

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below some dates for your diary. Additional dates and events will follow as the year goes on.



- Mon 19th April – Back to school for Term 4
 - Mon 3rd May– May Day holiday
 - Parent Council Meeting TBC
- Tue 4th May—PKC Euro Quiz Heat
- Fri 14th, Fri 21st and Fri 28th May- Bikeability training level 2
- May/June TBC– Perth High virtual transition events
- Tue 15th June- Bikeability training level 1
- TBC June – Virtual Community Café leavers' assembly
- Thur 24th June – End of term (12 noon)



Parent Comment

If you have any comments you wish to make, issues you would like to raise or successes you would like to share, please do so below and return the slip to school.

Comments :

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ABERNYTE PRIMARY SCHOOL



March 2021 Newsletter

Be the best you can be!

Dear parents, carers and friends of Abernyste,

It is hard to believe that we are now at the end of the third term. It has been lovely to welcome the whole school back from 22nd February. The children have been overjoyed to reconnect with their friends and the school staff who work with them. This term the children have enjoyed their learning experiences being facilitated by a variety of staff. The school day has been altered slightly to allow children to walk, jog or run every day, again this supports health, fitness and learning. The daily mile is an outside activity and this along with PE and outdoor learning is boosting vitamin D levels. In this way we hope your child is getting fitter and healthier.

As we 'break up' for the Easter holidays I would like to take this opportunity to truly thank you for all your support over recent weeks. We wish all our families celebrating Easter a wonderful weekend with friends and family and we hope that everyone enjoys the holidays.

Best wishes
Jennifer

World Book Day

Our pupil focus group- The Caring Crew, planned a series of events to encourage reading for pleasure. Highlights included a book swap, the read-a-thon and dressing up. We raised a total of £55 which is fabulous! We used this money to purchase books for our new outdoor reading classroom.

Twitter and the Website

There is so much to share about learning in Abernyste Primary that it is impossible to include everything in a newsletter. The best place to get regular updates and a wee peek into learning is via Twitter. At present we have 150 followers. If you are not already following us then please sign up and have a look at our learning journey. [@AbernysteP](https://twitter.com/AbernysteP) Our new website is up and running and here you will see a wealth of current information- please do check it out. www.abernysteprimaryschool.co.uk

Reporting to Parents

Last week at the parent council meeting it was discussed and agreed that in place of the March Learner Led Conferences we will organise a phone call or virtual parent contact meet (mid-May) prior to the end of year report (June). Dates to follow.

Outdoor Learning

We have continued with learning both outdoors and in class, being fortunate with the Spring weather so far. Our school grounds are beginning to take shape as we work on reimagining our learning spaces. Please continue to ensure your child is dressed warmly for learning outdoors and has a warm waterproof jacket with them each day.

Staff Testing

All staff coming into school have been given the option of taking part in lateral flow testing. These tests are carried out at home twice weekly with the intention of identifying asymptomatic positive cases. Staff who test positive on the lateral flow test will be required to go for a PCR test at a local testing centre to have the result confirmed. At this stage we would consider the staff member to be positive and therefore would need to inform all close contacts. This may result in our small school having to isolate until the PCR test result is confirmed. If the PCR test is negative then it may be that all can return, if it confirms the test result as positive then all close contacts will be required to self-isolate and book a PCR test. We will be following public health advice through this process.

Helping to Keep us Safe

It is great to see so many of the children using the school bus service now, thanks was shared to Ewan Stark and Angus Forbes at the parent council for making this happen. Please remember our car park is closed to all parents and carers and is only open for pick-up. Thank you for ensuring only one adult is dropping off and picking up, wearing your face mask and maintaining 2 meters distance from others.

Staff Professional Learning

Staff continue to improve their own practice by undertaking a range of professional training opportunities. This term Mrs Sturrock was successful in application and interview for a place on the Kindergarten Forest School training programme, which commences at the end of April. Mrs Hughes and Mrs Clark continue the Play in Early Years programme. We gratefully received a grant of £1000 for open-ended play resources which have been purchased and currently being enjoyed by the children. Lots of exciting opportunities to develop learning outdoors coming our way.

School Uniform

As you will be aware, we have a healthy intake of P1 pupils after the summer holidays. Parents of the new pupils may well wish to virtually visit the school and as such we have been encouraging pupils to wear their school uniforms. Freya is in the final stages of re-designing our school logo/badge which will feature our school uniform going forward. Here is a friendly reminder of our policies and guidelines for school uniform:

There is a recommended school uniform which we encourage everyone to wear as we consider this to be an important part of belonging to our school community. The school uniform consists of -white blouse/shirt/polo-shirt; blue sweater/cardigan or school sweatshirt; grey or black skirt/pinafore/ trousers; grey or black socks/tights; grey or black school shoes; the only logo on any clothes should be the school logo and a school tie is preferred. Indoor shoes are required for the classroom. All clothing and footwear should be clearly marked with the pupil's name.

At the moment all children are asked to wear outdoor clothes on Wednesdays and Fridays for PE, due to the current Scottish Government guidelines stating children are not permitted to change clothes.

School clothing and PE kit can be purchased from a variety of chain or specialist shops. Abernyste School uniform fleeces, sweatshirts, t-shirts, polo shirts etc. as well as standard P.E. items of grey or black shorts and white t-shirts are available for ordering at www.border-embroideries.co.uk Scroll to the bottom of the Home Page and click on the red box then choose Abernyste Primary School.

Birthday Celebrations

This Thursday marks Emma and Casey's birthday celebration which all the children are looking forward to. We have a few snack options such as a fruit smoothie and a cracker with cream cheese and fruit. We are aware of all the children's dietary requirements/allergies and will cater for this accordingly. If you would not like your child to have a snack from school, please get in touch.