

# The Abbotsford School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Busy Bears restarts**  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
Sept. 1.45pm - 3.15pm
- ◆ **Junior Swimming restarts**  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>  
September
- ◆ **PTA AGM**  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Sept. 7.30pm.  
School Hall. All welcome.
- ◆ **Y5 & 6 Netball Playday**  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>  
September.  
Details to follow

## Headteacher's News

May I take this opportunity to welcome you all back to Abbotsford School after a long (and hopefully) restful summer break. I have enjoyed hearing about all the trips, holidays and excursions that the children have made over the holiday, and I very pleased to see their enthusiasm for returning to school!

There is much to share in this first of what will become a fortnightly school newsletter. I hope that many of you have already seen the extensive redecoration that taken place over the summer holidays; I am very pleased with the new carpet and colour scheme we have on the ground floor and hope everyone is as happy as I am to see the back of the red and gold décor!

Everyone is very pleased to welcome all our new pupils starting this term. It can be a nerve-wracking time for new children (and parents!) but I know everyone is taking the time to introduce themselves and make our new starters feel at home. ...And as I write this I have just signed three new children to start next week; a little girl for the Nursery, and two wonderful young boys joining Reception and Year 4 - excellent news.

## Support school whilst you shop online!

Abbotsford School has recently signed up with [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk). The Giving Machine generates money for schools and charities by generating click-through custom for online retailers. So, before you buy anything online, check first whether the retailer is affiliated to The Giving Machine. If they are, then access their site via [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk). Any purchase you subsequently make will generate a cash donation to Abbotsford! The list of affiliate retailers is growing day on day, and

We are also very happy to welcome Kelly Marsden to Abbotsford School; Kelly has been working very hard over the summer to make her mark in her Year 1 classroom and I know she will be achieving great things with both her class and the wider school community in the coming weeks.

You will notice that there is no PTA News on this week's newsletter; actually, there is an incredible amount of PTA news... too much for inclusion here! You'll find attached a separate sheet with all the PTA's first term of events... Please do give them your support and help make this another successful year for us all. Their first event is the PTA AGM on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm. This is an opportunity to find out all that has gone on, all that is going on, and volunteering your help for the coming year. Please be a part of it!

Welcome back,

Dominic Cook  
Headteacher

already most of the high street stores are represented. These include Tesco's, M&S, John Lewis, Ebay, Next, Amazon, itunes, lastminute.com, Argos, HMV and ToysRUs...

So please, if you (or any friends or relatives) use any of these online retailers, follow a click-through from [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) and help raise a little extra money for Abbotsford School. And remember, every little helps!

## club news...



*“Does anyone have an old digital camera they are willing to donate to the school!? We need another one for photography club... Thank you!”*

*“Please, please, please - no dogs on the playground! We love them dearly but for Health and Safety we’re just not allowed them - sorry!”*

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunchtime:</b> Photography	<b>Lunchtime:</b> Cross Country Art	<b>Lunchtime:</b> Chess Knitting	<b>Lunchtime:</b> Choir	<b>8.20am</b> Steel Pans
<b>After school:</b> Climbing (starts 21.9) Animation Circuit Tr.	<b>After school:</b> Swapshop  <b>After school:</b> Cooking Gardening	<b>After school:</b> Netball	<b>After school:</b> Jnr Football Inf Football Gymnastics	<b>Lunchtime:</b> Orchestra

We have another great selection of clubs this term and pupils have been allocated these places today. Some, unfortunately, have been over-subscribed and some pupils have been placed on a waiting list for next term; your child will have been informed this afternoon if this is the case.

All clubs start next week; with the exception of climbing which will start the week after. All are free of charge except for climbing which incurs a small fee levied by the University of Warwick. Payment details will follow...

In the absence of Mrs Hirons a separate communication about Y6 Art Scholarship club will follow shortly. It is hoped this club will continue for our Y6s, and for our interested Y5s from January 2010.

## Morning Drop-off...

As from this Monday we will be expecting children in Years 1 and above to enter school at 8.40am on their own. Taking this responsibility themselves is a big part of children growing up; and it is something we will be encouraging them all to do more and more in the coming months.

Class teachers are always at hand to assist, so I would be grateful if parents would remain on the playground at all times unless a visit to the office is completely necessary!

If you need to see your class teacher, please do so on the playground before 8.40am, or make an appointment via the school office to see them after school.

Similarly, if your child is late for school, please send them in from the playground to their classroom. However, if it is after 8.50am please bring them in via the front door and complete the ‘signing in’ book outside the office.

## Other news in brief...

There will be plenty of opportunities for your children to learn a musical instrument at school. Many of those lessons have already begun and I would urge any parent interested in their child learning an instrument to contact the

school office. I will be writing to parents shortly on behalf of all our musical instrument teachers, but in the meantime I encourage you to discuss any musical aspirations with your child!

## And finally....

There is a huge amount of unclaimed lost property in the ‘bin’ outside the hall... Can parents please have a rummage and see whether any of their child’s clothes are there waiting to be reclaimed!