

Abbotsford News

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FRIDAY 8TH JANUARY 2010

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 11th January

Class and Team School Photographs

Thursday 14th January

Junior Swimming resumes

Friday 15th January

Y5 Study Visit

W/C Monday 8th February

Maths Week

Tuesday 9th February

EYFS Valentine's Craft Morning

Thursday 11th February

Arts Evening (6.30pm)

Friday 12th February

School breaks for Half Term 3.30pm

NOTE: Due to the re-timetabling of the Methodist church diary, Abbotsford School's Easter Service will be on Tuesday 30th March at 2.00pm, and not Wednesday 31st March as previously advertised on the school website. Please be sure to amend your diaries.

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

CLUBS

The new club timetable begins this coming week Monday 11th January.

Headteacher's News

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to everyone at Abbotsford School! It's been a challenging week for us all; the snow and freezing temperatures have meant a lot of 'wet' breaks and lunches for the staff and children, and a few treacherous journeys in for parents too! I will always endeavour to keep the school open during spells of weather such as we have just seen. As you know, I will use the website, text-service and local radios to notify you if school is to close. If you don't receive an email or text you can assume the school is open. It will take a lot more than a couple of inches of snow for Abbotsford to close its doors! By way of an aside, we have warned the children of the dangers of 'skating' on the

frozen lake in Abbey Fields. Please reiterate this message at home.

We have a busy term ahead of us. Maths Week and Book Week are coming up soon and we are planning lots of activities to enrich the teaching and learning that takes place here. I am also looking forward to our annual Arts Evening; this will again be an outstanding showcase of all the creative talent here at school. I have mentioned later in this newsletter that if any parent wants their child to learn an instrument here at school to email the office; a number of our specialist teachers have the odd space available for budding musicians!

The PTA are not resting on

their laurels either. Swift on the heels of the fantastic Christmas events they organised is another social evening in the form of a Ceilidh—a Scottish barn dance! More information is in this newsletter and bookbags.

Next week I will be publishing our termly calendar; we are just finalising details of a couple of school trips before going to print... Do remember to keep an eye on the e-calendar at www.abbotsfordschool.co.uk/events... All our forthcoming events are detailed here, and many contain further information if you click on each event individually.

Kind regards

Dominic Cook
Headteacher

Club News

As you will know the club list went out to children yesterday. I am pleased with the wide variety of extra-curricular activities on offer to our pupils and am sure that take up will be very good. You will have noticed that some places on certain clubs have been filled via a 'waiting list' rolled over from the autumn term. For particularly popular clubs we feel this is the fairest way to ensure everyone gets the opportunity to participate.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Monday to take class and team photographs. Those children who need to bring in their tracksuit will have received a separate letter from Mr Higgs today—please check their bookbags!

I would be grateful for children to come to school on Monday in full uniform; jumpers, blazers and ties and no white socks please.

All photographs will go on sale in the near future.

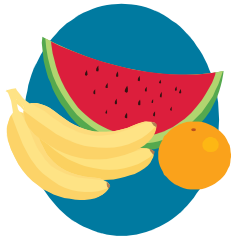
Hot Lunches

Can I remind parents that if you do not require a pre-booked hot lunch (pupil absence etc) that you cancel it immediately **via the school office**.

Mrs Satchwell orders lunches every morning at 9.15am, and unless informed otherwise all pre-booked lunches will be ordered and charged for accordingly.

9.15am is, therefore, the latest time any lunch order can be cancelled.

Healthy Schools Status at Abbotsford School



Achieving Healthy Schools Status is a huge undertaking for any school. The nationwide scheme aims are wide and far-reaching but in general terms hopes to inspire healthier lives for all.

It is an exciting project; it impacts across the food we eat, the

Volunteers needed to achieve this status!

exercise we take, our mental stimulation and activity, and of course the enjoyment we take from living life to the full!

Mrs Chatwin has been brave enough to take the lead for Abbotsford School. Over the coming weeks and months she will be forging ahead—I would love to achieve the status by this time next year.

Healthy Schools Status is not just

about being healthy at school though. It involves all our stakeholders... including mums and dads!

To kick start the project Mrs Chatwin needs to form a task force, and parent volunteers are needed. Could you afford some time to help over the coming year!? If so, have a chat with Mrs Chatwin to find out a little bit more about what is involved. We would welcome anyone who could lend their assistance in ensuring this project comes to fruition in the not too distant future!

“Please update the office with any new email addresses or mobile numbers please!!”

PTA News

Abbotsford School PTA are pleased to present its first ever...

CEILIDH!!

(pronounced ‘Caley’, I am reliably informed...) on Saturday 30th January, 7.30pm—11.30pm, at the Kenilworth Wardens Cricket and Sports Club.

For the uninitiated, a ceilidh is a Scottish barn dance, and those attending will be entertained with

dance and live music, and a light



meal. A fully licensed bar will be

available all evening and tickets are a snip at £12.50. Booking forms have gone home in bookbags today, please complete the tear-off slip and return it to the PTA box outside the school hall.

Please support the PTA with this wonderful event by organising your friends and family (over-18s only) for a great night out. Kilts are welcome but are not compulsory!!

News in Brief

Flora Vouchers... are required by Mrs Chatwin, so please send them into school with your child. This is a great reward scheme and it does not take many vouchers to add up to some significant cookery freebies for schools!

Arts Evening... is coming up in February and the peripatetic teachers will soon be choosing children to perform. Now’s the

time to get in with some early practice ahead of the big event!

A big, yellow teapot...! Are you in possession of one of these!? If so, Mrs O’Brien would be grateful for the loan of one. I think this has something to do with all the wonderful work the junior department is planning around Alice in Wonderland. Though with Mrs O’Brien, you can never be

sure...!

Would your child like to learn an instrument...? Guitar, piano, flute, fife, recorder and drums are a number of the instruments they could learn at Abbotsford. Please email... office@abbotsfordschool.co.uk if you are interested in booking lessons for your child at school and we will pass on your details.

