

Autumn 2016 Newsletter



Summer homework

Well done to all the children who completed their homework projects over the summer. It was fantastic to see learning continuing throughout the holidays and seeing some amazing work produced (see picture on the right). A big thank you to all the parents who supported with the projects.



Fantastic model Batman made by Ehsan Mahmood, Year 1

Welcome back to 'Welcome week'

A warm welcome back to all our children and families, we trust you enjoyed your time together and enjoyed the little sunshine we had. The autumn term has started with 'welcome week' and it has been lovely to see so many families coming into school to find out about their child's new class and learning.

Please could I remind you that children need to be in the appropriate school uniform every day, this includes the wearing of black shoes. Children must also have their PE kit in school each week. This is a coloured T-shirt that represents their house, black shorts and PE shoes. We, at Abingdon, look forward to working in partnership with you this academic

Parking

Parking of cars around the school entrances causes difficulties for pedestrians and we have noticed that children leaving school are having difficulty in finding a safe place to cross roads.

Please do not park in Abingdon or Newlands Road. If you do need to travel by car, please drop your child a distance from school and walk the final stretch to the school gates. This is also another way of gaining a little daily exercise as well as ensuring the exits and pavements are car-free. Traffic wardens will be issuing fines for parking which is causing a hazard.

Medicine

Could all parents please renew any inhalers and epi-pens that are currently in school for your child/children. These need to be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Could we also remind you that medication can only be administered in school if it has been prescribed by a Doctor and has your child's name on the bottle/box. This needs to be taken to Mrs Jones at reception and NOT given to the class teacher. It is really important that you inform school of any medical changes to your child and keep contact details up to date. Thank you.

Beat the Bell

Your child starts school at 8.55am

This means that you need to be in the playground for 8.50am so that your child lines up with the class.

Lessons start as soon as the children are in school.

Children who are late are missing vital learning and we know that this is making it difficult for them to keep up.

We will be working hard this term, monitoring those who are **LATE AT THE GATE**. Please make sure your child is here before the bell.

Remember: Be on time at 5 to 9

Internet Safety

It is very important that all parents carefully monitor internet and mobile phone use for children when they are at home. Children can be influenced by games, websites, and social networking sites. Please be vigilant as your child's PC/lap-top/mobile phone/tablet gives extremely easy access to strangers and sites which are not appropriate for young children. If you are not sure how to support your child please speak to Mr Barstow at his weekly esafety drop in, every Thursday morning 9-10 in school.

Attendance

No holidays are permitted during term-time. Trips abroad must be taken in school holidays. Good times to plan a trip are Christmas (2 week holiday), Easter (2 week holiday) and the summer holiday. See the reverse of this paper for dates for 2017. Families who try to take holidays in term-time will be fined by Middlesbrough Council. You may also lose your child's school place as we are full in almost every year group. This happened last year and meant that the child could not return to Abingdon school after a visit to Pakistan. Children are expected to have at least 95% attendance and we will be monitoring every child's attendance very carefully.

We can only teach your children if they are here.