

Abacus Primary School

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We've had another lovely week in school and the glorious weather has certainly helped.

Our Curriculum

With our Curriculum project coming to an end, we are looking forward to starting our new year group topics in the next week.

Accelerated reader

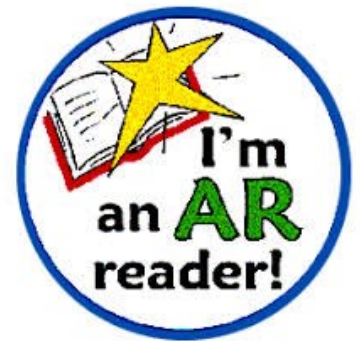
We are asking that the children who use Accelerated Reader access the quizzes from home for the moment, in order to minimise the sharing of ipads in school.

Foundation	Marvellous Me!
Year 1	Magical Kingdoms
Year 2	Rule Britannia
Year 3	Stone age to Iron Age
Year 4	Rainforest
Years 5 and 6	Around the World

Please ensure that your child reads the questions themselves and answers independently (unless instructed otherwise by the class teacher) or this will not give an accurate assessment of their understanding.

Quizzes can be accessed at <https://ukhosted84.renlearn.co.uk/2231238/> If you are having problems logging in, double check the numbers in the web address as they differ for each school. If you are unsure of your child's login, please check with their class teacher (the username is usually the first letter of their first name and the first four letters of their surname followed by the password abc).

<https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/> can be used to check whether a book is on Accelerated Reader as well as the book level. Happy Quizzing!



THANK YOU!

Thank you for your continued support at drop offs and pick ups. Just a reminder that one parent per family should only be entering our site each day please. From Monday, White class will be brought to the top playground at the end of the school day, so can White class parents wait on the top playground for collection, Many thanks



Contact Us





Should you need to contact the school over the weekend to inform us of any test results or illness, please can we ask that you use the school text system (07786201172) This will be checked throughout the weekend period regularly. It is important that we are made aware of any positive test results or

possible Covid illness as soon as possible, so that we can prevent any further infection.

Facebook is playing up at the moment, so please do not rely on the messenger function to communicate with us at the moment.





COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers



What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 ...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	...when child's test comes back negative and child is well enough
 ...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
 ...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Household member with symptoms should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*
 ...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days

* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 ...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too 	...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days
 ...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days 	...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days
 ...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again
I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only people with symptoms* need to get a test People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive 	...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met

For further information:

gmhscp.contacttracing@nhs.net

gov.uk/backtoschool

Should I send my child to school?

We understand that everyone is being extra cautious at the moment with keeping children off school due to Covid and we thank you all for your support in trying to stop this virus from spreading.

We hope that the following chart helps to reassure you a little about whether you should send your child to school.

We're sorry that so many of you have been frustrated by not being able to book a test or having to wait so long for your test results to come back. We hope that the Government addresses this very soon. Thank you for keeping us updated during this period.

SNACK TIME

Please can we remind you that we are a nut free school, so children should not be bringing any food to school which contain nuts.

We are sorry that we cannot operate our snack shop at the moment. But can we remind you that children should be bringing in a healthy snack to eat during playtimes in KS2.

Children in KS1 (Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2) are now receiving the Government free fruit again so no longer need to bring in a snack from home.



I am pleased to say that we have updated our menu and are now offering more meals as part of our new three week menu.

The new menu starts from Monday and can be found on the following page, as well as on our website: www.abacusprimaryschool.co.uk/school-meals

Children will continue eating in their classrooms, the meals will be delivered to them.

We have tried to include some of the children's favourite meals in our new menu including Fishy Friday, Curry, Pizza, Pasta Bolognese and adding some cold pasta options to our purple bands. We will continue to review and add to our menu over the next few weeks.

Each week we will be celebrating the top 3 children in each class who have practiced their times tables on Times Table Rock Stars. It was really good

to see that each class had 3 children and that 145 children had over a 1,000 coins earned in the last 7 days.



Silver Class 1st: Ernests 2nd: Lexie 3rd: Joseph	Purple Class 1st: Harry H 2nd: Stanley 3rd: Boris	Gold Class 1st: Gabriela 2nd: Violet 3rd: Harry C
White Class 1st: Harley 2nd: Charlotte 3rd: Emmi	Black Class 1st: Erin 2nd: Chloe 3rd: Jake	Green Class 1st: Elizabeth 2nd: Adriana 3rd: Haroon
Lilac Class 1st: Bobbee 2nd: Jake 3rd: Henry	Well done to everyone. The top child in each class will be entered into a draw to win a prize at the end of the term.	



As we are not currently able to meet as a whole school for an assembly, we will be announcing stars of the week on our weekly newsletters too.

Abacus Primary School Menu– with effect from 21st September 2020

WEEK 1	RED BAND	GREEN BAND	PURPLE BAND	DESSERT INCLUDED
MONDAY	Pepperoni Pizza	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Ham Sandwich *	Toffee Frozen Yoghurt Pot
TUESDAY	Beef Burger in a Bun * Corn on the Cob Salad	Spicy Bean Burger in a Bun Corn on the Cob Salad	Tuna & Cucumber Wrap* Salad	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Chicken Korma & Rice * Naan Bread Salad	Macaroni Cheese Garlic Bread Salad	Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato Sandwich * Salad	Strawberry Mousse
THURSDAY	Pasta, Peas & Bacon in Cheese Sauce Salad	Broccoli & Cherry Tomato Bake in Cheese Sauce Salad	Tuna & Sweetcorn Ba-guette * Salad	Ice Lolly
FRIDAY	Fish & Fingers & Chips * Salad	Vegetable Nuggets & Chips Salad	Cheese Roll * Salad	Cookie
WEEK 2	RED BAND	GREEN BAND	PURPLE BAND	DESSERT INCLUDED
MONDAY	Ham & Pineapple Pizza Salad	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Salad	Tuna & Cucumber Wrap* Salad	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Tuna & Cheese Melt * Salad	Cheese & Onion Melt * Salad	Tomato Pasta Pot Salad	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Pasta Bolognese Garlic Bread Salad	Tomato & Sweetcorn Pasta Garlic Bread Salad	Egg Mayonnaise & Crispy Bacon Baguette * Salad	Cupcake
THURSDAY	Sausage Baguette * Salad	Vegetarian Sausage Ba-guette Salad	Cheddar Cheese Roll * Salad	Ice Cream Tub
FRIDAY	Battered Fish & Chips * Salad	Vegetable Samosa & Chips Salad	Ham Sandwich *	100% Fruit Lolly
WEEK 3	RED BAND	GREEN BAND	PURPLE BAND	DESSERT INCLUDED
MONDAY	Meat Feast Pizza Salad	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Salad	Tuna & Sweetcorn Baguette * Salad	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Chicken Burger * Corn on the Cob Salad	Vegetable Burger Salad	Dairylea & Cucumber Sandwich * Salad	Raspberry Ripple Mousse
WEDNESDAY	Savoury Mince & Mashed Potatoes * Salad	Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake (Carrots, Onions, Mushrooms & Peppers) Salad	Ham Sandwich * Salad	Ice Cream Tub
THURSDAY	Sausage Baguette * Salad	Vegetable Sausage Ba-guette Salad	Tuna & Cucumber Wrap* Salad	Cupcake
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers & Chips* Salad	Quorn Nuggets & Chips Salad	Cheese Roll* Salad	Cookie



SENCo Surgery Re-launch



We are pleased to announce that we are now able to re-launch our offer of attending a half hour SENCO Surgery Appointment with Mrs Lewis, our SENCO and Assistant Head.

Appointments will be available on a Monday afternoon from 2.30 p.m.

starting from 28th September, 2020.

If you have a specific query related to your child's class, then please make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher as they will be best placed to help you. However, if you would appreciate the chance for an informal conversation to explore any other concerns or worries that as parents you may have for your child, this could be a useful session for you.

Your child does not need to have a special educational need identified for you to make an appointment and these sessions are open to any parent who may find them helpful. Mrs Lewis may not have all the answers, but she will be able to make some practical suggestions that will hopefully help you and your child.

Appointments are currently for one parent to attend to enable us to meet with social distancing requirements. Please contact the school office to book a session and they will be able to advise you of the next available appointment.



We are unfortunately unable to hold our parent introduction evenings this year due to the current restrictions in school.

Staff have put together presentations with all the information and these have been uploaded to our website.

We will send you a text message with the link to your children's year groups presentation or you can find them on the following pages of our website:

Year 1—<https://www.abacusprimaryschool.co.uk/year-1-letters-information>

Year 2- <https://www.abacusprimaryschool.co.uk/year-2-letters-information>

We are so excited for our Foundation Stage children to start. As with lots of things this year, we have had to make some changes to the way that we carry our transition and Induction for our new starters.

This year parents and children have attended school visits instead of home visits and this week the children have attended a classroom session in small groups.

Next week they will be attending for some shorter sessions as a class and staying for a lunchtime before starting full time the following week. We can't wait to get to know you all.



Starting School September 2020

