

ABBOTSMEDE NEWS

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Year 4 children have had the most exciting week which you can read all about below. Their Victorian Day took place at School. It proved to be a fantastic start to their new topic and has made them all very eager to learn all about the Victorians. I think they were all very surprised at how quickly things have changed and how lucky they now are!

Our Library is now up and running and we hope you are enjoying sharing the new books children are bringing home. We are just about to make a reading tree which will be on display in there which the whole School will contribute to. There will be opportunities at Parents Evening to visit the Library and I am sure the children will be very proud to show you all of their hard work. Please look out for the Parent Questionnaire that we will be sending shortly which will be a fantastic opportunity for you to share your thoughts on reading which we will use to help us improve standards in reading across the School.

Rachael Holland.

Year 4 Experience Victorian Day

We would like to say a big thank you to parents for supporting Year 4 with their Victorian Day by providing costumes for their children to take part. The children had a fun filled day experiencing a day in the life of a Victorian child at school. The boys took part in male activities, maintaining the grounds by weeding and planting seeds using their numeracy skills to ensure seeds were planted evenly. They then had the opportunity to take part in a literacy session where the boys were expected to write with their right hands only by note taking through dictation. The girls took on a domestic role whereby they had to prepare Victorian sponge cakes using their numeracy skills to weigh and measure the ingredients and then prepare the cake. They thoroughly enjoyed the day and we are all looking forward to the upcoming school trip!



Attendance Congratulations

Week 23rd April– 27th April

Classes with 96% and above
1PG, 2CE, 2LF, 3AB, 4FL, 4KM, 6MP, 6VH

Celebrating Punctuality

Lowest number of late marks

KS1 – 1LB, 2CE, 2LF

KS2 – 4FL, 4KM, 5EG

Events

30th April	Online safety training
7th May	Bank Holiday, May Day
8th May	Year 1 trip to Sealife, Hunstanton
10th May	Year 4 trip to Burghley House
23rd May	Year 5 trip to Sacrewell Farm
Week beginning 14th May	Year 6 National SATs tests
25th May	School closes for half term
7th June	Year 2 trip to Cadbury World

Re-vamp of Reception Outdoor Area



The EYFS team have been busy improving their outdoor area over the past few weeks. This is just the start of an exciting project...keep your eyes peeled for updates over this term!

We are a Nut Free School

Please ensure all food that is brought in to School, including snacks, does NOT contain nuts. We have a number of Children who have a nut allergy in School who must not come in to contact with nuts. Thank you in advance for your support.

National Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility Criteria

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to be entitled to free school dinners.

Children are entitled to receive free school meals in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 if their parents or carers receive any of the benefits below. **Listed below is the new eligibility criteria:**

- Universal Credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding
- £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

All children receiving Free School Meals under the old criteria and all children that become entitled from now until the completion of the Universal Credit rollout, which is due to be completed in March 2022, will continue to receive Free School Meals until the end of their school phase they are in.

If your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or 2 – school phase will be Primary in March 2022

If your child is currently in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 – school phase will be Secondary in March 2022