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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Sarah Adams – An outstanding contribution to Abbey School – Picnic after school on Friday 24th May**

We would like to recognise the incredible job Sarah has done at our school, as Chair of PTFA, with a picnic on the school field for our present and past children and families. Please spread the word and bring along a picnic at the end of school on Friday 24th May.

There will be a collection from parents and card to sign in the office from Wednesday 8th May.

**Class photographs**

We had the class photos last Thursday, please order them using the card sent home last week.

**Tesco Tokens for our school**

Please pop a token or two into our section if you go to Tesco.

**Baby Grand Piano – Free to a musical home**

We’ve been asked by a Shaftesbury resident if we have a musical family who would like to take over a Yamaha Baby Grand Piano. If you have a keen and committed pianist, and the space for the piano, please contact the school office. You would need to arrange collection of the piano from her house.

**Lost Property**

Mrs Howard has counted 37 un-named sweatshirts and cardigans in our lost property box. Please call in at the office to have a look for any lost ones, we’ll move them on into second-hand stock at the end of the week.

**Car park permits**

From this week, we will be issuing a few permits to families who have a specific need to drive on to the school site to drop off children. We only have a very limited space for permitted cars on our school site. This may be a disability (Blue badge holders), a child with a medical condition or child-minding business. The permits must be displayed on the dashboard.

**Website**

We have added some information on the way we teach all the National Curriculum subjects, to the Curriculum area of our school website.

**Attendance**

Our school Governors have been pleased to see our overall attendance rising slightly over the first few weeks of the Summer Term. We are working closely with families where attendance drops below 90%. There is a strong link between attendance over 90% and higher academic performance. We want that for all our children.

**Gillingham and Shaftesbury Show – 14th and 15th August**

Please see the attached list of classes at the show. It’s a great thing for children to take part in, it would be great to have lots of entries from our families this year.

**Forest School – Wednesday afternoons**

Reception have Forest School for on 8th May, then Year 6 for 3 weeks from 15th May then Year 2 from 12th June for 2 weeks. The Year ends with Year 1 having 3 weeks from 26th June.

Children need to have trousers and long sleeved tops, wellies and a waterproof coat (with overtrousers if they have them). The Forest School philosophy is to wear the right clothing to go out in all weathers.

**COLOUR FUN RUN - Sunday 19th May 2024**

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1117850652>

£5 per person which includes a medal!

Arrival and registration open from 10.30am

Warm Up with Zumba With Abby D at 11am

Race Starts at 11.30am.

Refreshments will be available at The Food Stop

The PTFA recommend you wear old clothes as they will get ruined. Following feedback from the first Colour Fun there is no set distance. You can run as little or as much as you like. Just follow the signs for the finish line once you are done.

There will be water stations to get you wet then plenty of paint stations to get you colourful.

There will be refreshments after the run so please join in for some food and music.

The Colour Run is open to the whole community, all ages, all abilities, all schools / towns are welcome, you can even bring your dog to join in too!

UNDER 16’s MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!

Michael Salisbury, Head teacher

Summer Term

Summer term starts                                       Monday 15th April 2024

May Day Bank Holiday                                  Monday 6th May 2024

Summer half term                                          Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

Summer term ends                                        Friday 19th July 2024

Inset Day                                                          Monday 22nd July 2024

Inset Day                                                          Tuesday 23rd July 2024