



# ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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20 December 2022

Dear Families

## Ref: Key Diary Dates – Term 3 (4 January – 10 February 2023)

Firstly, may I begin by saying an enormous *thank you* for all the support you have shown our school over this Christmas period.

We have had fantastic attendance at our nativity, assemblies, coffee mornings and the Christmas fair.

We also appreciate the work you have put in with your children at home in preparing them for all of our Christmas enrichment activities, such as the Christmas dinner, pantomime and party, to name just a few.

In order for you to be able to support your children in Term 3 in a similar way, I am writing to share information on the activities coming up when we return on 4 January after our Christmas break.

I hope that Christmas offers some lovely moments to you and your family.

Date	Activity	Notes
Wednesday 4 January	School reopens for students	
Wednesday 4 January	Margaret Bryce Scholarship Awards launch	This is a competition for all of our secondary students. The details will be shared with all students on that day.
Thursday 5 January	Healthy Child Programme	The Health Team will show a short video to Year 11 and 13 students about the school health offer and website
Friday 6 January	Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher) and coffee morning  Assembly times: 9.30 - 10 KS4 and 5 10.05 – 10.35 – Primary 10.40 – 11.10 – KS3 Coffee morning: 9.30 – 11am	We encourage families to attend where they are able. If there is any topic you would like to hear about or contribute to during the coffee mornings, please advise Dr Sara Mursic at <a href="mailto:Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk">Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk</a>
Monday 9 January – Friday 13 January	Family survey	We welcome you sharing your thoughts, views and suggestions with us. A survey link will be sent to you via Parentmail

Friday 13 January	Schools 5 A-side Boys' Football Tournament	Any secondary students who would like to take part should share their interest with Mr Hodgson or Mr Lyons. Class teams will ask students to share their interest when we return in January The tournament is at Greenbank Sports Academy - 10.30am to 2.30pm.
Friday 13 January	World Religion Day	Class teams will be learning about different religions and practices from around the world
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Tuesday 17 January	Family training session	<b>Puberty, Relationships and Sexuality</b> Puberty can be daunting for any teen. Physical changes, rapidly changing hormones, new routines for hygiene, and mood swings place added stress on our teens with autism. It is important to start preparing yourself and your child for these changes prior to the onset of puberty. This training aims to offer you and your teen some suggestions for dealing with puberty, hygiene, mood swings, relationships and sexuality. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:00PM – registration: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84481117000">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84481117000</a></li> <li>• 06:00PM – registration: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84481117000">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84481117000</a></li> </ul>
Friday 20 January	Chinese New Year Celebration	Class teams will be celebrating Chinese New Year will a variety of activities
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Monday 23 January – Friday 3 February	KS4 swimming	Key Stage 4 students will have swimming lessons during this fortnight. The class team will advise you as to your child's day for swimming and what they need
Friday 27 January	Girls' Football Tournament	Any secondary students who would like to take part should share their interest with Mr Hodgson or Mr Lyons. Class teams will ask students to share their interest when we return in January The tournament is at Greenbank Sports Academy - 10.30am to 2.30pm.
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Monday 30 January	Healthy Child Programme	The students in Year 9 will complete a health questionnaire with the school Health Team
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Monday 6 February – Friday 10 February	Children's Mental Health Awareness Week (Class Choice)	Class teams will be running suitably pitched activities in classes which will enhance our constant commitment to supporting children's mental health

Monday 6 February – Friday 10 February	National Apprenticeship Week	The students will be learning about apprenticeships and will have chance to talk to employees who followed this route
Wednesday 8 February	Research Cafe	<b>Voices of Inclusion – Dr Clare Woolhouse</b> Join us in a discussion about children and young people and the ways we are exploring their experiences of inclusive education.  02:00 PM – registration: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvucu-gqz8sEtHn22wyz3g_3dO7_QdtR1A8">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvucu-gqz8sEtHn22wyz3g_3dO7_QdtR1A8</a>
Thursday 9 February	Merseyside Schools Ten Pin Bowling Event	Any secondary students who would like to take part should share their interest with Mr Hodgson or Mr Lyons. Class teams will ask students to share their interest when we return in January. The event will take place 10.30am to 1pm Hollywood Bowl, Edge Lane
Thursday 9 February	History Theatre Workshop KS3	Key Stage 3 will be treated to a dramatic workshop to enhance their history learning
Friday 10 February	Valentine's Day - Bring A Loved One To Lunch	There will be no assembly this week as we prepare to welcome you for lunch. Details will be shared when we return in January
Friday 10 February	Last day of school for students	School closes at 3pm for the February half term break and opens again on Monday 20 February

### Assemblies

Assemblies are facilitated by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher.) However, each week a different person or class will lead the assembly. When your child's class leads the assembly, their teacher will contact you in advance to let you know.

### Weekly Attendance Reports

There is clear evidence that strong attendance at school links to strong educational outcomes for students. Mrs Hildrey set out in her letter last week the processes regarding student attendance. Each Friday you will be sent your child's attendance data so that you can support the school in ensuring it remains as close to 100% as possible.

### Student Progress Reports

You will receive a mid-term progress report (21 February 2023) and an end of year report (5 July 2023) for you child. This report will summarise progress in all areas of the curriculum as well as providing a summary of the qualities your child displays at school.

I hope that you find this information useful. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class team.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Tobin  
Deputy Headteacher