

Newsletter No. 9

25th January 2019

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School Closure - Snow

As the weather turns increasingly colder and the risk of snow increases, we thought it would be useful to tell you about what would happen if we needed to close the school. Even during adverse weather, we will endeavour to keep the school open. However, should the school need to close, we will make a decision very early in the morning. As well as putting the information on our school website, we will also update MyEd and Heart FM. Otherwise, presume we are still open.

Parent Pay

After Easter half term, the school office will become cashless. This means that any school trips that are organised will all need to be paid through Parent Pay. At the moment we have 57% of children registered on Parent Pay, 76 accounts still need to be activated.

If you require your log in information, please contact the school office.

Spotlight on Writing

On Wednesday 30th January, 8.40am to 10.40 am, there is an opportunity to come and see how we teach effective writing with Mrs Manning. There will be a brief meeting afterwards in the hub with Mrs Wade should you have any questions.

All welcome, even if your child is in a different class / year group.
Please ring the school office to book your place.

Attendance for this week

Starfish	97.53%
Seahorses	97.58%
Dolphins	95.56%
Turtles	94.05%
Jaguars	100%
Lions	96.03%
Tigers	93.42%

Well done Jaguars on 100% attendance.

P.E Kit / Day Reminder

Could you please ensure a full PE kit is brought in every Monday morning and taken home on Friday to allow for any timetable changes or additional P.E sessions.

Monday:	Year 3
Tuesday:	Year 4
Wednesday:	Year 5
Thursday:	Year 6



Please can you ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day.



Lost Property

Every Friday any lost property (if we have any) will be displayed in the school reception area afterschool, anything not claimed will be donated to charity.

DROP-IN SESSIONS

Every Monday between 3:30 and 4:00.
(quick catch-up with teachers if you wish – no need to book an appointment)

Work to get people living in Daventry more active

Northamptonshire Sport are working in partnership with Everyone Active to get people living in Daventry more active. Following a recent meeting between representatives of both of these organisations and staff from the Abbey CE Academy they are looking to help families of students at the school find ways to get active more often.

David Hanson and Toni Tull from Northamptonshire Sport are doing a great job with staff from the school to ensure that all the students get the opportunity to participate in high quality physical activity opportunities during curricular/extra – curricular time. Now their colleague Graeme Wilson and Megan Whittingham from Everyone Active are looking to ensure this good work is carried on beyond the school day and gates by not just the students, but their families too.

It became apparent during the meeting that families weren't necessarily always aware of local opportunities whether it be sports clubs, sessions at the leisure centre, health walks, or the parkrun which is held at the Country Park every Saturday. Therefore some initial plans to help with this are to provide information about community opportunities in future editions of the school newsletter, and have hard copies of leaflets, posters etc available to read on the noticeboard.

All of the organisations involved would also like to hear from the students and their families regarding their current levels of physical activity, what they may like to do more of, barriers to getting active and the quality of provision currently on offer in the local area. There are therefore plans for conducting this research in various ways in the future, so keep an eye out for further details and everyone's help would be much appreciated to complete this.

There is also a need for volunteers to help provide more activities in the local area whether it's to support existing opportunities, or develop new ones. If you already enjoy being active and might like to help others benefit from it too by becoming a walk leader, starting a school gates jogging group, or anything else you can think of that would help get others moving then that would be much appreciated by all concerned.

If you'd like any further information about this work, opportunities to get active, or volunteer in the local area then please contact Graeme Wilson and Megan Whittingham using their details shown below:

Graeme Wilson = Graeme.Wilson@firstforwellbeing.co.uk 07766 991828

Megan Whittingham = MeganWhittingham@everyoneactive.com

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Dates for the Diary

Mon 7th January 2019 - **TERM STARTS**

Wednesday 23rd January – Spotlight on Maths (come and see how we teach Effective Maths – please ring the school office to book a place 8:40am – 10:40am.

Friday 25th January - Friends Breakfast Morning

Wednesday 30th January – Spotlight on Writing (come and see how we teach Writing – please ring the school office to book a place) – 8:40am – 10:40am.

Wednesday 6th February – Spotlight on Reading (come and see how we teach Reading – please ring the school office to book a place) – 8:40am – 10:40am.

Fri 15th February - **TERM ENDS**

Mon 25th Feb - **SCHOOL CLOSED/TRAINING DAY**

Tues 26th February - **TERM STARTS**

Wednesday 7th March – World Book Day – more information to follow.

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day – more information to follow.

Tuesday 2nd April – Parents' evening (appointments) - 3:30pm – 7:30pm

Thursday 4th April – Easter Service (led by Year 4) – 2:00pm

Fri 5th April - **TERM ENDS**

Mon 22nd April - **SCHOOL CLOSED/BANK HOLIDAY**

Tues 23rd April -**TERM STARTS**

Mon 6th May - **SCHOOL CLOSED/BANK HOLIDAY**

Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May – SATs

Fri 24th May - **TERM ENDS**

Mon 3rd June - **TERM STARTS**

Thursday 27th June – Sports morning and family picnic – 9:30am – 12:45pm

Monday 22nd July – parent/teacher consultations following reports 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Tuesday 23rd July – Year 6 Leavers' Service – 2:00pm

Please remember to visit our school website regularly for useful information <http://www.abbeyceacademy.co.uk> or follow us on Twitter @Abbey_CofE or Facebook @AbbeyCofE