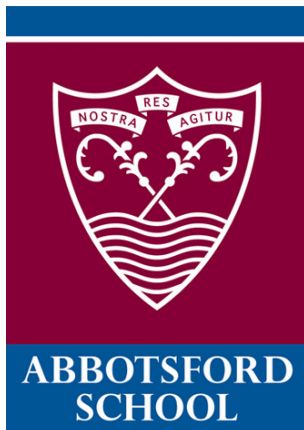


The Abbotsford School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **School Clubs resume**
Monday 12th January.
- ◆ **PTA 'Blue Sky Ideas' Meeting**
7.30pm, Thurs. 22nd January
- ◆ **Open Days**
10-3pm. 20th and 21st January
- ◆ **Fact-Finder Day**
2.30pm Tuesday, 27th January

Headteacher's News

Firstly, a Happy New Year to everyone! I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and enjoyed the break despite the particularly chilly weather that seemed to last for the duration.

2009 is going to be an exciting year for Abbotsford School. Not only will we be celebrating our centenary (news of that to come...) but we also have a series of wonderful events to look forward to in the coming weeks. As many will know, our residential trips occur this term, as does Storytelling Day and World Book Day. We shall be participating in both these events and have this week secured a visit from the Children's author Sally Grindley - she'll be coming in to run workshops for all our children from nursery to Year 6. I would like to involve parents with both these events so please drop by for a chat if books are your thing...!

I hope to push ahead with plans for hot

dinners this term, several parents have volunteered to help with this one - I will be in touch soon! I can't think of a better way to combat the cold than a hot lunch - I will keep you all informed as things develop.

Lastly, I have attached a competition from the PTA based upon our new advertising campaign for the school. Has anyone seen the buses yet!? All I can say is keep your eyes peeled over the coming weeks - some of our children can be seen smiling away in some very unusual places! Closing date for this competition is first day back after half term (Monday, 22nd February) and I am sure the whole family will enjoy participating.

Best wishes for 2009

Dominic Cook
Headteacher

PTA News...

The PTA is busy getting ready to celebrate our 100th birthday this year. We want to commemorate this event in style and involve the whole school community in the celebrations. Are you a great 'ideas' person?!

If so, the PTA is holding a 'Blue Sky Ideas' evening on Thursday 22nd January (7.30pm) in the school hall to discuss possible ideas for celebrating the event. Everyone is invited to attend - the merrier as they say! I am sure with a wide representation of staff and parents we can come up with some truly

inspirational events, activities and ideas to ensure our centenary will be a landmark event in the school's history.

The PTA also has a number of other events planned this term, both for parents and family (and one special event just for the ladies apparently!) We will keep you fully informed of all these events as details are finalised, and remind you to keep an eye on the PTA News on the noticeboard outside the school hall.

This week's club news...



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime: No clubs	Lunchtime: History Club Spanish Club	Lunchtime: Sch Council Eco Club Y3-6 Netball	Lunchtime: Choir	8.20am Steel Pans
After school: Climbing Karate Jnr Crafts	After school: Inf. Football	After school: No clubs	After school: Jnr Football Art Ballet	Lunchtime: Orchestra Lunch Club Y5/6 X- Country

Did you all see the great coverage we received in last week's KWN!? Great to see us shining out in the community!

"Thanks to everyone on the PTA for organising a cracking Christmas Party! - thoroughly enjoyed by all"

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Clubs begin this coming Monday and I am very pleased with the wide variety of lunchtime and after-school activities on offer to our children. Hopefully you have all received and returned your clubs booking form - we hope that the majority of children will be able to attend their clubs of choice. In lieu of a cancelled session last term those children who **continue** to go climbing will not be required to pay for the first session.

Other news in brief....

Cheques to school...

We have had a number of cheques returned to school by our bank. Whilst I appreciate it is very long-winded any cheques for Abbotsford School must be made payable to:

**Abbotsford School (Kenilworth)
Educational Trust Ltd.**

(Or why not pay online...!)

Fact-Finders Day for current parents...

This year we will be holding a Fact

Finders day for parents of children in the nursery up to Year 2 (Key Stage 1) to come in and see Years 3-6 (Key Stage 2) in action. We enjoy great success in these years, with the vast majority of our Year 6s secure places in their preferred school of choice. It is not uncommon for Year 6s to enjoy a choice of three different senior schools when leaving Abbotsford.

Come along at 2.30pm on Tuesday, 27th January to meet with me and to see what goes on the upper floors of Abbotsford School.

Internet Café at Abbotsford....

I would like to set up an 'internet café'-style research point on the top floor outside our Year 6 classroom to enable pupils to carry out independently-led learning. This would be cutting-edge stuff for a school such as us and hugely beneficial to our pupils.

Our IT budget does not cater for this, this year - BUT if any parent has a computer running Windows XP or Vista they no longer require I can get this

organised very quickly. I would be most grateful if anyone thinks they have the spare hardware to help bring this project about.

And finally....

...May I extend a big welcome to Finlay in Year 3, and Harry in Nursery. Two wonderful new pupils who we're all enjoying having at Abbotsford School!