



# ABBOTS FARM INFANT SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER -September 2017

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### WELCOME

Welcome back. I'd like to especially welcome all of the new reception, preschool children and parents to Abbots Farm Infant School. Thank you for choosing us to provide the beginning of your child's learning journey.

The children have enjoyed sharing with us all of the exciting things they got up to in the holidays. Yr 1 have been very busy in their outdoor area and year 2 have found some dragon's eggs.

On each newsletter there is a calendar for that term. These dates are subject to change so please check regularly.

Your views are always very important to us and we are constantly seeking ways to improve. Following comments on the parent questionnaire we have introduced a new reading diary which allows you to comment if you wish and for your child to carry out activities linked to their reading. If anyone has any other suggestions that would be manageable for staff please feel free to come and post something in the suggestions box outside the office. Also we check parentview regularly as a way of gathering information. You can access this from the link on our website.



### TWITTER

Throughout the school each year group now has its own twitter account.

Whole School: @Abbotsfarminf  
Yr 2 : @afisyr2  
Yr 1: @afisyr1  
Reception: @afisreception  
Preschool: @afispreschool

The children will decide what they would like to tweet about.

### MEDICINES

If your child has an inhaler or requires medicine at any point in the year we need you to fill out a medical form. These can be picked up from the school office. Medicines should be handed into the office and the required dose put in a syringe.

### RECEPTION COFFEE MORNING

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October we would like to invite the parents of our Reception classes to an informal morning at 9:00. By this time the children will have settled into life at our school and we would like to give you the opportunity to ask any questions and to look at your child's learning so far.

### ASSEMBLIES

Class assemblies will start at 9:05 in the hall.

Crickets	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September
Fireflies	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October
Dragonflies	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October
Bumble Bees	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
Butterflies	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November
Ladybirds	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November

## CASUAL MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We are looking for a friendly, hardworking person to cover when lunchtime staff are absent. The role involves supervising and playing games with the children as well as supporting them whilst they are in the hall eating lunch. If you are interested please pick up an application form from the school office.

## OUR STAR PUPILS THIS WEEK

### Fireflies:

Rayyan for making a super start in a new school and class

### Bumble Bees:

Freya for her excellent behaviour.

### Dragonflies:

Freya for having a fantastic start to year 2.

### Crickets:

Joel for his excellent effort in the first week back.

*Well done!*

## WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Congratulations Bumble Bees for the award last week gaining 99% attendance.



## AFF MEETING

On Monday evening at 6pm we have our first AFF meeting of the year. Come and join us in the staff room to plan out this year's fun activities.

## COMING SOON!

On Friday 6th October we will be holding a family disco. This is an evening event for the whole family and tickets will go on sale shortly. Please buy early to avoid disappointment – we will have a strict limit on numbers.

## DIARY

### September:

- 18<sup>th</sup> – AFF meeting 6-8pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Reception Family phonics sessions start
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Poetry Day
  - Crickets Assembly
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Macmillan Coffee morning

### October:

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Fireflies assembly
- 6<sup>th</sup> – AFF Family disco
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Reception coffee morning
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Celebration at 9:05
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Scarecrow hunt
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Parents evening from 3:30 – 6:00
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Parents evening from 5:00 – 7:30
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Dragonflies assembly
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Diwali Celebration

### 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Half term

### November:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bumble Bees assembly
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Road safety Workshop
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Yr 2 Cineworld visit
  - Butterflies Assembly
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Ladybirds Assembly
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Children in need
- 24<sup>th</sup> – **Training Day – school closed**
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Collect Christmas hoops

### December:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Children bring hoops back decorated
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Whole school Theatre visit
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Yr 2 dress rehearsal (pm)
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Yr 1 dress rehearsal (am)
  - Yr 2 performance (pm)
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Yr 1 performance (pm)
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Reception dress rehearsal (pm)
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Reception performance (pm)
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas dinner
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Carols around the tree 5-6pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Christmas party afternoon

*More details will follow.*