

## Message from the Headteacher



Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and managed some time to relax and enjoy the sunshine (with of course the occasional engorgement of chocolate!).

As you are aware, the last week of the Spring Term Ofsted completed a 2-day graded inspection. We would like to thank all the parents/ carers who took the time to complete the parent survey and spoke to inspectors on a very wet and rainy Tuesday morning! The outcome of the inspection will be shared in a few weeks' time, once the report has been completed and verified.

Sadly after 23 years at The Abbey Primary School, Mrs Simmonds will be leaving us on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The majority of our families have had the privilege of Mrs. Simmonds leading the EYFS team in welcoming their children to The Abbey Primary and she has been an integral part of our school community for so many years. Mrs. Simmonds will be working with the Local Authority supporting vulnerable young people and we wish her the best of luck in her new role; she will be greatly missed. Miss Randall will be joining our staff team and a separate letter has been sent to EYFS parents.

The beginning of the summer term also means that we start to welcome new children who will be joining us in EYFS from September 2023. A huge warm welcome to all our new families and children and we're so pleased that you will be joining our Abbey Primary family. Communication will be sent shortly regarding welcome packs, information evenings and stay and play visits.

There are lots of different events occurring throughout the summer term and further information regarding this can be found below.

As always, thank you for your continued support,

Mrs. Farmer

## Learning in school...

Year 1 walked to St. Mary's church and explored what the inside of a church looks like. We also spent the morning in the woods, collecting natural objects, building dens and searching for mini beasts.



In Early Years we have been learning about where food comes from. We made our butter by shaking cream, and used it for our snack! It was delicious.



## Big Sing March 2023

The Choir and African Drummers took part in The Big Sing 'School of Rock' with lots of other schools from InMAT. It was a great event where they joined soloists from NMPAT to perform an exciting show. You can see from the photos how much the singers rocked! Our year 6 African Drummers were very honoured to be invited to play in the foyer to entertain the audience before the show and in the interval! We are very proud of all the pupils who performed.



Congratulations to Miss Crawford who got married on Easter Sunday! Miss Crawford is now Mrs. Kelsall and we wish both her and Mr. Kelsall a life time of love and happiness.



## Year 4 Residential

Some of our Year 4 children are going on their residential to Frontier Centre next week. All children attending will need to bring a packed lunch on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. A kit list was given out in March with details of the items children need to pack.

## Year 6 Residential

Some of our Year 6 children are attending Whitemoor Lakes in June. Packs will be sent out to parents/carers soon.

## School Class Photos

Class photos take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023.



## Additional Bank Holiday Date Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Please be aware of the additional bank holiday date this year:

The coronation of King Charles III is due to take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023. In light of this, the Prime Minister, has announced that there will be a bank holiday on Monday 8 May 2023.



### Ice Lolly Fridays

Ice Lolly Fridays are back!

Starting from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April ice lollies will be sold every Friday from 2.45pm on the KS2 playground. All funds raised will go to support The Abbey Friends who raise money to subsidise trips and events in school for the children.

### Year 6 SATs

Year 6 SATs will be taking place Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Please ensure that your child is in school on time on these days.



Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June – 1.15pm KS1 Sports day (Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July if wet) on the school field led by Pacesetters

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – 1.15pm LKS2 Sports day (Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July if wet) on Abbeyfield field led by Pacesetters

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 1.15pm UKS2 Sports day (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July if wet) on Abbeyfield field led by Pacesetters

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 9.30am EYFS Sports day (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July if wet) on the school field led by EYFS staff

### Updating Records

Please make sure the school is aware of any changes to contact details or medical conditions for your child to ensure all information we hold is up to date. Changes can be made using the Arbor App or by calling/visiting the school office.

### Messages for School

If there are any changes to collection arrangements for your child, please call the school office by 12pm where possible or see your child's class teacher in the morning (EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2).

### Academic Calendar 2023-24

School dates for 2023-24 are now available on the school website.

<https://www.abbeyprimary.co.uk/news-and-events>

### 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!



## Parking

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who park sensibly and respectfully at the beginning and end of the school day. We really appreciate your support with this.

If you have any concerns or complaints regarding parking issues outside school, please report registration numbers/incidents to Northamptonshire County Council and Northampton South West Police via the following website link and Neighbourhood Team email:

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/parking/Pages/parking-enforcement-.aspx>

[NeighbourhoodTeamNorthampton@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NeighbourhoodTeamNorthampton@northants.pnn.police.uk)

## Dates for your diary

- **20<sup>th</sup> April - Class photos**
- **25<sup>th</sup> April - Year 4 start swimming lessons**
- **26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April - Year 4 Frontier Residential**
- **1<sup>st</sup> May - Bank Holiday – school closed**
- **8<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday – school closed**
- **26<sup>th</sup> May - School closes for half term 3.00pm**
- **5<sup>th</sup> June - School re-opens 8.40am**
- **20<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Prom 6.00pm**
- **21<sup>st</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly**