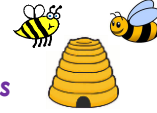




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Summer Term Round Up!

Dear parents and carers,

I cannot believe we are at the end of yet another academic year. I know people say time flies, but it really does! With a new outdoor classroom and a very nearly useable pond area - I need to renew my wish list!

Transition Y6

We are preparing to say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 team as they move onto the next stage of their life in secondary school. It has been a pleasure to get to know this group of individuals and their families. We are proud that they will leave us with a set of strong values and I have hope they will strive to be a credit to their new school.

We still have our Leavers' Assembly on the last day of term to look forward to and this will give us all a chance to reflect on their time with us and wave them off in style.

Staffing Structure 2023/24

I am delighted we are keeping most of our staff this year, with no major changes!

The Hive - Year 4,5,6

Miss Digioia will be our newly appointed Lead Teacher and teacher of the Hive and will be supported by Mrs Ferris.

Honey Bee - Year 2,3

Mr Dash will continue as teacher of Honey Bee class and will be supported by Miss Presbury for the morning sessions.

Bumble Bee - EYFS,Y1

Miss Bray will continue as teacher of Bumble Bee Class and will be supported by Mrs Gent for the morning sessions and Miss Presbury for the afternoon sessions.

Mrs Triggs will continue to support Bumble Bee Class and Honey Bee Class from August, covering the teachers when they have their planning and preparation time and Mrs Lee will continue to cover The Hive.



Goodbye and Thank You!

I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Dickson who took on the role of class teacher of the Hive from Mrs Morris at Easter. She has been an integral part of our team, making sure the end of year show was ready, organizing our Melton in Bloom team, seeing our Y6 children through SATS and much much more. We are only saying goodbye for a short time as Mrs Dickson has agreed to come back and work with us again in the Autumn term to help support our new Year 6 team as part of the National Tutoring Service, to help fill any gaps children may have.

Music Provision Autumn Y4,5,6

I have secured further music provision for the Autumn Term for Children in the Hive Class. One afternoon per week, the Hive children will learn how to play a brass instrument from September to December. Following this, parents will be given the opportunity to pay separately for small group or 1:1 tuition if your child wishes to develop the skill of playing the instrument further. The plan is that each Autumn term a new instrument will be introduced, giving children the opportunity to enjoy 3 different instruments over the time they are in the Hive. Further details of paid tuition will follow at the end of the Autumn term.

FOAKS

My heartfelt thanks go to all those who have contributed over the year to FOAKS fundraising events, however small: it all adds up. The outdoor classroom is an absolute bonus to us and with the pond area very nearly ready to use, this will add another little sparkle to our already fabulous outdoor space. Miss Bray is starting Forest School training in September, so we are looking forward to developing our outdoor learning provision across the school next year.

Behaviour and Uniform Policy

Our priority, as always in the new academic year, is to get routines and expectations established as quickly as possible to help all children settle after the summer break and feel secure. We are looking forward to building on our exemplary behaviour and attitudes. Children can come to school in their PE kits on PE days as usual, and as this will form children's uniform one day per week, the expectations to wear the correct PE uniform is just as important. Please label all belongings to avoid them being lost. Please keep an eye out and make sure the odd coloured sock, trainers on non-uniform day, or coloured hairband don't start to sneak in over time!

Parent Feedback

Feedback continues to be positive via our Parent Forum meetings. I am always willing to take ideas, suggestions and solutions to help improve the provision we can offer our children. Please don't wait until these meetings - if you have an idea - please do share! The new Parent Forum dates will be released early in the new term - the 6pm meeting was not as well attended as the others, so I will stick to 9am and 3:30pm times for the next ones.

Communication between Parents and Teachers

Open communication with parents is vital. If you have a query or concern, we are always happy to help. For non-urgent queries Dojo is the first port of call. Please understand that our teachers will not respond during teaching time but will endeavour to reply within 24 hours. Please avoid sending duplicate messages to teachers to try to get a faster answer as this just causes unnecessary workload, and potentially mixed messages.

If your query is more urgent, please contact the office to make a face to face appointment with your class teacher, in the first instance. Be clear as to your concern, what resolution looks like and how you would like the issue resolved.

If things don't improve, please make an appointment to meet with Miss Digioia, as lead teacher in my absence, or myself.

Autumn Dates 2023 / Term Dates

We are currently putting together dates for the new academic year and we will send these out in good time for the start of the Autumn Term. Children will start back on Tuesday 29th August.

I have added our term dates to this newsletter for your information. Please note, we have an INSET day for staff training on Thursday 13th October, therefore school will close on the evening of Thursday 12th October for the autumn half-term break.

Reach More Parents app

Please make sure you have downloaded the app needed to access Reach More Parents, as from the new academic year will no longer be sending letters out via email. Processes such as reporting an absence, giving consent for trips, paying for school dinners and viewing calendar events will all be available through Reach More Parents.

End of year reports

End of year reports will be sent home on Monday 10th July. I hope you enjoy reading your child's end of year report as much as I did. They have all made amazing progress and we are so proud of every one of them. Each child at Ab Kettleby School brings their own unique style and together make our school small but mighty!

Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my amazing team at Ab Kettleby Primary School for the relentless hard work and dedication they have shown this year. I am very lucky to have such a dedicated team.

With only a few days of the term left, I wish you all a super summer break and I hope the sun shines. We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 29th August to share their news from their summer!

Thank you to all our parents for your continued support with our small but mighty school!

Andrea Brown
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