

26th May 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we get ready for our last half term of the year I would like to update you with our news.

Sporting Success.

We would like to congratulate our Cricketers who won their tournament last Tuesday. Above all I would like to congratulate them on their behaviour, which was exemplary.

Our football team also won the league this year and we are so proud of them. The trophies can be seen on display in the school cabinet. Abbey Park is becoming the school to beat!

Health and Safety – Changes to Entrances.

I am always looking for ways to improve provision and outcomes for our children and I have decided to lock the gate to the main footpath that leads around the field and down the side of the car park during the school day. It will be locked from 9:10 until 2:45. If you need access to the school during the day, please use the gate at the very top of Keighley Close, to the right of the gym and walk along the path on the top side of the car park, around the 'new build' and kitchen. This will ensure added security during the day.

The entrance to Breakfast Club will also be changing to make it more efficient; this will be through the new build door from the start of next half term.

Staffing.

It is with sadness that we are going to say goodbye to two of our wonderful teachers this summer; Mrs Shaw and Miss Barton have both secured promotional posts at another school. We will miss them and are grateful for all that they have brought to Abbey Park at such an important stage in our journey. We will continue to have a stable team though and classes from September will be as follows:

Nursery Class – (Name to be chosen) Mrs Wade & Miss Weedy
Reception Class- Pearl – Miss Travers
Year 1 – Opal – Mr Clifford
Year 2 – Citrine – Mrs Hunt
Year 3 – Garnet – Mr Donnelly
Year 4 – Amethyst – Mr Brown
Year 5 – Topaz – Mr Duncan
Year 6 – Peridot – Mrs Kermotschuk

Miss Travers is a newly qualified teacher whom we know will bring lots of new ideas and energy to the school; Mr Duncan, some of you may remember was a student teacher with us this year and impressed us with his dedication to our children – he will be covering Mrs Ford's maternity leave - and Mrs Hunt is a very experienced teacher who is joining us from an outstanding school in Huddersfield.

Next half term:

Next half term is going to be extremely busy! Please find below key dates for your diaries:

June 14th-15th – Year 6 trip to London

June 17th – School closed to children for INSET

June 20th – Year 6 to Trinity (one day visit)

June 23rd – Sports day at Abbey Park, 1:00pm

Week beginning 27th June – Arts week at Abbey Park, including a whole school visit to Ogden Water, in-school workshops *and* an exhibition in school

June 24th – Rounders Tournament (selected children only)

June 30th — Jet Class *only* leavers disco, 5:30-7:00pm

July 1st – Jet Class – leavers assembly, 2:00pm

July 2nd – Choir trip to York

July 4th-July 7th – Year 5 trip to Lake District

July 8th – Transition day in school (meet the new teachers!)

July 8th – Reports out to parents (year 6 reports will be posted)

July 12th – Teachers available to discuss end of year reports with parents

July 20th- LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

High School Provision.

As you may know, those Year 6 pupils who are going to Trinity will be spending the last three weeks of term there. We will of course be providing high quality activities for those Year 6 children who are with us until the end of term.

As some of you are aware, here is real competition for high school places in North Halifax. Whitehill Community Academy are proposing to open a new secondary school in September, 2018. At Abbey Park we support this proposal, as it will ensure all pupils can get the high school provision they deserve close to home. However, it does not mean that you have to attend Whitehill Primary Academy in order to qualify for a place as all children from this area will have the opportunity to apply. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

Please find attached the list of clubs for next half term – they will start straight away on **Monday 6th June**, when we look forward to seeing all your children back at school.

Have a wonderful half term break.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Ford
Principal

After School Clubs – Summer Term 2016 – 3:00pm-4:00pm

Monday	Table Tennis	Mr. Donnelly	Year 6 (1 st ten children)
	Multi-Skills	Mr. Sloane	Years 1 & 2
Tuesday	Gardening Club	Mrs. Nutton & Mrs. Egan	Years 1 – 6 (1 st ten children)
	Rounders	Mr. Sloane & Miss Wood	Years 3-6
Wednesday	Drama Club	Miss Barton	Years 5 & 6
	Dance	Mrs. Shaw & Lucie Stott	Years 1 -5 (£2 Donation)
	Cricket	Mr. Sloane	Years 3-6
	Guitar Club	Calderdale Music Services	Existing pupils only
Thursday	Boys Football	Mr. Sloane & Mr. Brown	Years 3-6
	Athletics Club	Mr. Clifford	Years 3-6
	Recorders	Miss. Armitage & Mrs. Ford	Years 1-2 (1 st eight children)
Friday	Tag Rugby	Mr. Sloane	Years 4-6

Please list your child's preferences in order. Clubs where numbers are limited will be on a first come, first served basis.

Child's name _____

Selection of clubs:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

My child is allowed to walk home on their own (Years 4, 5 & 6 only)

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer)

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.

