

*"We will work in partnership with you to continue to build the unique foundations
for your child's learning"*

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

January 2024

Welcome back and Happy New Year to everyone. With the start of the new term, we are settling in new children, and would like to welcome:

Rachael, Damilola, Ranelle, Medeea, Mylah and Enrik to Space Room.

Alfie, Faith, Krishna and Ayda to Star Room.

Gabriella to Moonlight Room.

School Fund Contribution

Each half term we ask for school fund which helps us to buy the little things that we are unable to get from our budget. It pays for all the photos that we put in your child's profile, for the snacks that we give the children each day. We spend over £50 a week on fruit and snacks but we will not be able to continue to do this without your generosity.

A big 'thank you' to all of the families who paid the donation last half term, this enabled us to provide snacks and special activities during your child's time at school. It is the start of a new half term and the £10 donation is still much needed. We have suggested a higher donation this half term due to rising costs of food & consumables. However, this is a voluntary donation so anything you can spare would be gratefully received. You can donate to the school fund through your usual 'Parent Pay' app or cash to school office in an envelope attached.

Other Reminders:

- Please remember to put your child's name in **all** items of clothing including sweatshirts and coats.
- It is important that your child wears sensible shoes to enable them to climb and run with control.
- We recommend that your child does not wear jewellery to school - only stud earrings for safety reasons.
- The use of a mobile phone is **NOT** allowed in the school.
- For your child's safety please ensure that doors and gates are **CLOSED** at all times. Don't forget the main gate must be **secured** at all times!
- If your child wears nappies, please make sure you bring in enough nappies and wipes for them.

Parent Governors

We have the opportunity to appoint two NEW Parent Governors. We feel it is really important parents' voices are heard. If you are interested please see Sophia or Barbara who can put you in touch with Gill.

Calling all gardeners.

We have an area of the school that is not well used. It is a special area just inside the gate. Just before the pandemic, a very beautiful Chestnut tree had to be felled. The area then had a wasps' nest in it, so it has been very under used for the last two years and needs some TLC. If you feel able to volunteer some time to help us in the garden, please talk to Sophia or Barbara. You would have to have a DBS, which we could help to arrange, and complete a volunteer pack.

We would really appreciate if parents could send us some photos of your child at home enjoying a variety of activities. You can add them to your child's 'Tapestry' account. New children will be given information about that in the coming weeks.

Thank you all for your support with the Christmas Raffle. You have helped us raise £89.00 for the school.

Dates for your Diary 2024

Half Term Holiday

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February
Friday 28th March - Meet the teacher day (No school for children)

Easter Holiday

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April
INSET Monday 15th April
Home Visits for new children 16th April
(Children return on 17th April)
7th March World Book day

School Website

www.abbeywoodnurseryschool.co.uk.
Please look at our website to keep up to date with what we are doing in school. We are also happy to have any feedback about the website that would make it better for you to use.

Luna New Year

We will be starting celebrations of the Luna (Chinese) New Year on 10th February.

2024年是龙年

2024 Nián shì lóng nián

2024 is the year of the Dragon

Covid, Flu, Measles and Scarlett Fever.
As I write this, the Government has issued a 'National incident' due to the rise in measles cases. It is very important your child jabs are up to date. Please stay at home if you are unwell - this includes adults and children. Help us to all stay safe.

Contact Forms

Please make sure that your correct telephone numbers are on your contact form in the school office. If you have changed your numbers, you **MUST** let the office know in case we need to contact you if your child becomes ill.

Best Wishes, Gill and all the Staff