



# ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families

## **Ref: Key Information – Term 4 (20 February – 31 March 2023)**

Welcome to Term 4!

I am writing to share information about the activities coming up this term.

As you know, our Philosophy of Education is The ASD Model ©. This means we place equal value on students' academic progress, specialist therapeutic support and development of life skills.

As a result, we carefully design all learning and enrichment opportunities to meet our students' needs and support their progress in these key areas.

### **Assemblies**

Assemblies are facilitated by me, however, each week a different person or class will take a lead on the assembly. When your child's class leads the assembly, their teacher will contact you in advance to let you know. Hopefully, you will be able to join us at some point in the term.

### **Weekly Attendance Reports**

There is clear evidence that strong attendance at school links to strong educational outcomes for students. 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.

### **Progress Reports**

We have taken onboard your feedback regarding communication. Apart from our generic communication (such as this letter, weekly newsletter, notifications via the app, or social media story-sharing), we have decided to communicate more and better regarding your child's progress at school. This week, you will receive your child's first formal progress report. This will summarise their achievements in the first half of the year. The second such report will be issued in the summer, taking stock of the progress in the second half of the year. I trust this new approach will help us share the impact of our work and to celebrate your child's achievements.

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

Date	Activity	Notes
Monday 20 February	School reopens for students	
Monday 20 February	Safer Internet Day	Class teams will be learning about how to stay safe online and concentrate on this year's theme which is "Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online."
Tuesday 21 February	Academic Progress Reports to be emailed home	All class teachers will email home your child's academic progress report. We ask that you confirm receipt of this email by replying to your teacher. If you would like to discuss your child's report, this can be arranged by emailing the class teacher.
Tuesday 21 February	KS2 and 3 swimming window opens	At some point between 21 February and 17 March, your KS2 or 3 child will have a 4 day block of swimming lessons.
Tuesday 21 February	Shrove Tuesday	Students will either make, try or learn about pancakes, depending on their class. They will learn about the importance of this custom for Christians.
Tuesday 21 February	KS3 information session about KS4 accredited learning	This Zoom session will be led by our KS3,4 and 5 leaders. This will be a chance for you to learn about our accredited learning offer in KS4 and how your child from Year 9 onwards will begin to engage in choosing their option subjects.  Zoom details for the 5pm session will be sent nearer the time.
Wednesday 22 February	Fair Trade Fortnight	Over the next fortnight, learners will learn about Fair Trade and reflect on how they might support ethical shopping habits.
Friday 24 February	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>
Friday 24 February	KS3 options forms open	All Year 9 students will discuss their accredited learning options forms with their class team. You will also be emailed a copy of the form so that you can discuss choices with your child.

Friday 24 February	Primary Art Exhibition	We will be inviting the families of Primary students in to our Abbot's Lea School art exhibition where your child's work will be on display. Further details and timings will be sent nearer to the time.
Monday 27 February	Family survey	Our family survey link will be sent to you via Parentmail. We look forward to hearing your views.
Tuesday 28 February	Teachers' Strike	Possible school closure – decision will be made by 21 February to allow a week's notice.
Wednesday 1 March	Global Scouse Day	Students will be able to learn about and try Scouse!
Wednesday 1 March	Reverse Jobs Fair	Our Supported Interns will take part in the Reverse Jobs Fair at Anfield stadium
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day	In school, we will be learning about how books represent our wonderfully diverse world.  Each department will have an award ceremony for our Book review competition (partially funded by the Margaret Bryce Scholarship).  Your child is welcome to attend school with an outfit or accessory representing their favourite book
Friday 13 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>
Friday 24 February	Secondary Art Exhibition	We will be inviting the families of Secondary students in to our Abbot's Lea School art exhibition where your child's work will be on display. Further details and timings will be sent nearer to the time.
Monday 6 March	National Careers Week	Students will be completing a range of linked activities in class. There will also be visits from employees such as the emergency services.
Monday 6 March	KS4 and 5 Mock Maths exam	This will take place in the Hall
Tuesday 7 March	KS4 and 5 Mock English exam	This will take place in the Hall
Wednesday 8 March	KS4 and 5 Mock ICT exam	This will take place in the Hall

Wednesday 8 March	Open Evening for parents of students who are Year 11 and above	This will take place on site 3.30-5pm. A letter with further information will be sent nearer the time.
Friday 10 March	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>
Tuesday 14 March	Family training – Understanding Behaviour	Applications are completed. Participants will receive an email with more detail.
Wednesday 15 March	Teachers' Strike Day	Possible closure of the school – more information to follow a week in advance
Thursday 16 March	Teachers' Strike Day	Possible closure of the school – more information to follow a week in advance
Wednesday 15 March	Diversity in Science day	To celebrate British Science Week, classes will be learning about how developments in science have been possible due to the work of amazing people – some well-known and some less so well-known.
Friday 17 March	Global Recycling Day (Class Choice) / Mothering Sunday (Class Choice) / Comic Relief Own Clothes Day	Own clothes day. Please feel free to make a voluntary contribution of around £1. Funds raised will be split between Comic Relief and a charity, which will be chosen by students.
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Monday 20 March	World oral health day	Classes will complete activities in class to learn about the importance of good dental hygiene
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Thursday 30 March	Drop everything and read day	There will be challenges for students as well as an opportunity for the older students to come and read stories to our younger students.
Friday 31 March	Easter celebrations and Spring activities	The outdoor learning group will lead our Easter Egg hunt where all students will receive an Easter Egg!
Friday 31 March	Last day of school for students	School closes at <b>1pm</b> for the Easter Holidays