

Abacus Primary School News

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Year 4 Sports Festival



On Tuesday some of our Year 4 children took part in a sports festival with children from Grange, Hilltop and Cray's Hill schools.

They all rotated round different 5 different stations which included sitting volleyball, tri-golf, target throwing, speed stacking and relay races.

Staffing News

I am delighted to share with you, that Mrs Bright is expecting a baby in the new year. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her and her husband on such wonderful news.

Mrs Playle returns from maternity leave on Wednesday 20th July 2016, we look forward to welcoming her back and Mrs Burgon, who has been covering for Mrs Playle whilst she has been on maternity leave, will leave us on Friday 15th July. We'd like to thank Mrs Burgon for all that she has contributed to Abacus over the last two terms and wish her all the best for the future.



**Next week we
are on week: 1**

FAPS

A big thank you to our amazing FAPS committee for their efforts with the recent Summer Bounce and this week's summer disco.

I am sure you will agree the summer bounce was a wonderful evening enjoyed by many. How lovely to see the performances from a range of pupils old and new, as well as members from our local community.

The Bounce raised over £2,300 which is an excellent effort by everyone involved.

FAPS continue to support the school with their fund-raising and have recently funded some new blinds for our school hall, which has made such a difference. Thank you to Robert Affleck, of RA interiors for putting these up free of charge.

Thank you so much to the staff and parents that gave up their time to make these events happen. We are already planning a calendar of events for next year.



Out of School Achievements



Well done to Joshua King who was awarded a trophy for taking part in a football tournament.



Well done to Jake Renshaw who was awarded a medal for taking part in a football tournament.



Well done to Harry Abbott who was awarded the Man of the Match trophy.



Well done to Leon Miller who was awarded a medal and certificate for being part of a team.

SINGATHON

On Wednesday our Foundation Stage children visited the CLC to take part in a Singathon with 5 other schools.

They all had a great morning.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 11/7/16—End of Year reports coming home.

Tuesday 12/7/16— Transition day 2. New staff will be available at the end of the school day for an informal meeting.

Wednesday 13/7/16—Open Afternoon 2-6pm This is an opportunity for you to come and visit your child's classroom and share their work from the year, as well as visit their new classrooms. Due to the number of transition days we have planned this year, new staff will not be attending our Open Afternoon this year.

Please check the school website to make sure you don't miss any of the end of year assemblies.

Please can we remind all parents that children should not return to school after a bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea until the children have had a clear 48 hours.

These guidelines are set by the Health Authority and Essex County Council to ensure that illness does not spread across the school. We would really appreciate your help and support with this matter.



Current Year 2 children – Free School Meals

**Free
School
Meals**

Are you entitled?

We would like to remind you that the Universal Free school meals scheme does not include Year3. If you think you might meet the criteria for Free school dinners, you will need to apply **as soon as the summer holidays start**. This will allow them to be processed prior to the start of Autumn term.

As free school meals are administered by Essex County Council, you can do this quickly and easily online at www.essex.gov/freeschoolmeals

If you have any queries regarding this email, please contact educationawards@essex.gov.uk or contact the Education Transport & Awards Team on 0345 603 2200.