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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Spring Term is well underway, there are a few requests and reminders I would like to bring to your attention.

School Dinners

We would like to invite parents of pupils in Reception and KS1, who do not currently have a school dinner, to join us for lunch at 11:45am on any of the following days: Tuesday 21st March, Friday 24th March or Wednesday 29th March. Please give your name and chosen date to the school office and we look forward to dining with you soon!

Mother's Day Coffee Morning

On Wednesday 21st March, we will be having a coffee morning and mother's day stall in school. This will be in the new build area and will start at 9:30. The aim is to raise money for our playground equipment. Please can you send in any unwanted but UNUSED toiletries for us to add to our mother's day fund raising stall. Donations of cakes and biscuits will also be gratefully received.

PE Kit

We have an increasing number of children who do not have their PE kits in school. Every class does PE twice a week and in order to participate safely, all children need to be in appropriate clothing. If you do not have exact school colours, it does not matter. What matters is that children have safe, practical clothing in school. **Please ensure you send appropriate kit in as soon as possible.**

School Gardens

We are currently developing our garden area outside Reception. If any of you are gardeners and have spare seeds, bedding plants or seedlings, they will be gratefully received in school and put to good use. If any of you can offer your time to help us develop this area, again, we will be extremely grateful.

Safety in the Car Park

Due to a near miss in incident in the car park, I must remind you that the car park is for staff use only, unless prior permission is obtained. If you drop off or collect children by car, please do not enter the car park, but use the footpaths into school – this is at any time of the school day, whether the gates are open or closed. This includes nursery collection times and after school clubs. Our only concern is the safety of the children and we will enforce any measures to ensure this. Please help us keep the children safe by co-operating with us with the use of the car park.

Red Nose Day

On Friday 24th March, we will be supporting Comic Relief by wearing red in school. Children can donate £1 for wearing red clothes that day. All monies raised will be given to Comic Relief.

Book Fair

During the first week back after the Easter holiday, we will be having a book fair in school with a new provider – the Book People. In the past we have used Scholastic, however our last Scholastic book fair was not particularly successful and the feedback from parents was that the products were too expensive. If you are not already familiar with the Book People, they offer books at heavily discounted

prices (often as much as 75%!) and therefore we are hoping the book fair will prove to be more successful this time. Whilst on the subject of books, please can we remind you of the importance of children reading at home, as well as them having their reading book and reading record in school every day. Being a fluent reader opens up so many opportunities for children and with your help, we aim to get our children reading as early as possible.

Easter Raffle

As you all know our Pupil Parliament have been raising money to update our outside provision at the Academy. So far thanks to your help and support we have managed to raise a staggering £1,200.00. For the rest of this academic year we are concentrating all our fundraising efforts on increasing this amount as much as possible. We have very kindly had a donation of £40.00 from a parent and we would like to use this money to purchase 4 fabulous Easter eggs that we propose to raffle for the children on the last day of this term. This will be a non-uniform day and we are asking for donations of £1 per child for them to be included in the raffle. We will also be having an Easter egg competition and the results will be announced during the final assembly of the term. Parents are invited to this at 2:00 on Thursday 13th April, where we will also sing some seasonal Easter songs.

Thank you for your continued support of Abbey Park and our values.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. E Ford
Principal



At Abbey Park Primary Academy, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect all members of the school community to share this commitment. Our school actively promotes fundamental British values. This commitment includes staff, governors, volunteers and contractors working on the school site.

We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment and these can be found on our website.

Sometimes we need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about pupils are discussed with parents/carers first, unless we have reason to believe that this would be contrary to the child's welfare.

We actively support the Government's Prevent Agenda to counter radicalisation and extremism.

Our Safeguarding Leads are;

- Mrs Ford (Principal)
- Mrs Kermotschuk (Vice Principal)
- Miss Priestley (Pastoral Support)

They are the lead people in our school and the people to contact if you have concerns about a child.