

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### Tuesday 30th March

Easter Service  
(2pm, Methodist Church)

### Wednesday 31st March

Easter Bonnet Parade.  
School Hall (2.45pm)

Term will finish at  
3.30pm on Wednesday  
31st March.

### Tuesday 20th April

Summer Term begins

### Wednesday 21st April

Fusiliers Welcome Home  
Parade

## CLUBS

There will be no clubs during the week 20th to 23rd April. A new club timetable will be circulated to parents after the Easter holidays.

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# Abbotsford News

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## Headteacher's News



In order to liven up the school newsletter I have created a new second page that I hope will prove popular! Regular slots on this new addition include 'recommended reads' for infant and junior children; websites that might prove popular; a weekend 'what's on' suggestion; and a 'meet the COM' paragraph... There are other fun sections too, so do have a browse and let us know what you think. I am very keen that pupils and parents feel free to contribute to this new page—so any recommendations you want to put forward please email the office at the usual address.

This week has been very productive at school; though with our Spring Term enrichment weeks now completed, it has felt much

calmer too! On Saturday we held our first open Day of 2010 and I am very pleased to inform you that it was the busiest I have known since joining Abbotsford School. There was a real buzz on the day and my thanks go to all the pupils, parents and staff who contributed to make it so successful. Many of our visitors were impressed by our Year 6 'tour guides'; well done to them for their hard work in answering questions and showing parents around Abbotsford—they really are our best 'advert'!

I hope many of you will be able to join us for our end of term events next week. Our Easter Service is always a popular event and I know this year will be no exception. I am also looking forward to our Easter Bonnet

Parade—please encourage your children to get creating this weekend (if they have not already started!) If the weather is truly Spring-like we will hold this event outside—if not, it will be in the school hall. There will be prizes for infant and junior children and the whole event is likely to be a true spectacle—be sure to bring your cameras along! If I do not see you next week, I wish you all a very pleasant and relaxing Easter.

Kind regards

Dominic Cook  
Headteacher

### Summer Uniforms

Summer uniforms can be worn after the Easter holidays. With this in mind, the second-hand uniform store is an ideal place to pick up good quality items of uniform. If any parent would like to browse our current stock please contact Mrs Jevons via the school office.

### From the Office

Please remember to send a note to school explaining any pupil absence! ...And remember, inform the office (not class teachers) if you need to cancel school lunches.

### Reading Schemes

In her new role as Reading Co-ordinator Mrs Marsden has researched and ordered an entire new range of reading books for our EYFS & infants. This has been a major investment in both time and money and we are looking forward to sharing this new reading scheme with the children, Mrs Marsden has selected both fiction and non-fiction books, and a range of picture books for our pre-readers too. We will soon be beginning the process again for our junior children and free-readers. Keep an eye out in bookbags soon!

### PTA News

This year's Abbotsford School Talent Show will be held on the afternoon of **Saturday 8th May**. Further details will be sent home soon, but don't wait to start thinking about your act! Talent acts are welcome from children, parents and teachers – dancing, singing, music, reciting, acting, comedy, magic, puppetry and so on – use your imagination to entertain us with your talents! This is a fantastic event for all the family and we look forward to seeing you all there.

# Readit?jnr

## PARVANA'S JOURNEY

By Deborah Ellis

Parvana is alone. Her father is dead. A refugee in a land full of dangers, she must travel across Afghanistan to find her mother and sisters.

As she travels, Parvana finds friends—a starving, orphaned baby; a strange, hostile boy; a solitary girl who darts in and out of the minefields to find food.

Perhaps, with their help, she may one day be reunited with her family...

Published by Oxford University Press.

# Readit?inf

## GEORGE SPEAKS

By Dick King-Smith

Laura's baby brother George was four weeks old when it happened. George looks like an ordinary baby, with his round red face and squashy nose. But Laura soon discovers that he's absolutely extraordinary, and everyone's life is turned upside-down from the day George speaks!

George Speaks is a true classic from this world-renowned children's author.

Published by Puffin Books  
Thanks to Mrs Hirons for her recommendations.

[www.L@@K!](http://www.L@@K!)

The National Trust & Cadbury's have teamed up to provide lots of ideas for fun days out over the Easter Hols—and have designed some fun games to play online if the weather is less than spring-like!



[www.eastereggtrails.co.uk](http://www.eastereggtrails.co.uk)

## MRS WAND'S NIGHT-OWL SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

...IMOGEN SILLITO-TOOTH For being an all-round SUPER helpful girl...!



## Weekend what's on?

There's a treat in store this Sunday at Kenilworth Castle & Elizabethan Gardens. Kevin Hicks, one of England's top archers will be practicing his skills for all to see. Free to members and open from 10am to 4pm. Why not spend an hour or two watching the action in this splendid ancient stronghold...

[english-heritage.org.uk](http://english-heritage.org.uk)



## MY MUM ROCKS!

The first recipient of the MY MUM ROCKS AWARD goes to two of our mums...

CHARLOTTE McCOSKER & CATHERINE SMITH

Don't mess with either of these two... both are taking their black belt karate exams this weekend! Wow—you've been warned!!!!!!

Nominate Mum (or Dad!) for MY PARENT ROCKS... Just tell your class teacher why...! (Thanks Miss Barlow for this week's tip-off!)

## MEET THE COM



Name? Peter Rush  
COM Position? Chairman

### Did you know?

The Council of Management is Abbotsford School's governing body. They meet every half term to ensure accountability and to oversee all aspects of strategic school management.

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