

ABBOT ALPHEGE ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER



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Newsletter 1



Message from Mrs Dupras

Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year. It has been wonderful to see our children again and welcome everyone back. Our new Pipistrelle children are settling in brilliantly as well.

The year has started with the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. As you will have probably picked up, there is a Bank Holiday on Monday 19th September for the funeral and, following the advice of the DfE, the school will be closed. We have been speaking with our children in a sensitive and appropriate way about this and we hope to do some commemorative work with them. There is also a Book of Condolence in our entrance hall for any parent, carer or member of the community to write in if they wish.

Thank you for all of your support.

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

I would like to remind everyone that we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**.

Please can I ask all parents and carers to check snacks and packed lunches to ensure that there are no items that contain nuts or traces of nuts. Thank you.



OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE this term is HOPE.

We will be talking to the children about what hope means and how we can all be hopeful people.

This week we have talked about; 'Hope is believing that good things will happen'.



CURRICULUM

Class curriculum overviews will be with you very shortly, giving you an insight into the learning your children will be doing during our first Learning Cycle. The staff have been working hard on reviewing and adapting their plans, always looking for ways our curriculum can be improved and developed. Please have a look at the overviews when they arrive and, as always, talk to your child's teacher if there are any queries or questions.

We are currently working on ways to make our curriculum much more accessible to you via our website, but in the meantime, the more detailed plans for this Learning Cycle will be there for you information very soon, as well as lots of other information about our curriculum here at Abbot Alphege (abbot-alphege.org/curriculum/).



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Our school calendar for terms 1 and 2 is attached for you. As always, events are subject to change (we always expect the unexpected in our school), and we will communicate any changes with you via letter, email or Class Dojo in good time.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There are a few key events to highlight this term:

Individual School Photographs on Tuesday 27th September.

Macmillan Coffee Morning on Wednesday 28th September (PTA Event)

Maths Information Evening for all parents and carers on Thursday 20th October at 6pm

Parent/teacher consultations on Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th November.



More information will be sent about these events closer to the time.

ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR

The DfE has directed all schools to really focus on attendance this year. This is a reminder that, as long as your child is well enough to come to school, we will expect them to be here. Of course, there are times when your child is too poorly to be in school and, indeed, times when we need to send them home. We understand this entirely. We are unable, however, to authorise any time off, except in very exceptional circumstances, and we cannot authorise any holidays at all.

We will be reviewing our Attendance Policy and procedures this year and will send them out to you once this review is complete.

NEW STAFF

As you know, we have some new staff who are settling in really well at our school. Mrs Griffin and Ms Samuel are new teachers, Mr Goodman and Mrs Samuel are new lunchtime assistants and Mrs Broadhurst is our new administrator.

As with all new jobs, learning the ropes takes some time, and I know that you will be patient, especially with the administration of the school, as our new members of staff find their feet.

SCHOOL GAMES BRONZE AWARD

I am very pleased to announce that we have been awarded the School Games Bronze Award following a great year of sporting opportunities for our children. We will continue to offer lots of chances to participate and compete this year too.



CLUBS

All children who have requested a club have got a place.

We have decided to move Choir to Tuesday lunchtime to enable more children to participate, and Mr Samuel will now be running an 'Into Film Club' on Monday lunchtimes instead of drama after school on Thursday.

These changes are explained in more detail on the attached letter, as well as information about signing up for these clubs.



PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Please find our Parent Code of Conduct and our Communications Protocol attached to this newsletter, for your information..