
July Newsletter

An awesome few weeks in school

I genuinely can't remember a busier few weeks in school. We have had trips out, visitors in, children working at Brigshaw, a school inspection, whole-school assessments and an amazing Summer Fair run by FAB. From Nursery right through to Year 6, every child has been given the opportunity to have amazing experiences that will hopefully make memories to last a lifetime. A huge thank you must go to all the staff, FAB and the children themselves. Every child has engaged, behaved and enjoyed everything that was planned for them and have been true ambassadors for school. I am immensely proud to be the Head of such a fantastic school.

Tea Time Club Time Changes

Breakfast and Tea Time club are proving very successful! Remember, if you want to book your child into either of these, please do not hesitate to see Mrs Allanson or Mrs Oldroyd. The cost of these will be **£3.50** for Breakfast Club and **£4.50** for Tea Time Club **from September**. Breakfast Club will continue to run from 7:30am until the start of school and Tea Time Club will now run for slightly extended times: from 3:15pm until 5:30pm, Monday to Thursday, and until 5:00pm on Fridays. Just a reminder that we will also be providing wrap-around care for Nursery children for the first time with the cost being **£5.00** per session. We look forward to seeing you there.

Contact Details

I know this is a standing item on every newsletter however it is very important that we have **current and up-to-date phone numbers and contact details for every child in school at all times**. If any of the contact details we hold for you or your child change, you **must** let us know the new information as soon as possible. Failure to do so can often pose problems if we need to contact you urgently regarding your child. We would also request that current email addresses are also updated.

Staffing Update

It is always sad to say goodbye to staff when they decide to move on and this summer we will be saying a reluctant goodbye to Miss Asad as well as Mrs Ellis. A big thank you to them for all their efforts: I am sure everyone will join me in wishing them all the very best in their future ventures.

With the introduction of another new class, some of our staff leaving and Mrs McPhillips going on maternity leave, we have appointed four new teachers to join us: Miss Rushworth who will be in Year 2, Miss Kershaw who will be in Year 5, Miss Gledhill who will be in Year 1 and Mrs Bigland who will be in Year 6. I am sure everyone will make all our new staff very welcome to our school.

There will also be some updates from September in leading and managing the school. Mrs Thomas, our Assistant Head Teacher, will become the Early Years Leader, Mrs Gordon, the MAT Primary School Improvement Lead, will support Year 1 to Year 3 and Mrs Brown, our Deputy Head, will support across Year 4 to Year 6.

We are very excited about September and know that the new staff who will be joining us will help to ensure outcomes for all children remains high.

Summer Homework

This summer, we are sending home some activities to keep the children engaged in learning and also to keep them busy during the wet days. Like last year, we are asking the children to complete a summer holiday diary in the book provided and also to do some work around learning their tables. Learning times tables is really important as it helps with all areas of Maths and makes this learning much easier.

FAB are FAB

What an *amazing* Summer Fair. We raised well over £1700 and had a school full of happy families having a great time. I cannot thank everyone from FAB enough for the effort they put in to make the day so successful. I would also like to thank everyone who supported the event: without you, it would not have raised so much money, which really does make a difference to the children's learning experiences at school. We will keep you up-to-date in the next newsletter as to what the money raised goes towards.

The FAB 5p challenge has also been a great success, raising £480, which is incredible. No doubt there will be another 5p challenge next year. The class that raised the most was Mrs Thomas' class, so well done to them.

Open Door Policy

Just a quick reminder to let you know that if anyone has any worries, issues or concerns regarding school, please do not hesitate to make an appointment. We will always endeavour to work with people to solve whatever the concerns may be.

Goodbye for the Summer

Unfortunately, this is the season of change and with that comes a goodbye to some of our children. All of our Year Sixes are moving on to High School and Mrs Brown, Mrs White and Ms Addy have been busy making sure that they are all ready for their transition. I am sure that it won't be too long before we have some of the Year 6 children coming back in September to tell us about the exciting times they are having at High School!

Changes for September

When school reopens in September all the classrooms will have moved around. Please see the table below that outlines where your child's new classroom will be located and the staff associated with each class.

Classes	Teachers	Teaching Assistants		Location	Leadership
Nursery (F1)	Mr Martin	Mrs Parker, Miss Woodhouse, Mrs Smith, Mrs Sessions & Mrs Powell		Nursery classroom	Mrs Thomas
Reception (F2S)	Mrs Stephens	Mrs Pearson		Mrs Green's old room	
Reception (F2G)	Mrs Green	Mrs Poskitt		Mrs Thomas' old room	
Year 1 (1GH)	Miss Hamilton	Mrs Carroll		Same room	Mrs Gordon
Year 1 (1CG)	Miss Gledhill	Ms Addy		Miss Cowley's old room	
Year 2 (2AW)	Miss Wilkinson	Mrs Gibson		Same room	
Year 2 (2LR)	Miss Rushworth	Mrs Thackray		Old intervention room (opp. the new building)	
Year 3 (3SL)	Miss Lowry	Mrs Gibbons	Mrs Pashley	Blue room downstairs	
Year 3 (3AC)	Miss Cowley	Mr Hopes		Green room downstairs	
Year 4 (4VF)	Miss Firth	Miss Watson	Mrs Hartley	Purple room downstairs	Mrs Brown
Year 4 (4PD)	Mr Dring	Mrs Revis		Green room upstairs	
Year 5 (5VK)	Miss Kershaw	Mrs Bentley		Purple room upstairs	
Year 5 (5JT)	Mr Turner	Mrs Owens		Blue room upstairs	
Year 6 (6LB)	Mrs Bigland	Mrs Coote	Mrs White	Mrs McPhillips' old room	
Year 6 (6JA)	Mr Allinson	Mrs Saddler		Mrs Brown's old room	

All classes will continue to start at 8:45am and finish at 3:15pm.

A Message from the Headteacher

What an amazing year! We have achieved so much academically and provided some outstanding guidance and support for all our children and families.

Every day I come into school I feel a sense of pride. I am proud of what the school stands for in the local community, I am proud of the children and staff and I am proud and humbled regularly by the kind comments people make about our school.

ABPS is a place where children can come and learn in an environment where they will be kept safe and looked after well. We feel that we have achieved this through not only our excellent teaching but also with the themed weeks that we plan. This is the type of learning that really engages the children but is also great fun. Our ethos of *'Learning Matters. Make Every Day Count'* is so very true and is reflected in everything that we do in school.

Next year will be with us before we know it and I am excited about our plans for continuing to develop our new curriculum, further developing our assessment procedures and lots more besides – all of which will be shared with you in the new academic year.

I hope everyone has a fantastic summer break. Stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 4th September.

Thank you for your continued support and happy holidays

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