

ABBOTSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

'Helping **everyone** achieve their best'



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Year 6 Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer holidays and are enjoying the start to the new year at Abbotswood. The Year 6 team would like to welcome you all back to school and into Year 6. In this newsletter, you will find information to ensure your child has a successful time in Year 6. I will provide you with key information and dates for the following half term. If you have any celebrations, queries or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher initially. Appointments can be made via the school office.



Mr McCoy Year Leader	Miss Ralph Teacher	Mr Perry Teacher	Miss Biddlecombe Teacher	Miss Parkinson Teacher	Mrs Vigar Upper School Leader
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This year brings some exciting new challenges and adventures for the Year 6 children. They have already shown a growing maturity in their efforts to establish themselves as great role models for the rest of the school. We hope this excellent behaviour and positive attitude will continue and that all our children have a happy and successful year ahead.

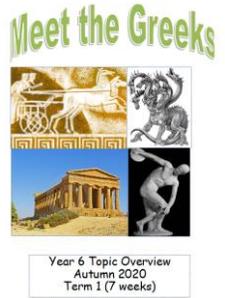
Curriculum

The Year 6 team have been working hard to develop an exciting and challenging curriculum that is tailored to meeting the needs of your children. For every new topic, you will receive a 'Learning Journey' booklet which will outline the themes of the learning should you wish to explore more at home. The booklet will contain the

'Rich Read' that the children are studying and will also give an overview of the subjects which they will be covering. Our topics are enriched with trips and visits and finish with an outcome.

Uniform & PE Kit

Thank you for ensuring that your child has a named uniform and PE Kit. It makes it much easier to return lost items quickly to their owners, when items are mislaid. Please could you make sure that your child is wearing their PE kit to school on the required days. **They will be allowed to remain in their PE kit all day.**



Monday: all classes (OSA)

Friday: all classes (PE)

The additional Friday PE lesson is in place this year as the children are now fortunate enough to have our Music specialist, Mrs. Button, teach them for one hour on a Monday.

PE kit should consist of:

- a red or white T-shirt (or polo shirt)
- black shorts
- plimsolls or trainers
- warm tracksuits may be worn for outdoor games when the weather becomes colder.

If your child wears earrings and is unable to remove them for PE and games, could you please provide them with tape to cover the earrings, as we are not allowed to remove earrings and they need to be covered for health and safety reasons. Please contact the office if they are unable to take part in PE/Games lessons due to illness or injury.

Home Learning

In Upper School, your child will have two weekly Home Learning opportunities: a weekly Maths or Spelling activity and Times Table Rockstars. In addition to this, later in the Autumn Term, they will be able to participate in Abbotswood's whole-school reading competition: Book Bingo. Please see the attached letter for more information about Home Learning.

Water Bottles

We encourage children to drink water regularly throughout the day as it helps them to concentrate and stay alert. Please send your child to school with a **named** water bottle. It would be helpful if you could remind your child to bring the water bottle home each day and to fill it with fresh water from home each morning.

Other Information

- Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to school each day (e.g. fruit, vegetable sticks, bread roll or dried fruit).
- Please send lunchtime drinks in plastic containers. Please ensure that these drinks are not of the carbonated variety. Only water may be drunk during the day.
- Please could any money sent into school for trips, dinners or fundraising activities be paid online through TUCASI. Please contact the office if you would like any support with using Tucasi.

Dates

When?	What?	Parent support required?
Monday 20 th September	Flu Immunisation day	-
Wednesday 29 th September	Individual child photos	-
Monday 11 th October	INSET Day	-
14th/15th October	Year 6 Art Gallery trip	Yes
18th/19th/21st October	Year 6 Art Gallery trip	Yes
Wednesday 20 th October	Parents Evening	-
Thursday 21 st October	Parents Evening	-
Friday 22 nd October	Year 6 Outcome	-
Monday 1 st November	Autumn 2 Hook Day	-
Date TBC	Year 6 Autumn 2 Topic Outcome	Yes

Thank you in advance for all your help and support this year. Year 6 is an extremely important time in your child's education and we will be working on building the skills they need in the future to ensure they are well prepared for the transition to Secondary School.

Please remember that the school website has a wealth of information on it - from the school calendar to ways to support your child's learning at home. If you use social media, we also have a very active Facebook page that provides regular information and reminders. We look forward to getting to know both you and your children further in the forthcoming weeks.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Vigar
Upper School Phase Leader