



October Newsletter

Tuesday 17th October 2023**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Where has this half term gone? What a great start to the school year, with all pupils demonstrating an excellent attitude to their learning. This will stand them in good stead for the remainder of the school year. And equally as important, thank you for your continued support –

"Parental engagement is a powerful lever for raising achievement in schools. When parents and teachers work together to improve learning, the gains in achievement are significant." (Harris & Goodall/University of Warwick 2007).

And on that note, we would like to invite you in to discuss your child's achievements so far this year. We will be holding **Parent Meetings on Tuesday 7th November and Thursday 9th November**. You can book your appointment slots via School Spider from Monday 30th October. Details of how to do this will be emailed directly to you.

We are also looking for parent helpers to form part of our **Abbott Working Party**. As part of this, you will meet roughly once a half term and will help with such events as the Halloween Disco and the Christmas Fair. You will also be the channel of the parent voice, to feed into other ongoing school issues.

Halloween Discos



These will take place in school on Tuesday 31st October. Children can come to school dressed in their outfits, but the actual discos will be as follows: 13:00-14:00-EYFS/Y1/Y2; 14:00-15:00-Y3-6.

Those Y5 children who have Bikeability that day, should arrive to school in appropriate wear for cycling, and bring Halloween costumes with them to change in to, should they wish. We are asking for a donation of £2 per child payable via School Spider.

Our Halloween Discos are a time where the children dress up and have fun – this does not in any way, represent any religious beliefs or meanings. However, if you do not wish for your child to take part in this event, you are able to collect them from school at the time the discos begin. Please email the office: admin@abbott.manchester.sch.uk to let us know, in advance.

A Change in the Weather

The weather is becoming increasingly colder, so please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for school, as we still access the outdoors, whenever possible. Please provide a warm coat, hat, gloves and a tracksuit for PE. With this weather comes the early dark evenings. After the half term break, no child will be allowed to walk home by themselves. ALL children, even Y5 and 6, must be collected from school by an appropriate adult.



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Friday 20th October

REMINDER: School is closed to all pupils this Friday (20th October) for a staff training day.

Manchester City Council: People and Communities

Please follow the link for a wide range of support services, including those around the cost of living crisis, provided by your local council: https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/100003/people_and_communities

Attendance

Please be reminded of the importance of regular attendance. The school day is split into two sessions – one session counts as a morning or afternoon spent in school. There is new guidance from the DfE which states: ***“Pupils who have missed more than 10% of school sessions are considered persistently absent, while children who have missed more than 50% of school sessions are referred to as severely absent.”*** Schools are required to take action to address these issues, where any pupil falls in to one of the above categories. Also, a reminder that no holidays will be authorised in term time. If leave is taken, this will be recorded as unauthorised.

Anti-bullying Week 2023

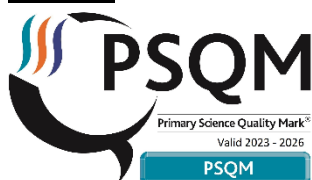
Anti-Bullying Week 2023 is coordinated in England, Wales and Northern Ireland by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year it has the theme 'Make A Noise About Bullying' and will take place from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November. The week will be kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November. All you need to do is wear odd socks! Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves, celebrate their individuality and be kind to each other! There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school! Also on Monday 13th November, Key Stage 2 will be taking part in anti-bullying workshops, where they will deal with a range of issues that people may face. We will be asking the children to reflect on these, to inform any future practice we have in school. We are asking for a donation of £1 per child, for children in KS2, payable via School Spider.

Road Safety Week 2023

Road Safety Week will take place 19-25 November 2023. Every year, thousands of schools, organisations and communities get involved to shout out for our right to make safe and healthy journeys every day. In school, children will be learning about how to keep themselves safe on the roads at all times. Here is a list of top tips for keeping children safe near roads:

- Children under 8 should always hold a grown up's hand when walking near roads.
- Children under 8 should always cross roads with a grown up, at a safe crossing place.
- Until they are 150cm tall, all children should sit in a correctly sized and fitted child seat when travelling by car.
- Children under 10 should not cycle on roads, they should keep to cycle paths away from motorised traffic.
- Children should always wear a helmet when cycling to protect their head if they fall off.

Awards



School has again, been awarded the PSQM (Primary Science Quality Mark). The PSQM is a significant achievement which demonstrates our commitment to leading outstanding science in our school. I would like to give special thanks to Miss Henderson and Miss Swindell for their efforts in collating all the evidence to allow us to obtain this award.

We have also been successful in holding on to the LPPA (Leading Parent Partnership Award) that we have obtained previously. The LPPA is a national award that provides us with a valuable framework for continuing school improvement and also gives us recognition for our commitment to working with parents and carers. Special thanks to Mrs Pugh for her dedicated work in this area.



Parent Christmas Craft Day

Please join us for a Christmas Story, arts and craft activities, and of course, hot chocolate! These activities will take place as below, in your child's classroom.

Year Group	Time
Nursery and Reception	08:45 – 09:45
Year 3 and Year 4	09:45 – 10:45
Year 1 and Year 2	13:00 – 14:00
Year 5 and Year 6	14:00 – 15:00

Please email your class teacher if you would like to come along, so we can order enough hot chocolate!

Nursery/Miss Marshall – s.marshall@abbott.manchester.sch.uk

Reception/Miss Burke – h.burke@abbott.manchester.sch.uk

Year 1/Miss Henderson – n.henderson@abbott.manchester.sch.uk

Year 2/Miss Jones – c.jones@abbott.manchester.sch.uk

Year 3/Miss Thorne – m.thorne@abbott.manchester.sch.uk

Year 4/Miss Stokes – k.stokes@abbott.manchester.sch.uk

Year 5/Miss Watson – r.watson@abbott.manchester.sch.uk

Year 6/Miss Churchman – h.churchman@abbott.manchester.sch.uk

Pantomime



Sticking with the festive theme, we will be visiting the Opera House again this year, for our annual theatre visit. This year it is Jack and The Beanstalk. We will be needing parent helpers, so please email your child's class teacher if you would like to come along (no charge for parents). We are asking for a contribution of £15 per child, which can be paid in instalments, via School Spider.

If you have any problems with School Spider, please email admin@abbott.manchester.sch.uk.

Important Dates for this Term:

- **Friday 20th October – School is Closed for Staff INSET**
- **Monday 30th October – School Opens at 08:45**
- Monday 30th October – Bikeability Y5 Group 1
- Tuesday 31st October – Halloween Discos in School
- Tuesday 31st October – Bikeability Y5 Group 2
- Wednesday 1st November – Bikeability Y5 Group 3
- Tuesday 7th November – Parents' Meetings 1
- Thursday 9th November – Parents' Meetings 2



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- Friday 10th November – Reception to Y6 Flu Vaccines
- Monday 13th November – Odd Sock Day
- Monday 13th November – KS2 Anti-bullying Workshops
- Monday 20th November – Road Safety Week
- Wednesday 22nd November – Y6 Chemistry with Cabbage: Fun Science Day
- Monday 27th November – Abbott Working Party Meeting (Get signed up!)
- Monday 4th December – Parent Christmas Craft Day
- Thursday 7th December – Class Christmas Parties (party clothes)
- Thursday 7th December – 13:30-15:00 Christmas Fair
- Friday 8th December – Christmas Jumper and Traditional Christmas Dinner Day
- Tuesday 12th December – 14:00 EYFS/Y1 Christmas Play
- Wednesday 13th December – 09:30 EYFS/Y1 Christmas Play
- Wednesday 13th December – 13:00 Opera House Panto
- Thursday 14th December – Board Games and Toy Day (bring your own)
- Thursday 14th December – 09:30 Y2-6 Christmas Play
- **Thursday 14th December – School Closes at 13:30**
- **Wednesday 3rd January 2024 – School Opens at 08:45**

After School Clubs: Autumn 2: This half term, there will be a charge of £5.00 for the 6 sessions (30.10.23-07.12.23). This must be paid in full, when booking a place. You can book these clubs from 18:00 on Friday 20th October. The closing date will be Monday 30th October at 12 noon.

Day	Activity	Year Group	Time	Leader
Monday	Lego Club	N/R/Y1	15:15-16:00	Miss Spencer
	Football	Y2/3/4	15:15-16:15	Mr Massey
	Still Life Drawing	Y5/6	15:15-16:15	Mrs Latif
	Night Owls	N-Y6	15:15-16:30	Ms Mohamed/Mrs McGiffin
Tuesday	Mixed Bag Club	N/R/Y1	15:15-16:00	Miss Burke
	Mindfulness	Y2/3/4	15:15-16:15	Miss Thorne
	Arts and Crafts	Y2/3/4	15:15-16:15	Mrs Wiltshire
	Karate	Y5/6	15:15-16:15	SRDF
	Night Owls	N-Y6	15:15-16:30	Ms Mohamed/Miss Saeed
Wednesday	Games Club	N/R/Y1	15:15-16:00	Miss Marshall
	Board Games	Y2/3/4	15:15-16:15	Miss Jones
	Computing Club	Y5/6	15:15-16:15	Miss Churchman
	Night Owls	N-Y6	15:15-16:30	Ms Mohamed/Mrs Wiltshire
Thursday	Homework Club	Y1-6	15:15-16:15	Miss Stokes/Mrs Pugh
	Night Owls	N-Y6	15:15-16:30	Ms Mohamed/Miss Harvey

Have an enjoyable, but safe half term break!

Yours sincerely, Miss Wilson (Head Teacher)