

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 20th March

Open Day: 11am to 3pm

Monday 22nd March

LAMDA Exams

Tuesday 23rd March

Easter Arts & Crafts Morning

Open Day

Wednesday 24th March

Nursery & Reception Open Afternoon 1.30pm

Parents' Evening

Thursday 25th March

Parents' Evening

Friday 26th March

LAMDA Exams

Tuesday 30th March

Easter Service

(2pm, Methodist Church)

Wednesday 31st March

Easter Bonnet Parade (2.45pm)

Term will finish at 3.30pm

on Wed 31st March.

CLUBS

There will be no clubs on Wednesday or Thursday next week due to Parents' Evening

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Abbotsford News

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Headteacher News



Abbotsford School is gearing up for some very important creative work taking place over the next week and a half... On Monday and Friday of next week many children will be taking their London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) exams. Mrs Preston has asked me to remind parents that children need to practice their texts over the coming days, and to remember to bring these to school on the day of the exam. These are prestigious exams and we all look forward to welcoming the LAMDA examiners to Abbotsford. Can parents please ensure that children are particularly smartly dressed on the day of the exam.

Whilst I was unable to attend myself, today saw a very

enjoyable Woodwind Assembly. Many of our children are talented musicians and this event gave them the opportunity to shine. I thank Miss Mason for her dedication and hard work in helping our children reach their musical potential.

Mrs Parker is busy preparing the orchestra for our Easter service. Can parents help children remember to bring their instruments to school on the next two Mondays, and also on Friday 26th March. There is much practice to do before the big event on Tuesday 30th March.

The Spring sunshine has been welcomed by us all and today I visited an organisation near to Blenheim Palace who specialise

in teaching children outdoor bushcraft skills. Their core team were past colleagues of Ray Mears and they now provide exemplary experience days for independent school children. I am particularly excited by what I saw and I hope to report back to parents soon with some positive ideas for a Summer Term trip—potentially for classes from infants and juniors. As we are all keen in promoting 'Outward Bounds' trips I feel this could be an exciting addition to our enrichment curriculum. Watch this space!

Kind regards,

Dominic Cook
Headteacher

PTA News

Our recent Family Night was a huge success—the school hall was packed with 100 attendees for supper and bingo and the children's film was a winner. Congratulations to all our bingo and raffle prize winners!

Lesley Woolhouse has stepped down as the chair of the PTA. We'd like to thank her for her contribution since taking this role in September and look forward to her continued involvement with the PTA. The position of Chair is now vacant—if anyone is interested in this role, please contact Jane Rush or Donna Curtis.

Sporting Success

There has been much sporting success at school over the past week or so. Abbotsford school celebrated some individual winners at the recent KDPSA Swimming Gala, and our boys and girls played very well at Tuesday's ISA Netball and Tag Rugby event at St Joseph's School, Stoke on Trent.

Our netball team also did very well on Wednesday night; beating St Nicholas' School in a very enjoyable friendly match. Well done to Head Boy Oliver Altham for joining the team and adding his enthusiasm and 'boy'strousness'!

Quick News...

...Please can parents ensure that lunchboxes are named—we have difficulty sometimes in locating the owners of rogue boxes!

...Please can I remind parents that they must send in a note when their child returns to school having been off sick.

...Hot Dinner forms must be returned by Friday 26th March!

...Booking forms for Onside's Activity Week, and the Mad Science Week must be returned as soon as possible please! Both events are open to friends and siblings...



A BIG thank-you from Year 6 for supporting their charity events during the last two weeks!