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Dear Parents and Carers,

**We have been watching the weather forecast over the last few days and have decided that, due to heavy rain in the morning, we must postpone the KS2 Sports Day, moving it from Tuesday 20th to Tuesday 27th June**. This will include the throws and jumps in the morning.

We look forward to seeing lots of you at our Sports Days. They are a great opportunity to celebrate healthy activity for all our children, whatever their speed or sporting ability. Please cheer them all and continue the warm and friendly atmosphere we always have at these events!

We had a wonderful afternoon on Friday, showing our grounds to members of the public and our school community. Huge thanks to Mrs Steele and her team of adult helpers, and to the amazing children who were so knowledgeable and passionate as tour guides for our guests.

A brilliant piece about it on This is Alfred, follow the link to listen:

 <https://thisisalfred.com/community/dorset-gardens-trust-applauds-abbey-primarys-outdoor-learning/>

**Sports Days – 19th June (KS1) and 27th June (KS2)**

You are wamly invited to join us for Sports Day for Year R, 1 and 2 on Monday 19th June from 1-3pm, and **Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 1-3pm on Tuesday 27th June**. Please note that the Throws and Jumps for KS2 children will be on Tuesday morning, this part is not open to spectators.

Children can wear a tee shirt of their house colour, or their normal PE tee shirt (they’ll be given a coloured band).

There is parking available in the church carpark for both these events.

**School Meal Tasting Event – Tuesday 27th June at 3.15pm in the Hall**

Our new school meal providers will be here on Tuesday 27th June to show parents and children some of the food they will be providing us in September. Please come along to the school hall after school to try some food, meet the team and ask any questions.

**School Campout – Everyone welcome!**

Join us for a fun evening under the stars.

We will be holding our School Camp Out on Saturday 24th June.

Pitches are only £10!

BBQ available Saturday Evening and Breakfast Rolls Sunday morning at an additional cost.

Well behaved dogs are welcome.  All we ask is that the owners make sure they are safe around other children, and clear up after them.

Click on the link below to book

<https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/934720652?s=180970672&utm_source=SCHOOL&utm_medium=SHARED_LINK>

**School Summer Fair – Friday 14th July 3.10-5pm**

The PTFA are busy making the final arrangements for our Summer Fair.

Please, please, sign up on classlist to help on a stall, with setting up or clearing up at the end. It’s wonderful if lots of people help with this event. Please encourage some strong people to do some lifting at the end to get everything back into the school!

The PTFA are hoping to have enough money for some new playground equipment by the end of this summer term. They are an amazing group of people, please give them a hand!

 One thing they would love to have is a ‘Wheel of Fortune’ for the Year 4 stall. If anyone has one, or is able to make a spinning wheel for this stall, please get in touch with the PTFA or school office.

**Gold Hill Fair – Sunday 2nd July**

Our Rotakids children will be organising a stall at the fair. They would like any ‘bits and bobs’ that you could pass on to them to sell. These might be toys, household items, gifts or sweet treats. Please send in any items for them to collect and price up before the event. They are collecting money for two excellent charities, HOPE and BAD.

**Summer Activities**

Please visit the link below if you’d like to see what activities are available for children this summer.

 [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/summer-in-dorset](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/summer-in-dorset)

**Music funding**

It may be possible to get help with payments for music lessons through Changing Key Dorset. If you think it may apply to you, please have a look at the application process.

**Changing Key Dorset** welcomes [**applications for funding**](https://changingkeydorset.co.uk/funding-applications/) from any young musician educated across Dorset, including the wider BCP area. The funding can be used to support a variety of musical activities from both private and public providers. Funding awards are for up to £300 and last for three consecutive academic terms.

Applications are made online and can be made throughout the year:

       Autumn Term 2023 closing dates – Round 1 Tuesday 4th July 2023 & Round 2 Friday 15th September 2023

       Spring Term 2024 closing date – Friday 1st December 2023

       Summer Term 2024 closing date – Friday 1st March 2024

***Please note that the closing date for Autumn Term Round 1 is just a few weeks away!***

Visit [**www.changingkeydorset.co.uk**](http://www.changingkeydorset.co.uk/) for more information.

**Other dates to note**

19th June KS1 Sports Day 1-3pm

27th June KS2 Sports Day 1-3pm (KS2 throws and jumps in the morning without spectators)

2nd July Gold Hill Fair

5th July Transition Day, all classes move up (no swimming)

10th July Y5 and Y6 Play at 2pm

12th July Y5 and Y6 Play at 6pm

14th July Summer Fair 3.10pm

21st July Leavers Assembly at 2pm

Michael Salisbury, Head teacher

**TERM DATES 2022 – 2023**

Summer Term

Summer term starts Monday 17th April 2023

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023

Coronation Bank Holiday Monday 8th May 2023

Summer half term Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

Inset Day                                                          Monday 5th June 2023

Summer term ends Friday 21st July 2023

Summer holidays Monday 24th July to Thursday 31st August 2023 Autumn Term starts Tuesday 5th September