

6th June, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy Summer Term so far at Abbey Park and your children have continued to excel themselves in their work and behaviour. Here are some reminders for events from now until the end of term.

Statutory Testing

As SATs have finished in KS1 and KS2, there are no more booster clubs. It is still really important that your child is in school every day though, as teaching to the National Curriculum will still be taking place in every lesson, every day and we do not want any child to slip backwards.

Y1 will have their phonics screening testing from Monday 11th June – Friday 15th June. Whilst this is very important testing, we try not to worry the children and all testing is done in a relaxed and supportive manner. Please do your part by reading with them every day and ensuring they go to bed early so they are ready for school the following day.

Y1 and Yr 6 will have the results of these external tests reported to parents as part of the school reports which will be sent home on Monday 16th July.

INSET day

When we issued the term dates for this year we said that we would be issuing a date for an INSET day when we knew the dates of the Northern Education Trust conference. This date is 29th June. **Abbey Park Primary Academy will be closed to all children on this date for additional staff training.**

Staffing

After a long period of ill health, Mrs Hunt has taken the decision to resign her post at Abbey Park Primary Academy. Therefore, she will officially be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Benson and Miss Amini will be teaching in Y4 until the end of term. We are lucky to have these ladies and stability and continuity of the children's well-being and education is our utmost priority. Please come and speak to me if you have any questions or concerns about this.

Art Week

From Monday 11th June – Friday 15th June, we will be having a visual arts week at Abbey Park. This will involve the children being off regular timetable for the week (although they will still be reading and doing some maths daily) and producing an art exhibition for public view! The academy will be open from lunchtime on Thursday 21st June for you to come and view the children's works of art, both inside and outside the academy. There will be tea and coffee and refreshments for sale too.

Sports Day

On Tuesday 26th June, (weather permitting) we will be having our annual sports day at Abbey Park. Children will be in their teams and will need to wear a t-shirt of that colour. (Reminders to come out shortly). We will also be running an ice cream and drinks stall and some of the art work will be on sale. So do come and support us on that afternoon.

Dance Workshop

On Thursday 14th June, to celebrate the World Cup, we are hosting a day of dance celebration which will involve all children's participation. We ask children to come in football kit or sportswear on that day and also to bring £2 per child towards the cost of this event.

Transition Events

The last day for Y6 children who are going to Trinity Academy, is Thursday 28th June. To celebrate their time at Primary school, our Y6 will be performing their leavers' assembly on Monday 25th June at 2:00. They will have a disco and sleepover in school on Tuesday 26th June.

Transition day for everyone remaining is on Thursday July 5th. All children will be spending the day with their new class teachers (you will be formally notified of these before this day) and Miss Kirkland (new Y5 teacher) will be joining us for that day.

Reports will be issued to parents on 16th July and there will be an open evening on Tuesday 17th July for you to discuss the content of your child's report with their teacher should you so wish.

The last day of this school year is Friday 20th July. There will be our final attendance assembly as part of our celebration assembly on 20th July at 9:00. Abbey Park will close at 3:00 for the summer break and the academy opens in the new school year for children on Tuesday 4th September 2018.

We are looking forward to a productive last half term and continuing to work with you all for the education and well-being of your children. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Ford
Acting Associate Executive Principal