

# END OF TERM NEWSLETTER

## EASTER 2021

**Spring is here!!**

Whilst it has been only two weeks since our previous newsletter, we continue to burst with excitement and creativity as we adjust to being back in the school building.

I am so proud of how well our children have settled back into our routines and immersed themselves in learning again.

With the sun shining, we have seen some great outdoor learning opportunities. These opportunities have included giving our raised beds some TLC, the visit of a real-life chicken and endless outdoor cooking experiences as a firm favourite with all our children. We very much look forward to this continuing next term.

This week, we have experienced our first Whole School Virtual assembly - you can imagine how heart-warming this was for us all, especially those in Reception who have yet to experience a whole school assembly and couldn't believe that they found themselves on screen! As children waved at one another through screens and looked for older and younger siblings it was great to have a sense of our school community being united again.

This week, we have come together to vote for a whole school charity to support and we look forward to sharing our fundraising plans with you early next term.

The highlight this fortnight has been the buzz of the return of our Tuck Shop! Whilst this could be seen as such a little thing, the fact that a child shared 'it is not red nose day it is popcorn day' resonated the importance of finding a new way to connect together as a community. Our Year 6's, very quickly took on the role of our 'Tuckeroo' service, advertising and delivering snacks safely throughout the school.

After just three weeks back, in some ways it feels like we have never been apart!

As we continue to learn to adapt to being together again, we remain connected and strong in our commitment to every child as we celebrate our rainbow values each day.

Thank you firstly to an incredible team of staff but also to all our parents in making the last few weeks a genuine pocket of well-being for us all.

We very much look forward to an action-packed summer term on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April and wish all our families a restful and safe Easter break.



## REMINDERS



### Parents forum

Thank you to those parents who joined us yesterday for our first virtual Parents forum. I am committed to ensuring that we find new ways to keep in touch. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 6pm.

### Giant

During collection and drop off times please ensure your child is not climbing trees or on the giant. It is our intention that collection and drop off needs to be as swift and safe as possible. After Easter we will ensure that classroom doors are open to support this.

### Uniform

After Easter we look forward to being back in our Abbots Green school uniform fully. Whilst we have been flexible with our uniform upon returning to school, we are keen to wear our logo with pride. This means that children will be expected to wear smart black shoes, not trainers on those days when they do not have PE. Earrings must be studs only and be taken out for any physical activity. With the start of the summer term, shorts can now be worn. Socks however must be plain black, white or grey only. Please see the website for further guidance on our uniform expectations.

### Sweets

Unfortunately, whilst we remain committed to keeping all our children as safe as possible, we will not be allowing children to bring in sweets to give out on their birthday. Although this is disappointing, we must eliminate as many risks as we possibly can. We will review this as soon as we feel this is appropriate.

### Goodbye

Today we will be saying Goodbye to Mrs Di Blasio after nearly eight years. We very much hope that Mrs Di Blasio keeps in touch and remains part of our extended Abbots Green family.

### Jolly News

Our fourth edition of the Jolly News is now available online via the school website. We are thrilled to be able to showcase some of the amazing learning opportunities throughout the school with well-being at the heart of all that we do.

### Recommended read

Today all children have been shared a book called This is our World. With children now being in country named classes, this is a beautiful book that celebrates cultural and environmental diversity. A recommended read for any child at Abbots Green to discuss and explore!



### Parking

May we remind parents to be courteous when parking during drop off and collection. Further complaints have been received from the local community concerning inconsiderate parking.

### Office Emails

If you need to email the school office please use [office@abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk) – the previous email address [office@abbotsgreen.co.uk](mailto:office@abbotsgreen.co.uk) has not been in use for a number of years.

### ParentMail

Any changes to your email address or mobile telephone must be updated on ParentMail to continue receiving important school email and text correspondence.

### Termly Topic Updates

Watch out for your child's Termly Topic update to be shared during the first week back. In the meantime your child's class teacher will send a message via Showbie to confirm their PE days for next term.

### COVID instructions during the Easter Break

Should your child test positive for COVID during the Easter break, please advise the school via [allrainbowroom@abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk](mailto:allrainbowroom@abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk). Full instructions will be sent out today in a separate ParentMail.

