

Abacus Primary School

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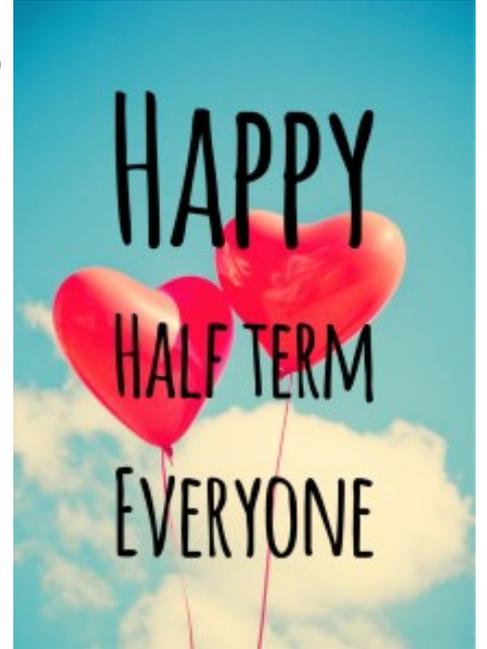
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Today, school closes for the half term break. It's been a different start back to the school year but I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff here at Abacus for all their efforts this half term in making things as 'normal' as possible for the children. I'd also like to thank all the children for their daily enthusiasm and efforts and lastly, thank you as family members for all your continued support.

I said at the beginning of the year that we were going to try not to cancel things, but do things differently and as we look back over the last half term I think

there's already lots to celebrate. It's wonderful to hear children's laughter and voices around the school - a sound that we will never take for granted again!



zoom Our whole school assemblies are now taking place over Zoom. They are an absolute joy to be part of.



Whilst I appreciate that some of the changes are taking some getting used to, please can you ensure that only one adult enters our school site at pick up and drop off. If we can ask that this is passed on to grandparents as well please. Can we also ask that if people are waiting by any of the gates that they ensure they stand back so that our families can enter the school site safely, keeping their distance from other.



Also a reminder that we need to limit the amount of adults entering the school, so can we politely remind all parents that children should be arriving with everything they need for the school day ie: coats, hats/ gloves, water bottles, snacks etc If there are circumstances where you need enter the school reception, please remember to wear a mask.

Our updated Menu

<u>WEEK 1</u>	RED BAND	GREEN BAND	PURPLE BAND	DESSERT INCLUDED
MONDAY	Pepperoni Pizza Salad	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Salad	Ham Sandwich * Salad	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	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce & Pasta Salad	Tomato & Basil Pasta Salad	Tuna & Sweetcorn Baguette * Salad	Ice Lolly
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers & Chips *	Vegetable Nuggets Chips	Cheese Roll *	Cookie
<u>WEEK 2</u>	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	Chicken Nugget Wrap Salad	Vegetable Nugget Wrap 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 Baguette Salad	Cheddar Cheese Roll * Salad	Ice Cream Tub
FRIDAY	Battered Fish & Chips *	Vegetable Samosa & Chips	Ham Sandwich *	100% Fruit Lolly
<u>WEEK 3</u>	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 Potato * Salad	Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake (Carrots, Onions, Mushrooms & Peppers) Salad	Ham Sandwich * Salad	Ice Cream Tub
THURSDAY	Sausage Baguette * Salad	Vegetable Sausage Baguette Salad	Tuna & Cucumber Wrap* Salad	Cupcake
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers & Chips*	Quorn Nuggets & Chips	Cheese Roll *	Cookie

We will be on WEEK 3 of the school menu after half term.



There have been some changes made to our menu, please see the updated menu attached or visit our website.

Meet our Reading Ambassadors

Last week, staff chose one child in each class to become a Reading Ambassador. The children had their first (socially distanced) meeting on Friday where they were given their special badges and told about some of their duties. These include encouraging others in the class to love reading as much as they do by giving book recommendations, ensuring children keep the book shelves tidy when choosing a new book and attending half termly meetings to discuss reading in their class. The children were all very enthusiastic and I look forward to our next meeting!



We also launched our new project: 'Book of the Month'. Each class received a book and a letter explaining that each month they will be given a new book to help promote reading in their class. Lower down in the school, the books will be shared with the whole class, and in the upper school, they will be sent home with individual children and then shared in the book corner. The children were really excited to receive their class gift and were all eager to read the new book. Please continue to discuss the importance of reading as a family and encourage your child to read a range of authors and text types.

Miss Mitchell
English Leader



We have been overwhelmed by the number of food donations which we have already received at school this week for the local food bank- thank you.

I am sure this is going to make a huge difference to lots of families across our town.

We will be continuing to collect food until the end of November.



Pupil Council



Silver Class



White Class



Black Class



Gold Class



Turquoise Class



Year 3



Year 3



Yellow Class

Our Pupil council have been meeting this term, these meetings are the highlight of my week. The enthusiasm and confidence that the council members display is infectious and they are huge ambassadors of our school. They have provided some great feedback about our return to school. After half term Mrs Playle is joining our meeting to talk about Art in our school.



Music is one area in school which is very limited at the moment due to Covid guidance. We have arranged for the children to take part in an African drumming workshop after half term. I am sure the children are going to thoroughly enjoy these sessions. To cover the cost of the workshops we are asking parents to contribute £4 per pupil.

Covid guidelines will all be followed during the sessions and the company have sent their full risk assessment through to school. We will be uploading some videos and photos of the sessions on to our school website. The contribution has been added to your child's parentpay account



Star of the Week!

Pink Class	Abigail M
Blue Class	Poppy O
Red Class	Jenson M-J
Orange Class	Yacqub M
Yellow Class	Mason P
Turquoise Class	Caleb N
Green Class	Quinn K
Lilac Class	Keshav N
Black Class	Sofia H
White Class	Jessica D
Gold Class	Summer T
Purple Class	Isabella D
Silver Class	Isla N



To be part of Wales's largest free science festival. Please follow the link— <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/research/in-the-community/swansea-science-festival/>

With special guests and a range of shows, talks, workshops and tours, there is something for everyone to enjoy online. Book your place and join in to take your minds on a journey of discovery. Take part in a dance workshop, hear from a real-life astronaut, explore Swansea University's brand new aquarium and be part of a worldwide online event exploring a famous dream... and lots, lots more.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Times Table Rock Stars



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<p>Silver Class 1st: Keira N 2nd: George R 3rd: Cameron K</p>	<p>Purple Class 1st: Chloe S 2nd: Isabella H 3rd: Dollie-Mae W</p>	<p>Gold Class 1st: George P 2nd: Isabelle P 3rd: Lexi H</p>
<p>White Class 1st: Ethan D 2nd: Harley B 3rd: Ethan L</p>	<p>Black Class 1st: Erin E 2nd: Chloe L 3rd: Donovan L</p>	<p>Green Class 1st: Jubril R 2nd: Annabella D 3rd: Nikolay Z</p>
<p>Lilac Class 1st: Darcey S 2nd: Henry J 3rd:</p>	<p>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.</p>	

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

POPPY APPEAL

We have a number of poppies in school for a donation to the British Legion. These will be available after half term from classes this year and not from the school office.



Website Update!

Class pages on our school website have been updated with information about what has been happening this half term—you can access these through the classes page on our website- <https://www.abacusprimaryschool.co.uk/>
We have also added some guidance around the changes to the PSHE curriculum. You can access this through our Curriculum page- <https://www.abacusprimaryschool.co.uk/our-curriculum>



Be smart on the internet



At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.



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