

PARENTS NEWSLETTER

November 2022

'Keeping your child at the centre of all we do.'

OFSTED

As you may be aware, we had an inspection from OFSTED in September. We would like to thank all the parents who gave such wonderful praise about us to the inspectors. A link to the inspection report will be available on our website in a weeks' time. We are happy to print a copy for anyone who would like it, please ask in the office.

The inspection was an ungraded inspection, which means that the judgement did not change.

We are very happy to be able to tell you that the school remains 'Good'.

'Abbey Wood Nursery School is a special place for young children at the heart of its local community. Children love to play and learn in the well-equipped classrooms and the extensive garden. The ambitious curriculum offers them many exciting opportunities to develop their learning. Children get along happily together in this diverse and multilingual school.'

I would like to give a very big thank you to all the staff and Governors who supported me during the inspection. They gave far more than 100% as they always do. It was great to see that reflected in the report.

Parent Governors

Would you like to know more about how schools are run, and how to make a difference? We have vacancies for two Parent governors. You would be expected to attend a minimum of six meetings a year, although if you also join a committee there would be more meetings. We try to make the times parent friendly, some of the meetings are whilst your child would be at school; others are in the evenings. We always try to finish by 8pm for evening meetings. This is an exciting time to be a Governor as we will be looking at the OFSTED report and making plans to work on the action points.

If you are interested then please see Gill, there will be an election if more than two people are interested.

Stay and Play

Saturday 12th November 2022 10-11.30

'How we help your child to learn to read and what you can do to support your child.'

We will have activities and fun things to do and something for each child to take away. We are happy to answer any questions you might have. We are also happy to answer questions about applying for primary schools.



Diary Dates

Saturday 12th November - *Stay and Play 10-11.30*

Monday 14th November - *School Photos, photos can be taken, with brothers and sisters before your child's session.*

Thursday 1st December - *'Light up for Christmas'. Light up the Christmas tree; drink hot chocolate and sing Carols, more information to follow.*

Friday 2nd December *'meet the teacher'. On this day, the school is closed and you need to make an appointment to talk to your child's class team about their progress.*

Wednesday 14th December *'Christmas parties. Children will all attend in the afternoon, (unless 30 hrs), more information will follow nearer the time.*

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Put names in your children's clothes. Even if you just put it in biro on the label, it really helps us to know what peg to put something on if we find it, but also helps other parents to know if it is their child's clothing. Check regularly to see if the name has worn away. It is important that you think about hats and gloves as well now that the weather is getting colder.

Children in Need

Friday 18th November we will fundraising for 'Children in Need'. We are asking that the children wear 'something spotty' that day, and we will be shaking buckets for donations.

If your circumstances have changed you might now be entitled to free school meals, please contact us.

We are happy to try and support you with any application. Even though we are not giving all children lunch here, RBG is giving vouchers during the holidays until March 2023 if you are entitled to free school meals.

If you are struggling to cope, then please contact us. We can link you to the right places for support. Gill can also give Food bank vouchers which we know some families have found helpful.

Heritage Week & Book sale.

Thank you for all your support during the last week of last term. It was lovely to read about why you had chosen your child's name and the meanings behind the names. We also loved all the food that you shared with us. We will continue our celebrations with Diwali, which occurred during the half term holiday.

A big thank you to everyone who bought books, we raised £26.50.

Birthdays; we are always happy to help the children celebrate their birthdays. We love it when you bring in fruit for the children to share. But please note that we WILL NOT give out party bags or gifts to the other children. We have children who are allergic to a number of different things, and it can lead to pressure for other parents to do the same.

As always thank you for taking the time to read this. Gill & all the staff