# What's been happening at

# ABBOTS GREEN ACADEMY — April 2021

# **Happy Summer Term!**

What a refreshing feeling to have the hope of a full summer term ahead of us!

The term has started with great energy and momentum as we look forward to a fresh start and working together again. It was only this week when spending time in the Evergreen Nursery I was told by an excited child, pointing to the Reception classrooms 'I am going to that big school soon, I am getting one of those jumpers and new shoes!'.





The enthusiasm and excitement that our youngest children have to starting school was mirrored up in Year 6 with the buzz of the arrival of the leaver's hoodies! With two equally as important milestones, and in bubbles that are unlikely to even meet, it was a great reminder that our pupils are happy, keen and most importantly proud to attend our school

As quickly as we put on our hoodies, children have been equally shouting about their rock star accessories as they embarked on a times table festival this week!! From guitars to leather jackets our children have embraced the competition against classes and one another. This week we have had over 5000 correct answers and it's great to see a love of maths and challenging ourselves each day. Class winners to be announced next week!

The question on everyone's lips this week has been what's happening in the courtyard? We have already seen a transformation which will soon be a new Rainbow terrace space that will be accessible for all our children, staff and families. We look forward to sharing further details and photos of this very soon as we embrace the opportunity for alfresco learning and dining.



Often during this time of year I refer to this term as the nearly term! For example, I will often remind children that they are 'nearly Year 1' as opposed to Reception. With a bank holiday ahead of us and as we look forward to fresh starts, sunshine and new opportunities, let's bottle the excitement we have found in school this month. Let's celebrate being back together in a period of a 'new norm' and like our diggers, continue to build to be the very best that we can be.

Have a great three day weekend!

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please either catch Mrs Morrison before school or make an appointment via the School Office.



#### Save the date

Our next parent's forum will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm - further details to follow.

## Did you know

Within a day of returning to school, our Year 5 pupils took to the roads to complete their Bikeabilty training. Well done to all our Year 5 cyclists who have a greater understanding of road safety.



# **Coming soon**

Today parents of KS2 children will receive a ParentMail form detailing our commitment to developing greater enrichment opportunities for our pupils for the remainder of this term. Please note this is the very first stage towards a wider project for next year.

#### PE/Uniform

One of the greatest revolutions of the pandemic, has been the expectation of children wearing PE kits to school on the days when they have PE. Please ensure that this is inline with our school PE policy - children should not be wearing casual clothes but instead look ready for sport. Further details of the expectations are on the school website - <a href="https://abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk/uniform">https://abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk/uniform</a>

#### Traffic

Thank you to all those families that took the time to speak to our local community officers last week. We continue to seek to have positive relationships with our neighbours and recognise the challenges of parking during drop off and collection. However, we must maintain a commitment to keeping our children safe and respecting residents private parking facilities at all times.

# **Evergreen places**

As we look forward to September we now have several places availa ble in our Maple and Oak room. Please do contact the Evergreen team via evergreenoffice@abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk to find out more or visit our Evergreen page on the school website - <a href="https://abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk/evergreen-nursery">https://abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk/evergreen-nursery</a>. We look forward to allocating all current places by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021.



The most popular day of the year! Whilst we hold onto June 21<sup>st</sup> as the final milestone for us all, safety and moving forwards in good health must remain our intention. This year, Sports day will need to be different. As a school, we will make an alternative arrangement within the school day but we do not currently have plans for parents to be on site for this experience. We will inform you of these plans as soon as we know more.

### **Summer Clubs Reminder**

The Early Bird cut off date for Summer Sports and Musical Clubs is Friday 14th May 2021. After this time the charge will increase from £80 to £100 so get booking soon!

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