

# ABBOTSMEDE NEWS

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Everyone at Abbotsmede is looking forward to a long weekend after a very busy week! I am sure the children are too!

The children started off the week with a motivational talk during assembly on Monday morning. This was delivered by a member of the Youth Dreams Team who some of you may know as they run some of our PE sessions. The children really enjoyed it and have been chanting the mantra they learnt – ‘Never give up, just try and try again!’ One of our Trust Values is resilience and this talk really helped the children understand what this really means to them.

A big thank you to all the parents who have provided the School Office with details of their up to date email addresses. This information is going to be used to update School contact details and in **ParentMail**. This is a new system which we are really excited about which we will be using to keep you up to date with School news and eventually enable you to pay for school dinners and trips in the near future. Please read the Newsletter to keep up to date with our progress on our move to becoming a ‘Cashless School’.

Many thanks for your continued support with this and enjoy your 3 day weekend!

**Rachael Holland**

Headteacher

### Bank Holiday, May Day

Please remember School is **closed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** for the Bank Holiday. Children are expected to be back at school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

We hope you enjoy the long weekend!

### Cashless office

Soon the school office will **no longer accept any cash payments**. Parents/carers will need to use ParentMail to pay for school dinners, breakfast and after school clubs and school trips. We recently requested **updated email addresses**, which are required for ParentMail accounts. If you cannot access your ParentMail account, please contact the school office.

## Attendance Congratulations

Week 29<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Classes with 97% and above

EYFS – RRS & RGP

KS1 – 1LB

KS2 – 3AB

## Celebrating Punctuality

EYFS – RGP

KS1 – 10G, 2LD & 2AJ

KS2 – 3MP, 3AB, 4FL, 4CW, 5PD & 6VH

6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday, May Day
13 <sup>th</sup> May – 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SAT's week
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Nurse drop in
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Parents Evening (not Year 6)
27 <sup>th</sup> May to 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School closes for half term
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 trip to Cadbury World
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week

### Reminder for School Trips:

Please make sure you have paid and returned permission slips for any school trips. Children will not be allowed to attend the trips if we have not received a permission slip.

### Year 2 trip to Cadbury's World:

Just a reminder for Year 2 parents. The payment of £10 is due to be paid by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

### Year 5 residential trip to Grafham Water:

If you want your child to attend this fantastic residential opportunity please pay the deposit of £25 by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May.



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Registering with or logging into **ParentMail** is usually straight-forward but if you do need help we have listed some tips which should help you.

We recommend parents download the free **ParentMail** App onto their smart phones. Doing this means you won't need to search through busy inboxes for schools messages or have to remember login details.

With the App, parents can:

- Read important school messages instantly, wherever they are in the world.
- Complete school forms on the go – which means improved responses for schools.
- Make payments, top up dinner money and receive reminders for money due.
- Report absences with just a few simple clicks.
- Mark attendance at school meetings and events.
- Book parents' evening appointments with no fuss, paperwork or hassle!