



We are back, with a bang! The children have come back refreshed and ready to go. We have such a busy term over the coming weeks, so I hope you can enjoy some of the events with us. We are still having a few problems with the Blog, so make sure you keep an eye on <http://twitter.com/abbotsprimary> Have a great weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Roger Billing

Year 6 Residential to IOW

The final date for payment for this trip was 27th March. There are still several families with outstanding balances. Please pay immediately, or, if your child has decided not to attend please let the School Office know in the hope we can reduce cancellation costs.

St Lawrence Church Spring Concert Series

Please see attached flyer for details of May concerts at St. Lawrence Church. They would very much appreciate your support and they hope you will be able to go along and enjoy the music and talents from the local groups performing.

Dinner Money Reminder

Please settle any outstanding debts from last term. You can view your balance on the School Gateway site. Payment for school meals need to be paid in advance. Please pay via the Gateway.

Spanish Club

There are a few spaces for KS2 children to join Spanish Club. Please see attached flyer.

Parking

I write this section feeling annoyed, frustrated and disappointed. It has come to my attention that parking is yet again a significant issue.

The thing that annoys me about the parking is that Abbots Langley School is where it is, it will never move, so we need to work out a solution. I am frustrated that people seem unable to resolve the parking issues without becoming cross, angry and in some cases, verbally abusive.

Our children do not deserve to witness anything like this and it disappoints me that people cannot see that. Our children deserve to come to a school that values them, cares for them and supports them in their learning. This is what we offer, however, this is considerably harder if our children are coming to

school worried about what might happen before they even enter the school grounds.

As always, I must see both sides of the argument and it does frustrate me when I see people parked on the pavement or on private property at both entrances, however, I can understand that people need to bring their car to school if they are heading off to work.

What I can say is that we as a school are unable to get involved with any parking issues outside of the school gates. I would like to suggest that if you feel threatened in any way you need to phone the police. I would also suggest that you speak with the local council and councillors, as Abbots Langley School is the size it is, because of *their* increase of pupils on role.

If any of the arguments spill onto school property, then I can assure you that I will take the strongest action possible, which will involve people being banned from the school site, which no one wants; especially the children.

I can only hope that people begin to think about what solutions are available to them because it feels like this is only going to get worse if we don't. I also want to make it clear that no member of Abbots Langley School staff will be patrolling the parking around our two entrances. Due the issue being outside of our grounds it would be the same as me standing in Tesco's carpark and telling people not to park there!

Sadly, I know that this will continue to be a problem for now but you have the opportunity to try and get improvements in the future. The more people that contact the Council with issues the better. I am not saying that you cannot speak to me about it; however, I am saying that our powers are limited, unless things happen within the school grounds.

Phil The Bag

You can still bring your bags of unwanted textiles until next Monday MORNING (24th April). Please do not bring bags in after that time as it will cost us money to dispose of them. Thank you.

Father's Day Sale

The Father's Day sale takes place on Friday 16th June. We'll have gifts available for the children to purchase ranging from £1.50 to £4, and gift wrapping is available for 50p. We're looking for volunteers to either help pre-wrap some gifts at home, or spare an hour or two to help the children on the day. Please sign up to volunteer at www.pta-events.co.uk/alsa.

Summer Fete

The Fete will be held on Saturday 8th July, 12-3pm. We'd be grateful for any donation of items we can auction or raffle - are you a hairdresser that can donate a voucher, someone who can offer 1 hour of ironing or gardening, a business that can donate an item or sponsor a stall etc? Please email details to alsacommittee@googlemail.com or to the school office. The Fete raises many thousands of £'s, please help us to provide activities and resources for our wonderful school.

Letters out this week:

All: Headteacher Appointment

E-mail: St Lawrence Church May Concerts

E-mail: Letter Yr1 visit to Windsor Castle

E-Mail: Spanish Club KS2

E-mail: ALSA Circus Info

E-Mail: Library Soft Toy Sleepover

Finally...

To counteract the negative content of this newsletter, please enjoy the following photos!



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