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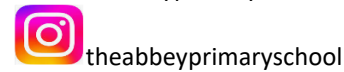
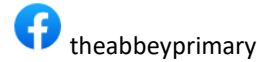
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Message from the Headteacher



Wow- what a busy term we've had!

As we're building up to half term, The Friends Association have Halloween events prepared and we're really excited to see all the amazing and creative pumpkin designs and getting on our dancing shoes ready for the Halloween party and discos. Please see below for dates.

We're pleased to announce the safe arrival of baby Robin- Mr and Mrs Atkinson-Ward are very proud parents and enjoying this special time with their precious baby boy.

We're also sad to say that Miss Cave will be leaving The Abbey after 8 Years as a teaching assistant in EYFS. We will miss her greatly and wish her all the best for the future.

Please can I remind all parents/carers about parking appropriately to ensure the safety of all our children and families. Unfortunately, an emergency vehicle was unable to get through cars parked around the green area due to double parking. Local residents have also shared their frustrations with not being able to access their own driveways. We are in communication with the local police regarding the parking and hope to organise some police presence at the beginning and end of school day.

At The Abbey, we are passionate about our children having high aspirations of themselves, building resilience and happiness- being the best they can be! Follow the link below for some interesting reading (and ideas!) on how Positive Affirmations can support your child to have a positive view of themselves and achieve more. [How positive affirmations can help your child | Metro News](#)

I would like to personally thank all the staff for their hard work this term and their dedication to making learning inspirational!

Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 31st October at 8.40a.m

Best Wishes, Mrs. Farmer

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE ABBEY PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Yesterday I was just an ordinary chap. Today, I woke up with an extra-ordinary job – Chair of the school governors.

Governors have two jobs really. One – to monitor and report to the InMAT Academy on how the school is performing (we have around 10 governors each with a specific responsibility for things such as academic subjects, year groups, safeguarding and special educational needs). And two – supporting the head teacher, teachers, staff, pupils and parents (which is the part of the role that I enjoy immensely).

The Chair has to assist with the co-ordination of all of this to help the school be the best it possibly can be.

Taking the Chair after Duncan McAlpine is a hard act to follow. With his knowledge, experience and dedication he did a lot of good for the school.



I have been involved with the Abbey for a few years now. I know it to be a great school with a great reputation. I love going into the school with its comfortable, welcoming atmosphere, well behaved children and dedicated staff.

Last July I got roped into helping out at the school fete. What a wonderful event. Parents, grandparents and school supporters turned out in droves making it a great success all round.

So, as Chair, with your governors, I look forward supporting the school in its academic achievements (easily scoring above the national average at the moment) and in the extracurricular events that bring everyone together.

I can always be reached through the school (see the website) should you need anything from me.

Learning in school...

Year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system and had the opportunity to dissect lamb's hearts. They looked at the external features, used liquid to see where the blood flows and then cut into the hearts to investigate the internal structure.



Year 2 have been honing their Masterchef skills in the classroom with lots of chopping, dicing, spreading and mixing. The children made an Eton mess before evaluating the recipe, discussing if the method was clear and easy to follow and whether we liked our final creation.

They then made pizza, deciding their pizza was healthy because it was made from a brown tortilla wrap, lots of vitamin packed vegetables and just a sprinkling of cheese.



House Captains

The following children have been elected our House Captains this year:

Birch – Sienna & Kym

Lime – Maria & Kayden

Maple – Donella & Henry

Ash – Adam & Pippa



Thank you to all Year 6 who stood for election

School Council

This term the school council members have come together and discussed one of our British Values. We have looked at what democracy means to our country and to our school. We thought about how we vote for important decisions and take turns to share opinions and thoughts with each other.

Uniform

Please can we remind you on our school expectations regarding uniform. Trainers, leggings and dark coloured jeans are not part of our uniform and should not be worn to school.

We expect all pupils to wear appropriate school uniform and ask parents to support our dress code. We believe that uniform is smart, gives the school an identity and it gives the child a sense of belonging.

The school uniform consists of:

- Polo shirts (White or red)
- Trousers or shorts (Grey or black)
- Skirts or pinafore dresses (Grey or black)
- Summer dresses (Red and white stripe/check)
- Sweatshirts or cardigans (Red with or without school logo)
- Socks or tights (White, black or grey)
- Shoes (Black or grey)

Thank you for your continued support.

Harvest

To celebrate Harvest this year, we collected donations for the food bank at St Mary's Church. The food bank supports families who are financially struggling by providing food parcels.

Thank you to everyone for your very kind donations that will go to help lots of families in need.

If you would like support in accessing the food bank, please see Mrs. Munns.



Friends Halloween Events

The Friends have organised the following events:

EYFS Halloween Party 18th October 3.00-4.00pm

Year 1,2&3 Halloween Disco 20th October 5.00-6.00pm

Year 4,5&6 Halloween Disco 20th October 6.15-7.30pm

Pumpkin carving competition 21st October



TLCs (Parent's Evenings)

During COVID 19 restrictions, TLCs (Parent's evenings) were held via telephone rather than in person. We emailed an online questionnaire to gather parental voice around preference on whether parents/ carers would like to remain with telephone appointments or return to face to face appointments. Thank you to everyone who responded to this. Taking on board the preferences given, we will be offering an option of either a face to face or virtual appointment this year.

Tuesday 15th November- Virtual appointments (held via Teams)

Thursday 17th November – Face to Face appointments held in school.

An email will be sent out soon with details on how to book.



Applying for school places

Applications for primary and secondary school places can now be made.

To apply for school places online please visit - www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions

Secondary School

Parents/carers of children in current Year 6 need to apply by **5.00pm on 31st October 2022.**

Primary School

Parents/carers of children who have their 4th Birthday between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 need to apply for their school place by **5.00pm 15th January 2023.**

School Meals

Dolce will be our new catering provider from Monday 31st October. Information packs and information on creating an account has been sent via email. Please see the school office with any further enquiries.



Follow us on social media!

Want to keep up to date on all the learning and events in school? Then follow us on social media- we're now on Instagram too!



School Photos

School photos take place on Tuesday 1st November 2022.

Photo orders can be made online directly with Kittle Photography. Children will be provided with a ticket with the ordering details.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The pupil premium is additional school funding for disadvantaged children. It is paid directly to your child's school to improve the quality of their education. School also use this funding to fund extra-curricular clubs, trips (including residential) and music instrument lessons.

Your child's school may be entitled to pupil premium funding if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit
- National Asylum Seekers Support
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Universal Credit (income dependant)

How does my school get the pupil premium for my child?

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - All children at this age are eligible for free school meals so you will need to apply separately for the pupil premium for your child's school. Please be aware that a child must reside with the applicant to receive the pupil premium.

If your child is in year 3 and above, and you want to check eligibility for pupil premium, please use the free school meals form to apply for pupil premium entitlement. The school the child is attending will automatically get a pupil premium amount if the child is eligible for free school meals.

For further information and to apply please go to:

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-andeducation/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>

If you do apply and are accepted, please let the office know as NNC often take longer to alert schools.

Dates for your diary

- 18th October – EYFS Friends Halloween party 3.00-4.00p.m
- 20th October – Friends Halloween Disco, Year 1-3 5.00-6.00p.m, Year 4-6 6.15-7.30p.m
- 21st October – Friends Pumpkin Carving Competition
- 21st October – End of Autumn Term 1
- 31st October – Start of Autumn Term 2
- 1st November – School photos
- 15th November- Virtual TLCs (Parent's Evening)– via Teams
- 17th November- Face to Face TLCs (Parent's Evening)- in school



Open Days for Reception 2023

We are holding open days for parents/ carers who have a child starting school in September 2023. Please see the school office to book a visit.

Wednesday 9th November 2022 - 9.00-10.30a.m

Wednesday 9th November 2022 – 6.00-7.30p.m

Thursday 5th January 2022 - 6.00-7.30p.m