

ABBOTSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

'Helping **everyone** achieve their best'



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'It Really Does Matter'

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Year 5 Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a fantastic summer break and that the children are looking forward to the year ahead. Year 5 have already impressed us with their enthusiastic and responsible attitude to learning. It has been wonderful to see their smiling faces back in our classrooms!

In this newsletter, you will find general information that will allow your child to have a successful start to their year. A similar newsletter will be sent home each term, providing key dates and information. 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.

The Year 5 team would like to welcome you and your child to Year 5 at Abbotswood Junior School:

						
Mrs Vigar Upper Phase Leader	Mrs Everett Teacher	Mr Allen Teacher	Miss Patten Teacher	Miss Clarke Techer	Mr Dewhurst Teacher	Miss Lee Teacher

Curriculum

The Year 5 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. A learning booklet providing greater detail on the learning journey of our first topic, 'A Land Faraway', has also been sent home.

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 wears their PE kit to school on the required days. **They will be allowed to remain in their PE kit all day.**

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 provide your child with a note if they are unable to take part in PE/Games lessons due to illness or injury.

The PE days for Year 5 are as follows:

Day	PE
Monday	5NA
Tuesday	All classes
Wednesday	5VE, 5AP & 5MC
Thursday	5JD & 5EL
Friday	

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.



Playtime snacks

Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack to eat at break time. A number of children with severe nut allergies attend Abbotswood – **we are therefore a nut free school** and ask parents to not provide their child with nuts as a snack or for lunch at school.



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.

Dates

When?	What?	Parent support required?
Monday 20 th September	Flu Immunisation day	-
Wednesday 29 th September	Individual child photos	-
Thursday 7 th October	Fire Safety Workshops	
Monday 11 th October	INSET Day	-
Wednesday 20 th October	Parents Evening	-
Thursday 21 st October	Parents Evening	-
Thursday 21 st October	Year 5 Outcome	Yes
Monday 1 st November	Autumn 2 Hook Day	-
Date TBC	Year 5 Topic Outcome	-

Other Information

- As the school is now cashless, please could you not send any monies into school. Please could any money sent into school for trips, dinners or fundraising activities be paid online through TUCASI.
- If your child **needs** a mobile phone, it must be kept in their school locker. They will be responsible for looking after it. We recommend not bringing in phones unless it is necessary.

Please remember that the school website has a wealth of information on it - from the school calendar to suggestions 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 further queries or concerns. We hope your child has a very happy and enjoyable year.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Vigar
Upper School Phase Leader