior to the AGM. There will be the opportunity to meet other parents and teachers.

The PTA is always interested to hear about any new members as well as those able to offer help. Nominations for PTA officers can be returned to the PTA box (near school hall) or emailed to the office.

PTA Meet the Parents : CHANGE OF DATE
NOW Thursday 8th October , 8pm

Details to follow.

Club Timetable...



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime: Photography	Lunchtime: Cross Country Art	Lunchtime: Chess Knitting	Lunchtime: Choir	8.20am Steel Pans
After school: Climbing Animation Circuit Tr.	After school: Swapshop After school: Gardening	Staff Meeting No clubs	After school: Jnr Football Inf Football Gymnastics	Lunchtime: Orchestra

...Due to staff training Cookery Club on Tuesday, 29th September and Tuesday, 6th October will take place at lunchtime later in the week and NOT after school.

...Mrs Ellis has had to cancel Netball Club on Wednesday, 30th September, again due to staff training. Netball training will continue the week after.

“Does anyone have any spare plants, seeds or seedlings please!? - we’d love them for Gardening Club!”

Mrs Marden

“Does your child want to learn piano at school!? Our piano teacher could squeeze a couple more students into her timetable...”

Mrs Satchwell

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Stranger Danger...

Yesterday evening I received a message from Warwick County Council’s Safeguarding Children Manager to ask all schools to ‘reinforce’ the Stranger Danger message. To quote, ...’this follows a number of incidents in the Kenilworth area all involving a white van.’

We have been reinforcing the ‘stranger danger’ message in school all this week, in both assembly and during PHSE lessons. However, please take the time this weekend to talk to your children

about ‘stranger danger’ yourselves and be confident they know how to keep themselves safe.

We are fortunate that Abbotsford School is a very secure site; in fact, Warwick County Council’s Health & Safety Advisor recently commented to me it was probably the safest school site in the area. However, please take whatever steps you deem necessary to ensure the safety of your children when outside of school time.

Other news in brief...

The School Book Fair will take place from Monday 5th October to Thursday 8th October. Children and parents will be able to view books between 3.30pm and 4.15pm on these days. This is a very popular event so please be sure to come along on one of the days and chose a book or two for your children.

If any parents are able to help with the selling of books Mrs McKenna would be grateful of your assistance!

Jeans for Genes Day takes place on Friday, 2nd October. For a £1 donation children (and staff!) can wear jeans to school and help this very important charity.

We will also be holding a Coffee Morning after the Celebration Assembly to raise further funds, and a cake sale at playtime for the children. Please send them to school with a small amount of money instead of a playtime snack!

And finally....

...Many thanks to you all for heeding my request to avoid coming into school in the mornings. We have all noticed how much clearer the corridors are, and teachers are grateful for not being interrupted during registration period. After half-term we will be asking parents of Reception children to do the same. Parents of Nursery children will always be welcome to use their own side door to drop their children off themselves.