



Thursday 31st October 2024

October Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reminder: 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!

Bonfire Night Safety – Tuesday 5th November

Keep fireworks in a closed box

They should be stored in a closed box or tin in a safe space away from animals and young children.

Fireworks should only ever be handled by adults.

Never throw fireworks

Never keep fireworks in your pocket or throw them. Fireworks can be very dangerous if they are not used correctly.

Remember: Only adults should handle fireworks.

Keep pets indoors.

Keep pets inside and try and keep them as comfortable as possible.

They may become scared or unsettled if fireworks are loud.

Sparklers

Sparklers must always be used under adult supervision.

Always stand in a space away from obstacles and never wave them near others.

Wear gloves when handling a sparkler and hold them at arm's length.

Put used sparklers in a bucket of earth or water once they go out.

When watching fireworks or bonfires, make sure you keep a safe distance at all times.

Never approach a lit firework. Even if you think it isn't working, it could explode at any time.

Walk away as quickly as possible and tell an adult.



IT IS VITAL THAT YOUR CHILD ATTENDS SCHOOL – PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NO HOLIDAYS ARE TO BE TAKEN DURING TERM TIME. NO AUTHORISATION WILL BE GIVEN UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

Children in Need 2024: Friday 15th November

Challenge Your Class to Dress Up and Donate! A firm favourite amongst children - we're challenging everyone to come to school dressed up! You can choose whatever theme you like, just get creative and explore. Whether you take inspiration from Pudsey and go for yellow and spotty outfits/pyjamas, or choose to side with the Gladiators and go for superhero style! You can get as creative as you like! Whatever you choose, wear something that will make your whole class smile! To take part, we are asking for a £1.00 donation, payable via School Spider. All donations will be sent to Children in Need.

Parent/Carer Meetings

There is a slight change to the previous dates due to staff training. Please see below:

- **Monday 11th November** – Reception/1/2/3/4/5/6
- **Tuesday 12th November** – Nursery/Reception/2/3/4
- **Wednesday 13th November** – Nursery/1/5/6

Booking slots will go live on School Spider on Monday 4th November.



Road Safety Week – Monday 18th November

Please think carefully about choosing winter clothes for travelling to and from school. The picture to the left speaks a thousand words: there is a child in both photos, standing in the SAME position but with a different colour coat on.

Important Dates:

- **Friday 1st November** – EYFS Family Friday Begins
- **Tuesday 5th November** – Bonfire Night
- **Monday 11th November** – Balance Bike Day (EYFS and Year 1)
- **Monday 11th November** – R/1/2/3/4/5/6 Parent/Carer Meetings
- **Tuesday 12th November** – N/R/2/3/4 Parent/Carer Meetings
- **Wednesday 13th November** – N/1/5/6 Parent/Carer Meetings
- **Monday 18th November** – Road Safety Week
- **Friday 13th December** – Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day
- **Wednesday 18th December** – 13:30-15:30 Christmas Fair
- **Thursday 19th December** – Jack and the Beanstalk Panto (in school)
- **Friday 20th December** – Class Parties
- **Friday 20th December 2024 – 13:30 School Closes**
- **Tuesday 7th January 2025 – 08:45 School Opens**

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)