

ABBOTSMEDE NEWS

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the half term holiday, I hope you all enjoyed the break from routines and enjoyed spending time as families.

The children have all returned to School very enthusiastically and eager to learn, as always.

We have had some lovely, if unseasonal weather this week so the children have been able to take their jumpers off. Please ensure that all school jumpers have names clearly written in them to avoid confusion over who they belong to! Although I think the warm spell is not set to continue past the weekend – so all coats will be needed for next week!

We have been very busy in School this week as we have held a short First Aid course for parents and had visitors looking around our classrooms at the phonics we deliver to the younger children within School. As always they were very complimentary about the behaviour and attitude towards learning of our children so a massive 'pat on the back' for all involved.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new teacher called Mr Simons in Year 3 who will be teaching until the end of this term whilst Miss Park is away. The children have settled really well and I know Mr Simons has had a great first week, getting to know the children and parents in his new class.

Have a restful weekend.

Rachael Holland, Head Teacher

Uniform prices 2019

Please find below confirmation of the 2019 prices.

These will come into effect from 1st April 2019.

V Neck Jumper	£15.60 / £15.99 / £16.99
Cardigan	£15.60 / £15.99 / £16.99
PE T-shirt	£5.50
PE Shorts	£4.50
Reversible Jacket	£17.99
Bookbag	£5.50
Cap	£5.60
Knitted Hat	£5.60
Standard tie	£6.60
Clip on tie	£4.99
PE Bag	£4.60
PE Sweatshirt	£9.99

Attendance Congratulations

Week 25th February – 1st March

Classes with 97% and above

KS1 – 2AJ

KS2 – 5PD, 6VH, 4CW, 3AB, 5HN

Celebrating Punctuality

KS2 – 3AB, 3MP, 4CW, 5PD, 6KM, 6VH

Events

7th March	World Book Day
21st March	Year 2 trip to Peterborough City Centre
4th June	Year 2 trip to Cadbury World

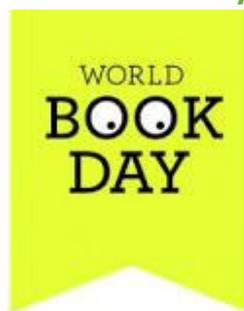
After School Clubs

We have few spaces available for the following clubs for the rest of the term.

- Cbeebies X 2
- Film X 2
- Colouring X 4
- Sports X 2

Please speak with Mrs Drinnan for more information or the office staff.

Word Book Day Reminder



Word book day this year is taking place on **Thursday 7th March**. All children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and bring a book of their choice into school to read and share with their friends.

Keeping your child safe online - A checklist for parents and carers

As a parent you'll probably know how important the internet is to children and young people. They use it to learn, play, socialise and express themselves in all types of creative ways. This may be through sharing photos and videos, blogging, gaming, or even developing their own apps. It is a place of amazing opportunities.

The technology children use in their daily lives can seem daunting. You might worry about the risks they can face online, such as bullying, contact from strangers, as well as the possibility of access to inappropriate or illegal content. To help them stay safe, it's important that you understand how your child uses the internet.

By following this simple checklist, you can start to protect them and decrease the risks they face: 



I have asked my child to show me sites they use – By doing so, your child is including you in their online life and social activity. Show an interest and take note of the names of their favorite sites. You can then re-visit these when you are alone. Take your time and explore the space, find out how to set the safety features and learn how to report any issues directly to the site.



I have asked my child to set their profile settings to private – Social networking sites, such as Facebook, are used by children to share information, photos and just about everything they do! Encourage your child to set their privacy settings to private. They need to think about the information they post online as it could be copied and pasted anywhere, without their permission. If it got into the wrong hands, somebody may wish to use it against them or worst of all try to locate them in the real world.



I have asked my child about their online friends – We know that people lie online about who they are and may create fake identities. It is very important children understand this. Whether they are visiting a social network or a gaming site, the safety messages are the same. Children and young people must never give out personal information and only be "friends" with people they know and trust in the real world.



I have set appropriate parental controls on my child's computer, mobile and games console – Filters on computers and mobiles can prevent your child from viewing inappropriate and possibly illegal content. You can activate and change levels depending on your child's age and abilities. You can also set time restrictions for using the internet or games. They can be free and easy to install. Call your service provider who will be happy to assist or visit CEOP's parents' site for further information. Explain to your child why you are setting parental controls when you talk to them about their internet use.



My child has agreed to tell me if they are worried about something online – Sometimes children get into situations online where they don't feel comfortable or see something they don't want to see. By opening up the communication channels and talking to your child about the internet, their favorite sites and the risks they may encounter, they are more likely to turn to you if they are concerned about something.



I know where to get help if I'm concerned about my child – The CEOP Safety Centre provides access to a range of services. If you are concerned that an adult has made inappropriate contact with your child you can report this directly to CEOP. You can also find help if you think your child is being bullied, or if you've come across something on the internet which you think may be illegal.

Visit the Safety Centre at www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre or by clicking on this button:

For further help and guidance on all the information mentioned please visit

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents