



ABBOTS FARM INFANT SCHOOL

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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 settled into new routines well. Preschool have been learning how to use the room and Class Dojo has been introduced. Reception have enjoyed playing in their outdoor garden. Yr 1 have been using their indoor and outdoor areas well and are excited about Sophie and the Tiger's tea party. Year 2 have started their topic on dragons and have enjoyed learning about Mary Anning.

On each newsletter there is a calendar for that term. At the moment we cannot have parents in school but we are hopeful that will change as the year goes on.

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 downloaded from the Absence and Medical tab under documents on our school website. These then need to be emailed to your class teacher and the school office. Medicines should be handed into the class teacher with the required dose measured out into a syringe.

BUG CLUB

We are currently operating Bug Club out of the school hall so that the children can be organised into class zones and therefore reducing the number of children that need to self-isolate if we have a positive case of Covid-19.

DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING

The staggered start and finish times seem to be working well. If you find that you arrive earlier than your time to pick up and the yellow spots have already been taken can you ensure you wait 2m away from others.

Now the children are settled please can we request that only one adult collects. If you have siblings with you please keep them with you at all times and do not allow them to run around the playground or play on the equipment.



Don't forget to use easyfundraising next time you shop online!

It's a really simple way to raise money for Abbots Farm Friends through your everyday online shopping with retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S and it's completely free!

Over £20million has already been raised for good causes in the UK by easyfundraising shoppers so please help us get our share!

We'd really appreciate your help so please register to support us at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/abbotsfarmfriends/> – It's fundraising for FREE!

WHAT TO DO IF I AM CONCERNED ABOUT MY CHILD

At Abbots Farm Infants we endeavour to work together with families to give the best learning experience possible. However, if there are times that you are concerned about your child or feel you need to share any relevant information with us, please follow the guidance below.

- 1) Email the class teacher.
- 2) If your concern is ongoing and you have already contacted the class teacher, please email Mrs Lovejoy on head2410@welearn365.com or Miss Hetherington if it is a concern about SEN on hetherington.j4@welearn365.com

Reminder for Parents – Leave Of Absence during Term Time

As you will all be aware, current attendance regulations stipulate a Head teacher may not grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what he/she views as 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. If the leave is granted, the head teacher is able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Parents are asked to respect the new regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional.

WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Congratulations Crickets for the award last week gaining 98% attendance.



OUR STAR PUPILS THIS WEEK

Bumble Bees - Aedan for making a super start to his new school and bubble.

Fireflies - Hugo for his great start to year 1.

Crickets - Rowan for sharing his excellent home learning.

Dragonflies - Annabell for her super listening and trying her best.

Well done!

Governor Vacancy!

We currently have a vacancy for a co-opted governor to join the dynamic governing board of Abbots Farm Infant and Preschool.

For more information or an application form please email Mrs Faye Padfield, Chair of Governors, at Padfield.F@welearn365.com for an informal, no obligation discussion.



Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

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- It's an easy way to support our school and help raise funds
- 40% of ticket sales come back to us
- There's a guaranteed winner every week as well as the chance to win

To start supporting, visit:
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and search for: Abbots Farm Infant

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

DIARY

(Dates are subject to change)

October:

1st - National Poetry Day

6th – School photographer

Week beginning: 19th October – Parents Evening

22nd – Scarecrow Hunt

26th - 30th October - Half term

November:

13th Children in need

20th – **Training Day – school closed**

December:

15th – Flu Immunisations

16th – Christmas dinner

17th – Christmas party afternoon

More details will follow.

COVID-19 RELATED PUPIL ABSENCE

A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
<p>...my child has Covid-19 symptoms. Any one of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a high temperature - a new continuous cough - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test - Inform the school immediately about the test result 	<p>...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.</p>
<p>...my child tests positive for Covid-19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	<p>... 10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i> AND the child feels well.</p>
<p>...my child tests negative.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us. - Keep a copy of the test results. We would be grateful if you could share with school - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day). 	<p>...the test comes back negative.</p>
<p>...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us. - If your child has an infectious childhood illness or sickness and diarrhoea keep at home. 	<p>...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea</p>
<p>...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. 	<p>...the test comes back negative.</p>
<p>...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>
<p>...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). 	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>
<p>...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 14 days. - Child can continue to attend school. 	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days. - Child at our school can continue to attend. 	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled. - contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school. - Self-isolate the whole household. <p>*Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information</p>	<p>...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.</p>

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... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check the current Exempt countries and territories list to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list. - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school. 	... you have informed the office of your return to the UK (<i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i>).
...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school. - The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs (<i>please contact school if you need support getting your child to school</i>). 	...child can continue to attend school
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	<p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.</p> <p>...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p>
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school. - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. - Other siblings may continue to attend school. 	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.
... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	<p><i>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</i></p>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.