

**AAA Newsletter 1 (Term 3) - Spring Term, 2019**  
**9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Dear Parent

On behalf of all of us at AAA I would like to wish all our families a very Happy New Year, and to thank you for your kind seasonal messages and Christmas cards.

Abbot Alphege Academy After School Clubs

Please see the attached Clubs List for the Spring Terms 3 and 4 which will run from Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January to Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019. There will be an opportunity for paid clubs shortly – watch this space!

Every School Day Counts

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. Attendance percentages can be misleading. For some parents 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks:

100% Attendance	0 days missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 days of absence <b>(1 week &amp; 4 days of missed learning)</b>	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 days of absence <b>(3 weeks &amp; 4 days of missed learning)</b>	Poor
85% Attendance	28 days of absence <b>(5 weeks &amp; 3 days of missed learning)</b>	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 days of absence <b>(7 weeks &amp; 3 days of missed learning)</b>	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 days of absence <b>(9 weeks &amp; 1 day of missed learning)</b>	Unacceptable

AAA "Parents and Staff Together" (PST) Meeting – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 9.15am in the Hall

We are keen to formalise the way we organise the fundraising at Abbot Alphege and to provide a forum for discussion and consultation between staff and parents. Our plan is to form a "Parents and Staff Together" Committee which is open to any parent or staff member, with specified officers of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer (which will be shared between a staff member and a parent) and representatives of each class. Last term several parents volunteered to be the Class Reps in response to our request and we are hoping those parents are still keen to be involved.

We would love you to attend a PST Meeting on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> January at 9.15am (after drop off) if you are able to.

AAA Spring Calendar

The AAA Spring Calendar will be coming home shortly but with a 'health warning' that sometimes dates, events and timings need to change so please do keep an eye on our website, outdoor noticeboards and weekly newsletters.

AAA School Lunch

This is a reminder that an AAA school lunch for your child costs £2.20 per day. Children in Year 0, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible to receive universal infants free school meals and, therefore, the £2.20 charge does not apply to them.

Dietary Requirements

If your child has a particular dietary requirement or is allergic to anything it is very important that you come in and fill out a form at the School Office. Alternatively, an email detailing the requirement or allergy will suffice. This information is then logged electronically and made available to our Chef in the kitchen.

### Administrative Matters:

**Mobile Phones** - Please do not forget to let the School Office know if your mobile number changed over the Christmas holidays and a reminder that we do not allow pupils to have mobile phones in school.

**Medical Absence Form** - If your child has a medical appointment you are required to complete a WASPS Medical Absence Form and return it to the School Office prior to the appointment.

**Absence Due to Illness** - If you would like to register your child's absence please telephone the School Office on Bath 580281 and leave an answerphone message by 9.15am at the latest on the morning of the absence.

**End of School Arrangements** - Please ensure that your child and class teacher are aware of end of school arrangements prior to dropping them off in the morning.

Yours sincerely  
Dr Anne Bull  
Headteacher

### Virgin Care Services Ltd – January Catch-Up Flu Clinics

Please see the following clinic dates for anyone in the cohort Reception to Year 5 who may have missed the vaccine previously or changed their mind and now would like it:

- Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 14.00 – 15.30. **Swindon** (Broadgreen Community Centre)
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 14.15 - 15.45. **Salisbury** (Central Health Centre)
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 14.15 – 15.45. **Trowbridge** (Derby Court)
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January – 14.30 – 16.15. **Chippenham** (Hathaway)
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 14.00 - 15.00. **Bath** (St. Martins)
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 14.15 – 16.15. **Devizes** (Community Hospital).

**It is essential that you call to book in to these clinics and NOT just turn up:** To book please contact: Swindon/North Wiltshire – 0333 321 9838, South Wiltshire – 0333 234 1125, B&NES – 01225 838270

### Norovirus Season 2018/19

The Public Health Department of Bath & North East Somerset Council have issued the following advice concerning the Norovirus season 2018/19 which is now circulating in the area.

Norovirus causes viral gastroenteritis, which is characterised by the sudden onset of vomiting and/or diarrhoea, it can spread rapidly in closed environments such as schools. However, most people do not require treatment and recover at home within one or two days. Norovirus is easily transmitted from person to person and by consuming contaminated food or water or by contact with contaminated surfaces or objects. Soap and water should be readily available.

#### **Children and Staff with Symptoms of Norovirus should:**

- Stay away from work or childcare setting until they have been free of symptoms for at least 48 hours and avoid contact with others where possible.
- Keep hydrated by drinking fluids as tolerated.
- If symptoms persist (more than 48 hours), phone the GP or the NHS nonemergency number 111 for advice.
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water regularly but particularly after toilet visits and before eating and handling food. Alcohol hand gel is **not effective** against norovirus.
- Do not attend other childcare settings or visit hospitals or residential care homes as there is a real risk of introducing the infection to the establishment.
- Do not handle or prepare food for other people until symptom free for at least 48 hours.

### **COMMUNITY LINKS**

**B&NES Transforming Maternity Services Together** – Open Meeting taking place at Paulton Methodist Church on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January from 2pm – 4pm to discuss changes to maternity services in B&NES. There is a consultation online which will be open until 24<sup>th</sup> February and you can find out more about this by [following this link](#).

**Junior Lawyers' Club** - workshops for 8-12 year olds, designed to boost confidence in public speaking, problem solving and creative thinking. Venue - Bath Central Library on 26.01.19, 9.30-10.30am. £12.50 per session. Email to book a free trial place: [info@juniorlawyersclub.co.uk](mailto:info@juniorlawyersclub.co.uk)