

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2023

ABBOTSWELD PRIMARY ACADEMY

HELLO FROM MRS BENSON



Welcome to a Brand New School Year!

I do hope this message finds you well and excited for the upcoming school year. As we prepare to kick off another year of learning, growth, and community building, we wanted to extend a warm welcome to both new and returning students, parents, guardians, and staff.

At Abbotsweld, we believe that every school year is a fresh opportunity to reach new heights, create lasting memories, and achieve academic excellence. We are thrilled to embark on this journey with you, and we have many exciting events in store for the year ahead.

One of the essential aspects of our school culture that we would like to emphasize is the importance of our school uniform policy. Uniforms play a significant role in our educational environment, and here's why:

1. **Equality and Inclusivity:** Uniforms create a sense of equality among students by minimizing visible socio-economic differences. It ensures that each child is judged based on their character, actions, and abilities rather than their clothing.
2. **Focus on Learning:** Wearing uniforms reduces distractions and peer pressure related to fashion choices, allowing children to concentrate on their work and personal growth.
3. **School Pride:** Uniforms instill a sense of belonging and pride in our school. When children wear their uniforms, they become ambassadors of our values and our community, fostering a shared sense of identity.
4. **Safety:** Uniforms make it easier to identify children within the school premises, enhancing security and making it simpler for staff to monitor access.
5. **Professionalism:** By wearing uniforms, children learn the importance of professionalism and the expectations of dress codes in the wider world, preparing them for future success.

We kindly ask all of our families support our uniform policy and ensure that students come to school dressed appropriately. I have set out the expectations of uniform on the page below.

Uniforms will be available for purchase at Top Form. If you have any concerns or need assistance regarding uniforms, please do not hesitate to contact our office or Vicki Fisher who will be able to assist you.



We are confident that the 2023-2024 school year will be filled with growth, achievement, and memorable experiences for all. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our dedicated team.

Within this newsletter you will find information about your child's learning in the term ahead and details of some of the events that are upcoming. Further details will be sent about these individual opportunities closer to the time.

I look forward to seeing you all over the coming days.

Mrs Benson

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOULD BE WORN EVERYDAY, WITHOUT FAIL. PE KIT SHOULD BE WORN TO SCHOOL ON PE DAYS. BELOW YOU WILL FIND A LIST OF UNIFORM REQUIRED. PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU WISH FOR SUPPORT WITH UNIFORM. THE NEWSLETTERS BELOW WILL OUTLINE PE DAYS FOR EACH CLASS. PE KIT SHOULD ONLY BE WORN ON THESE DAYS. CHILDREN WILL BE REQUIRED TO CHANGE IF THEY DO NOT WEAR THE CORRECT UNIFORM.

UNIFORM

- White polo shirt/shirt with school logo or plain
- Red sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo or a plain
- Plain grey or black skirt, trousers (not leggings/cycling shorts/jeans or skinny trousers), tailored knee length shorts OR grey pinafore
- Red and white check/gingham uniform dress during the summer
- Plain grey, white, or black socks (no patterns)
- Plain grey, black or red tights (no patterns)
- Red school fleece with logo (no other fleeces or tops)
- Red school sweatshirt with logo (no other sweatshirts)
- Black shoes (either lace-up, velcro, zip or buckle fastening)
- In addition children may wear a watch
- Hair accessories - black, grey, white or red and must be smart (long hair must be tied back)
- Children can wear small, plain stud earrings but no other form of jewellery
- No make-up or nail varnish worn in school

PE KIT

- Coloured house t-shirt or plain t-shirt of the same colour of house (no logos or patterns)
- Plain black shorts
- Plain logo black tracksuit
- Trainers or plimsolls
- No earrings



AUTUMN TERM EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

6TH: PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

6TH, 7TH, 8TH: HOME VISITS FOR NEW TO RECEPTION

8TH: CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS SENT OUT

11TH, 12, 13TH: NEW TO RECEPTION START

13TH : TOY WORKSHOP (KS1)

15TH: DAY OF DEMOCRACY- SCHOOL COUNCIL VOTE AND INTERVIEWS FOR PUPIL ADVOCATES AND HOUSE CAPTAINS

16TH: NATIONAL LSA DAY

20TH: MEET THE TEACHER Y1-6 3.15-3.45

25TH: NATIONAL FITNESS DAY

26TH: EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

27TH AND 28TH: READING CAFES

29TH: HARVEST FESTIVAL

OCTOBER

3RD: PHONICS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

5TH: FREE LUNCH FOR ALL
5TH: NATIONAL TEACHER DAY

6TH: POETRY DAY

10TH: WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

11TH: PARENT FORUM



16TH: RECYCLE WEEK

18TH: SELF WORKSHOPS

19TH: PARENT CONSULTATIONS

23RD-3RD NOVEMBER: HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

5TH: RETURN TO SCHOOL

13TH: RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK

16TH: SCIENCE DISCOVERY DOME (KS2)

17TH: CHILDREN IN NEED

20TH: ASSESSMENT WEEK

28TH AND 29TH: MATHEMATICS CAFE

DECEMBER

1ST: WINTER WORKSHOPS

6TH: LKS2 THEATRE TRIP

7TH: UKS2 THEATRE TRIP

9TH: CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY AND CHRISTMAS SCHOOL LUNCH

18TH: EYFS AND KS1 PERFORMANCES

19TH GROTTO AND FETE

20TH: KS2 CONCERT

20TH: END OF TERM 3.45PM

NOTICES



Toilets and Hygeine

As we start a new year lots of children are getting used to their environment. included in this, are the the bathroom facilities. please remind your children of good hygeince when using the toilet especially:

- wash your hands
- flush the toilet
- leave the toilet how you would like to find it
- towels in the bin
- ensure you are are able to aim or sit down

Clubs

After School Clubs are run as they were last year These are available on Arbor for you to book. If there is no space your child will be added to the waiting list.

Breakfast Club is at 8am. Please book this before arriving and ensure that you have paid. All children attending Breakfast Club should be here before 8.10am- this is when the door shuts.

School Office

Please note that the school office is available for face to face queries 8.40am-9.15am and then again at 3.20pm-4.00pm. Please email between these times. The phones can be extremely busy so please do support the school office by only calling if it is an emergency or immediate query.

Drop Off and Pick Up

In the morning doors open at 8.35am and close at 8.45am. This gives all families a 10minute window if you need to go to both playgrounds. Thank you for your support in ensuring children are in on time.

Please ensure that you do not walk through the school building at the end of the day.

If your child is allowed to walk home alone, or meet you away from their class teacher please email the school office.

COURAGE CLASS



English

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Maths

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Class Information

Homework will consist of:

- Spellings
- daily reading
- ttrackstars
- MyMaths

PE is on Monday and Thursday. On PE days, your child may come into school in their PE kits.

Reminders:

- KS2 pupils will not be provided with a snack and must bring their own healthy snack if wanted.
- Please ensure that your child brings in a named bottle of water for them to have throughout the day.

DETERMINATION CLASS



English

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Maths

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Science and Non-Core

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- TT Rockstars
- Daily Reading

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CONFIDENCE CLASS



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Maths

This term we will be focusing on number and place value. Children will be exploring how to represent numbers to 100 in different ways and how to partition them. We will also look at comparing numbers with the less than, greater than and equals symbols and learning to count in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s. Additionally, we will be exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

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Reminders:

Your child must bring a bottle of water with them to have throughout the day. Only water is allowed.

HONESTY & KINDNESS



Welcome to all our new families that are joining us in Reception this year. Also a huge welcome back to our existing families. We are all excited to be working with you and making this year as fun and as successful as possible. We have a fun packed year planned with great topics, lots of creative ideas, and engaging experiences!

We look forward to working alongside you and your child every day and making many memories together!

Mrs D'Souza and Miss Howe

Uniform

In Reception, school starts at 8.35am and finishes at 3.30pm. Please make sure all your child's uniform has your child's name on it. If you have any queries about uniform please speak to me. PE will be on a Tuesday, please remember to remove earrings on this day.

Wellington Boots and Spare Clothes

We have a mud kitchen, water tray, sand tray and unpredictable English weather- it will get messy! Please send in spare clothes and a pair of welly boots for your child to wear. This will enable us to let children explore the outdoors without limitation.

Proud Clouds

We are very proud of the hard work and achievements your children make at school but we also would love to know what they do when they are with you. We will be sending some proud clouds home with your child, so you can share what they have done that you are proud of. It may be learning to ride their bike, staying in bed all night, eating a new food, learning something new... ANYTHING! Write it down and send it into school with your child, we will celebrate their achievement together.

Tapestry

Every Tuesday, we invite the children to share with the class their home observations on Tapestry. It may be having fun at the weekends, visiting family or friends, going away or completing activities. Please share any exciting things you do at home with us on Tapestry. If you have any issues with your account, please let us know.

Mystery Reader

In Reception, we love reading stories and we are looking forward to inviting you in to be our mystery reader very soon! Our mystery reader can be mum, dad, a grandparent, aunt or uncle etc! This will take place on a Friday before the end of the school day at 3.15pm. If you have any questions, please ask us.



Phonics

We will be starting to teach your child early reading and writing skills as soon as possible. Your child will be learning set one sounds of the Read Write Inc programme in Autumn term.

Mathematics

Numbers one to ten will be our focus during this term. Can your child count to 10? Can they recognise numbers to 10? We will be looking for numbers in the environment, using your numicon to create bonds of numbers and gaining a deep understanding of the number system. Most of all, we will be playing with numbers and exploring them- making it as fun as possible!

RESPONSIBILITY CLASS



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EQUALITY, EMPATHY AND RESILIENCE CLASSES



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In English, children will be learning to apply a range of grammar features in their writing through a selection of texts. Beginning with Hansel and Gretel by Neil Gaiman – before moving on to Diver's Daughter by Patrice Lawrence, a story based during the time of Tudor England. Children will write in a number of genres, including a narrative, diary entry, letter, instructions and balanced argument. This will allow children to practise a range of grammar skills: figurative language, similes, metaphors, personification, complex sentences, prepositions, passive voice and ambitious vocabulary.

Maths

In mathematics, our focus this term is on number and place value. Throughout the term, students will explore and investigate higher level application of mathematical concepts, finding equivalences between fractions, decimals and percentages, as well as developing their skills in reasoning and problem solving. Times tables will be tested weekly—please try and practise these frequently with your child on TTRockstars.

Science and non-core

History - This term, children will be learning about The Tudors and William Shakespeare. Working as historians, children will ask questions about key figures and events and consider how they shaped the country, as well as developing an understanding of how the works of Shakespeare shaped the language we use today.

Geography - Children will be learning about Europe, including locational knowledge and physical features.

Science – children will learn about Forces and develop an understanding of the world before looking at Earth and Space while building upon their investigative and observational skills.

Important Information

Homework consists of spellings on EDSHED, TTRockstars and daily reading.

Spellings will be set weekly and will be tested the following week.

PE will be twice a week, please ensure your child wears weather-appropriate kit on their PE days. Resilience: Mondays and Fridays

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Please make sure your child brings their water bottles to school every day.

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