



This week @ Abbey

Welcome Back

And just like that, we're back:

What a lovely few days we have had as a staff team. We have completed all our statutory updates and training, relabelled books, drawers and pegs, and have moved most of our books off, ready to be put onto the new library shelves. So, we were definitely ready for the children to return today and provide much needed distraction! 😊 ☀️ ❤️.



There has been plenty of laughter, smiles and fun had by all today. We enjoyed Family Play for Years 1 to 6 so that children could play with everyone, and we might even have extended it slightly to allow a little more settling time 😊.

Here are a few reminders to gently reassure you and hopefully settle any remaining nerves 😊.

First Few Days ❤️

As usual I will be on the gate, and my lovely staff team will be dotted around to welcome everyone in 😊. We're loving hearing what you've all been up to over the summer and seeing how much you've all grown!

Morning Drop-Offs 💙

Ordinarily our system for a fairly speedy drop-off in the mornings works really well and allows 340 children to arrive safely within 10 minutes or so - but it does rely on everyone remembering that there is no leeway regarding parking in any part of the drop-off zone (which extends from the front gates to the bottom playground gates).

As we get back into this routine, please can I remind you that if you think you might need to come to the classroom door, drop medicine or a note into the office etc., then please remember to park off site and walk in. This allows you to have a quiet and calm start to the day without relying on there being a parking space at school (which as you know are extremely limited). Thank you for supporting everyone with this 🙏.





Playground Rules ❤️

We will be continuing our playground initiatives to help support safe and happy playtimes, and these include:

- NO TOYS IN SCHOOL. Children should not bring any toys into school, and this includes personal balls/footballs. We have a large supply of school balls available, and this helps us ensure that all can play fairly 😊.
- We will also continue 'No Ball Fridays', to encourage other play-based activity!
- Family Play will become a weekly feature, and this will be on a Friday 🥰

Free School Meals 💙

If you are eligible for free school meals, please do apply (even if you have children in Reception/KS1) as not only do you get benefits from this, but we also as a school get additional funding. There is also a new system in place where families that may not have been able to apply previously are now eligible. Please do ask the office for details if you've missed our updates.

Class Dojo ❤️

Teachers have been busy setting up new classes/groups, so please check you have access, and let us know if you don't, so that we can sort this for you. Teachers will also be in contact via Dojo to tell you when our meet the teacher sessions are 😊.

Vehicle Access onto Site after 2.45pm 💙

Following a site survey and consultation with Dorset County and the Safer Streets team, we have been advised to close our site to all vehicles at the end of every school day because we simply don't have the capacity to accommodate everyone. Therefore, our school gates will be closed at 2.45pm every day, and the only vehicles permitted onto site are school approved taxis and buses.

My newsletters will start in earnest next week when I also hope to share the first version of our Diary Dates, but these are likely to be fortnightly from then on to avoid overloading you all 😊.

With my warmest wishes,

Mrs Lisa Thompson

Abbey Head

To be fair, we haven't seen any of this (yet!), but it made me laugh, however we have already started the 'who does this jumper belong to?' quiz. So please do check your child's uniform is clearly named 🙏

