Abbotskerswell Primary School
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Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

School lunches

As mentioned previously, we will be reverting back to hot lunches, using our new supplier from Monday 19th October. For the first week lunches will be provided **FREE** for all children in school. To order your meal of choice for your child please click on the below link. It will take you direct to the order page. Please order your choices by Thursday 15th October.

https://forms.monday.com/forms/c315db13f127293f6a4b8ad9ab9750a7

1. Please enter your child's name
2. Select their year group
3. Dietary Requirements - Please click on the drop down menu and choose any allergens your child has. You can choose more than one.
4. Monday's Choice – Click on the drop down menu and choose a main course this will then appear in blue type in the box. Please click on the drop down menu again and choose a dessert, again this will appear in blue type in the box.
5. Please repeat the above process for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
6. There is a comments box if you wish to add any relevant information.
7. Then click 'Submit'.

The orders will then go straight through to our food supplier. You do not need to do anything else. Any children who do not wish to have the food from the menu will need to bring in a packed lunch from home.

	Main Meal	Vegetarian	Deli Sandwich/Jacket Potato	Pudding
Monday 19th	Pepperoni & Hawaiian Pizza served with wedges & salad bar	Margherita Pizza served with wedges & salad bar	Salami sandwich with a mini salad bowl	Cocoa brownie, fruit pot or yoghurt
Tuesday 20th	Pasta Bolognaise served with penne pasta & salad bar	Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne served with penne pasta & salad bar	Jacket Potato with a choice of cheese/beans/tuna	Flapjack, fruit pot or yoghurt
Wednesday 21st	Amercian Hot Dogs served with sweet potato chips & corn	Vegetarian Hot Dogs served with sweet potato chips & corn	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese/beans/tuna	Ice cream roll, fruit pot or yoghurt
Thursday 22nd	Fish Fingers & Chips served with peas	Cherry Tomato & Pepper Quiche served with peas	Tuna Sandwich with a mini salad bowl	Carrot cake, fruit pot or yoghurt

The new full menu will appear on Parentpay before half-term. It will be on a three week rota system and you can continue to place your orders via Parentpay in the normal way.

Wrap Around Care Reminder

The Breakfast Club has been running for a couple of weeks now and I would just like to say thank you for your understanding in helping us to ensure that it is as safe as we can make it for our children and staff during these challenging times.

As previously advised, we are asking that children who require either breakfast club or after school club are booked in for 4 week blocks, these groups will then form their own 'bubble' in addition to their class bubble. This means that if a child within the breakfast/after school club was to have a positive covid test then all of the children that attend the breakfast/after school club would need to self-isolate for 14 days.

The next block of bookings commences on Monday 2nd November and ends on Friday 27th November. The deadline for these bookings is Wednesday 21st October. This will enable us to organise staff and food supplies before the half-term break. Breakfast Club commences at 8.00am and after school club time slots are 3.15pm – 4.15pm and 3.15pm – 5.15pm. Please be advised that we will not be able to accept bookings on the actual day.

If you click on the below link it will give you detailed instructions on how to make a booking via Parentpay. Should you need any further help please email Marie or Becky at admin@abbotskerswell-primary.devon.sch.uk or call the school office on 01626 353605.

https://d19540ae-f48f-4abc-9219-eac6b4a0ff62.filesusr.com/ugd/27afdf_83a16d13d7a8423985c24cfb20824d8f.pdf

School Photos

Individual school photos will be taking place in the afternoon on Monday 12th October. We are using Russell Wilcox again this year and we had great feedback from parents on the photos, his website is https://www.russellwilcoxphotography.com/school-photography. He will be adhearing to social distancing and all equiptment will have been cleaned.

Sibling photos cannot take place during school time as it would mean children from different bubbles would mix. If you would like sibling photos (whether they are within school, younger or older) please can you wait in a line at the end of the day at 3.20pm at the side playground where they will be called in.

Drop off and Collection

We have noticed recently that the school gates seem to be very congested especially in the mornings. It is essential that you drop off and collect your child during the allocated time slot in order to prevent the groups from mixing. We appreciate your support and cooperation with this – thank you.

	Drop off	Collection
Kingfisher	8.45am – 8.50am	3.10pm
Robin	8.50am – 8.55am	3.20pm
Swift	8.55am – 9am	3.15pm
Puffins	9.00am – 9.05am	3.05pm

- If you have children in more than one class, then you can bring your children at the time of the first drop off.

- If you have children in more than one class, then you can collect your children at the time of the first collection time.
- We do ask that only 1 parent comes to school with your child.
- Keep socailly distanced from other parents, in the carpark and outside of the school

SOE3a Consent Forms

Thank you to the parents who have returned their completed forms. We still have a large amount of forms outstanding. Could parents please complete these and email them to admin@abbotskerswell-primary.devon.sch.uk or send it to school via your child. More details can be found on the email sent via Parentpay on 23rd September.

Kingfisher Class

Kingfisher Class have turned into 'Hairy Vikings'. Can you spot who is who?

What is PSHE Education?

Some parents have said that their child has come home and said they had done PSHE at school, and we have been made aware that not all parents are familiar with what PSHE is.

PSHE Education (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) is a planned programme of learning through which children and young people acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to successfully manage their lives – now and in the future. As part of a whole-school approach, PSHE Education develops the qualities and attributes pupils need to thrive as individuals, family members and members of society.

What do schools have to teach in PSHE Education?

According to the National Curriculum, every school needs to have a broad and balanced curriculum that:

- promotes the spiritual, moral, social, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school;
- prepares pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life;
- promotes British values.

From September 2020, primary schools in England also need to teach Relationships and Health Education as compulsory subjects and the Department for Education strongly recommends this should also include age-appropriate Sex Education.

Schools also have statutory responsibilities to safeguard their pupils (Keeping Children Safe in Education, DfE, 2020) and to uphold the Equality Act (2010).

Exeter Chiefs

Next week we have a staff meeting with staff from Exeter Chiefs working with us. As a school we will be involved in a new initiative called Premiership Champions (PC) which aims to improve the lives and prospects of children and young people across England, using the power of rugby to inspire the current generation to learn, be active and discover their inner champion to help them achieve their potential. PC uses the inspiration and role models of the Exeter Chiefs to connect pupils' learning to the world around them, growing their self-esteem and raising their aspirations. Each class will be using some of the resoucres from the Premiership Champions programme in their learning.

Important information on safeguarding for children in football

I know that we have many children who are involved in playing football outside of school for local teams.

In support of the NSPCC, Child Protection in Sport Unit - Parents in Sport Week (5-11 October 2020) we want to ensure every parent/carer with a child involved in affiliated football is clear about football's safeguarding requirements.

Please click the video link below to learn more about what you can do to help keep your child safe and what you can expect from a club to ensure children's safety.

Every parent/carer should ask questions to understand the steps club's take to keep children safe – if you haven't already, then please play your part. If you have any questions about safeguarding, please contact your Club Welfare Officer or your County FA Designated Safeguarding Officer.

For further information on safeguarding in football, click the link below (ctrl+click)

FIND OUT MORE

WATCH THE VIDEO

PTFA Message
Please see the attached letter from Clair Tucker, Chair of the PTFA for lots of exciting upcoming events.

Covid Hardship Fund and the Test and Trace Support Payment
The council is processing applications for the Test and Trace Support Payment which is payment of £500 for people that have to self-isolate for 2 weeks.

Below is the link to apply for the Covid Hardship Fund and the Test and Trace Support Payment.

https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/

Covid-19 Symptoms:

- a high temperature (feeling hot to touch on your chest or back)

OR

- a new, continuous cough (coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24h, or if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

OR

- a loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste (noticing you cannot smell or taste anything or things smell or taste different to normal)

We are aware that there have been some significant problems with access to COVID-19 testing. You will have seen on the news that this is not unique to Devon but none the less is of significant concern. Devon County Council and PHE have escalated this regionally and nationally but it is unlikely we will see a rapid improvement.

The below are the steps, in order, that should be followed to secure a test:

- **Individuals should only get tested if they have symptoms of coronavirus**.
- Parents or carers of children attending school or school staff with symptoms of coronavirus should book a test as normal via the government website or by calling 119.
- If you are unable to book a local testing slot then:
    a. Individuals should complete the appropriate forms by following the links below:
        - Children under the age of 5: Urgent Referral Form - Under 5's
        - School aged Children (5-18): School Aged Children
        - NHS/Health/Care workers: NHS/Health/Care Professionals
        - All other individuals: Urgent Referral Form - Adults

COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection
Please click on the link below to read Government advice on steps to be taken if a member of your household has coronavirus symptoms.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance

Required Play Leader and Meal Time Assistant
The happy and friendly children of Abbotskerswell Primary School are looking for that special person who can look after them at lunchtimes. Duties include supervising and initiating play outside as well as the supervision of children in the dining hall. This post is 5 days per week 12:30 –1:30pm, consideration may be given to candidates who have a desire to work less than 5 days per week.

Abbotskerswell Primary School is committed to safeguarding children and this post is subject to an enhanced DBS check. Please complete the Devon Support Staff application form which can be requested from the school office by emailing admin@abbotskerswell-primary.devon.sch.uk or ringing 01626 353605.

Applications Close Friday 16th October 2020

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Martin
Headteacher

Key Dates

October	
Monday 12th October	Individual school photos
Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd	Free school lunches available for all children
Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd	Mental Well-Being Week
Tuesday 20th October	PTFA Zoom Committee Meeting 8pm
Thursday 22nd October	Last day of half term
Saturday 31st October	Trail & Treat 6-8pm
November	
Wednesday 18th November	Whole School Flu Vaccinations
December	
Saturday 5th December	Christmas Market Village Stall Crawl 3-5pm
Friday 18th December	Last day of term
January	
Tuesday 5th January	Spring term commences

Please note, these dates may be subject to change but we do try and give as much notice as possible.