



Wednesday 18th September 2024

September Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we settle in to the second full week of the new academic year, I would like to welcome all new families to our thriving school community. I am looking forward to getting to know you all and working in collaboration to give your child the best start to their education.

We currently have a few remaining full-time places in our Nursery Class, so if your child turned 3 years old before September 1st 2024, they are eligible to attend. Please follow the link to fill in an application form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7TjxnLugMwQhmrQ81TC3X2BuhzC3Q3dfPrY0wugX4whW3hg/viewform?pli=1>

We also have funded and paid places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds at our link school, Collyhurst Nursery. To apply for a place here, please complete a form at the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf51C1UNYpUtY98cn3K8DKPz1LBYd0zxGzx70nEohCSc21QIw/viewform?usp=sf_link Please pass the above details on to anyone you know that may require a place.

Uniform, PE and Swimming Kits

Reminder about uniform:

- Nursery to Year 5 – a red sweatshirt; Year 6 – a black sweatshirt;
- a white polo shirt only;
- black/grey trousers or skirt/pinafore;
- NO oversized frills on socks – these are a trip hazard;
- black shoes or trainers;

We also continue to have strict guidance around the wearing of jewellery:

- small studs only to be worn;
- no necklaces/rings or smart watches - these will be confiscated until the end of the day;
- all long hair MUST be tied up appropriately for the duration of the school day;
- PE kits must include a white T-shirt, black shorts and suitable footwear. Tracksuits may be brought to go over the PE kit, in the colder weather.

Please send your child in with a full PE kit every Monday. This should be left in school until Friday of the same week, when it can be taken home for washing. Those classes that go swimming have had a letter detailing what children can and cannot wear for the lessons. Please email your class teacher if you have not yet received this or you need another copy.

Homework

Homework focuses on key skills in reading and maths.



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EYFS, KS1 and KS2 – Reading

Why read for 20 minutes a day?

CHILD A	CHILD B	CHILD C
reads 20 minutes per day	reads 5 minutes per day	reads 1 minute per day
hears 1,800,000 words per year	hears 282,000 words per year	hears 8,000 words per year
scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests	scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests	scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests

- Your child will have a reading book – they must read this every day.
- They also have a reading record – this must be signed by a parent/carer every day.
- Both the reading book and the reading record must be brought into school EVERY day.
- Your child will also have a library book that they can read for pleasure.
- In total, your child should be reading for at least 20 minutes each day!

There will be inter-class, termly competitions for the

most reading completed by each class!

KS1 and KS2 – Maths

All children should practice their number and calculation skills using NumBots and TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars). A maths worksheet that links in with each week's lessons will be sent home for children to complete with parents/carers: answers to this will be emailed so please ensure we have your correct email address. The aim of these worksheets is to consolidate what is being learned in school, so they do not need returning.

KS1 and KS2 – Spelling

We now use a Spelling Scheme which allows children to learn spelling strategies in short daily sessions. These also include mini-tests, as well as links to literacy objectives. Once units of work are completed, children are tested again, to see which spelling strategies they have retained. Spellings will not be sent home, however, the list of half termly spelling patterns will be included in the class newsletter.

EYFS

Nursery and Reception will also be set ongoing tasks using the Class Dojo platform that you should already have details for. If you do not, please see your child's class teacher.

Additional Homework

As well as the above, children who wish to, can access Purple Mash, which contains activities from a range of subjects that we study in school. Teachers will be resending out login details for all of the platforms mentioned in this letter.

Jeans for Genes Day

Children and staff are encouraged to wear jeans at school and donate £1 to raise money for children and families affected by a genetic condition. Families connected to the school are affected. Please pay on School Spider.

Book Fair

I am delighted to say that we have the Book Fair coming into school on Monday 30th September. All children will have time to spend at the Book fair during the day, and parents/carers can visit it after school, to purchase books and other merchandise.

Harvest Festival Assembly

Our Harvest Festival Assembly will be held on Friday 4th October at 2pm. We are asking for non-perishable food items that are still within their best-before date, are sealed and are not homemade. Such things may include: pasta/rice/tinned foods/breakfast cereal/biscuits/chocolate/crisps. We will be sending all donations to a local food bank. Or if you know of any local charities that would benefit, please let us know.

Balance Biking

On Monday 11th November, we will be having a Balance bike Day for our EYFS and Year 1 children. Balance Bike Days are a great way to get little ones motivated and active and are designed to help develop confidence on two wheels, ready for cycling independently. The program incorporates a range of fun



activities that will challenge each child to develop their balance and coordination, resilience, and confidence as they engage in a fun program of skill games, obstacle challenges and mini-races. We can't wait!

Important Dates:

- Friday 20th September – Jeans for Genes Day (£1 donation)
- Tuesday 24th September – Flu Immunisations in school
- Thursday 26th September – European Day of Languages
- Monday 30th September – Poetry Week and Book Fair Week
- Tuesday 1st October – Black History Month Begins
- Friday 4th October – Harvest Assembly at 2pm
- Thursday 10th October – World Mental Health Day
- Friday 18th October – School Closes at 15:15
- Monday 28th October – School Opens at 8:45am
- Tuesday 29th October-3rd November – Diwali
- Thursday 31st October – Halloween Disco
- Friday 1st November – EYFS Family Friday Begins
- Monday 11th November – Balance Bike Day (EYFS and Year 1)

If you have any questions or concerns, please email your child's class teacher, in the first instance. They can then assist you or direct you to where necessary:

Nursery/ Miss Burke – h.burke@abbott.manchester.sch.uk

Reception/Mrs Ilic & Mrs Peters – e.ilic@abbott.manchester.sch.uk & r.peters@abbott.manchester.sch.uk

Year 1/Miss Henderson – n.henderson@abbott.manchester.sch.uk

Year 2/Miss Castle – d.castle@abbott.manchester.sch.uk

Year 3/Miss Curchin – i.curchin@abbott.manchester.sch.uk

Year 4/Miss Thorne – m.thorne@abbott.manchester.sch.uk

Year 5/Miss Jones – c.jones@abbott.manchester.sch.uk

Year 6/Miss Churchman – h.churchman@abbott.manchester.sch.uk

If you have any SEND and/or welfare concerns, please email Mrs Pugh – a.pugh@abbott.manchester.sch.uk Any general queries, please email Miss Melling – admin@abbott.manchester.sch.uk and for school payment concerns or queries, it's Mrs Hudson – finance@abbott.manchester.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,



Miss Wilson (Interim Executive Head Teacher)



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