

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

Newsletter May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME

We have a few children starting in school this term. A very big welcome to;
Star Room welcome, Royale
Moonlight Room welcome; Ella and Emilia
Space Room welcome; Harley.

Diary dates

1st and 8th May are Bank Holidays - School is CLOSED.

(On 9th May we will have a garden party to mark the coronation this will be only for the children.)

20th May Saturday stay and play: Growing and planting.

29th May - 2nd June Half term week - No school.

Our caterpillar eggs will be arriving the week of the 5th June.

Thursday 8th June - School Photographer.

Tapestry

During the last year we have been using a system called 'Tapestry' to keep you up to date with activities that your children have been doing in school. When the staff were having meetings with you at the end of last term, so many parents told us that they had not looked at Tapestry. The staff spend a lot of time ensuring that your child has regular photos and information published about what the children are doing it is a shame not to be able to see what they are doing. Some of the parent's share what their child has been doing at home as well, which is lovely for the staff to see. If you have not activated your account please let us know, and we will try to sort any problems out for you.

School fund

We rely heavily on your generosity giving money for school fund. We use this to buy snacks; top up the cost of any trips and to buy extras that our budget does not cover e.g. shaving foam; cornflour and play dough. We spend over £60 per week on snacks if everyone donated £5 we would have £600 each half term, we are lucky if we get £100. It is easy to pay school fund through Parent pay, and you can also use the barcode at the co-op to pay that way. Please see April for any further information.

- As the weather is warming up, we will be playing with more water. Please ensure your child has a few changes of clothes each day.
- Please do not send your child to school in flip flops or sliders. These are dangerous when they run around. Please make sure that sandals have a back to them.
- **If your child is off school for any reason, then please contact the school office. 020 8311 0619 or send an email to April. Royal Greenwich and OFSTED expect children to be attending 94% of the time. We need to be able to tell them that we know the reasons for any absences.**
- **Nappies**
If your child is in nappies please ensure that they have a supply to change them in each session. We do not have any spare ones in school and will need to call you to bring some in if your child needs changing. If you would like any help with toilet training please talk to the class.

We would like to wish all our Muslim families, *EID Mubarak* as they celebrate *EID AL-FITR* the end of their fasting for Ramadan, which will be at the end of this week. We hope that our Christian families enjoyed the *Easter break*. Our Jewish friends celebrated Passover during the school holidays and we hope they had "*chag Pesach samech*". (which means a happy Passover in Hebrew.) We also wish our Sikh families "*Happy Vaisakhi*". To anyone else we hope that you managed to have some rest and recuperation during the break.

IF YOUR CHILD IS DUE TO STAY WITH US IN SEPTEMBER AND YOU THINK YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO THE 30 HOUR ENTITLEMENT, PLEASE SPEAK TO APRIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OR CHECK ONLINE AT

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

HMRC Helpline for Parents

0300 123 4097

We are making some changes to the offer you can have in the nursery. From September you will be able to attend for 30 hours if you have a code (see above). Alternatively, you will be able to have 15 hours attending 5 mornings or 5 afternoons, as we do at the moment. Our new offer is for 2.5 days Monday/Tuesday all day and Wednesday morning. With this option there will be the chance for you to pay to 'top up' Wednesday afternoons. If your child will still be in the nursery in September please can you email April to let her know what attendance you would like agbasai@abbeywood-nur.greenwich.sch.uk

If your child is 4 before August 31st 2023 you should have applied for a reception place. You would have heard on the 17th April which school they will be going to for reception. Please tell the class so that we can link in with the school.

Have a lovely half term.
Gill and all the staff