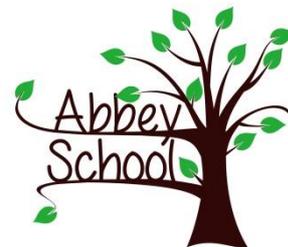


# Abbey School Newsletter



2016-17 Spring Edition 1

## Happy New Year!

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and the New Year finds you well. The Spring term is upon us and we will be back into learning, engaging new topics and challenges.

Nexus Multi-Academy Trust continues to grow from strength to strength with Pennine View the school Abbey has been supporting joining us. There is much we can learn from all the other schools and as you know we are always looking at ways to improve our provision from the partnership with others. As part of the support we have given Pennine View I will continue to be Executive Headteacher over the 2 schools until the end of Summer when the Trust have interviewed for a substantive Headteacher full time.

We are hoping to use the Lane End Retreat House more within our curriculum this term to start preparing year 11's for their Post-16 placements and their 'moving-on' skills. We really appreciate the house being renovated by Willmott Dixon especially the support we received from you as Parents and Carers to provide the equipment to make it look and feel so beautiful. The pupils love learning in there and it has given lots of them some real inspiration to want to independently live in similar house. Thank you again for all the donations and support you have given to us particularly on this project.

Wishing you all a very happy Spring term,

*Mrs Luci Windle* - Headteacher

### Diary Dates – Spring Term

#### Key Dates for Parents and Carers

You are invited to the interactive Express Phase workshop on:

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017: 1:30pm start (More details to follow).

#### Half Term

We break up for half term on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

We return to school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## Ways to stay in touch.

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## Attendance



## Matters

It is very important that you inform school if your child cannot attend school. Your child must attend school every day if you can arrange appointments after school or during the holidays this will ensure your child does not miss vital part of their learning.

If your child cannot attend school please text the school number or call reception.

Attendance last year was 93.4% This is above national and we hope that we can beat this percentage in 2016-17.



Welcome to Ms Jill Newbolt who will be Assistant Head of Upper School and lead for behaviour and wellbeing across school. Jill knows Abbey pupils well from her PE work with the special schools.

\*\*\*\*\* will be joining the Family support team at Abbey to focus on pupil wellbeing and nurture.

Also welcome to James, Sarah, Lucy and Grace who are all ISWs (TAs) supporting with the increase in pupil numbers.

We hope they enjoy being part of #teamabbey as much as we all have.

### Class topics Autumn 1 half term

- L1 – (4-7 year olds) **Why is Winter so cold?**
- L2 – (8-9 year olds) **Why do spiders eat flies?**
- L3 – (9-11 year olds) **Dinosaur Planet**
- L4 – (11-12 year olds) **Muck, Mess and Mixtures**
- U1 – (12-13 year olds) **Heroes and Villains**
- U2 – (13-14 year olds) **Road Trip USA**
- U3 – (14-15 year olds) **Time Traveller**
- U4 – (15-16 year olds) **A Child's War**

## Spotlight on Staff at Nexus

CEO – Mr Warren Carratt.

Warren Carratt is our Chief Executive Officer and is the first person to be appointed to this role. He actually came into post in April 2016 - 2 months before our schools created Nexus MAT - to ensure that the legal process of setting up the new company were completed effectively.

Warren line -manages the Headteachers of the schools in Nexus, and is directly accountable to the Secretary of State for Education for the performance of all of our schools. He is also held to account by the Trust Board of Directors.

Warren started his career working in special educational needs as a Teaching Assistant at Hilltop School. After spending two years at Hilltop, Warren left with the intention of training to be a teacher – though life had other plans! Whilst studying at University, he worked for a private finance company and then for the NHS. As he completed his Degree and was about to move onto a Post Graduate Certificate in Education, he was offered a job working nationally for the NHS, which he took. After spending a couple of years driving up and down England, Warren was appointed as a Head of Service at Rotherham Council. Working in children's social care, Warren spent 8 happy years at RMBC before joining Nexus MAT.

Warren lives in Maltby, Rotherham with his wife Kirsty, where he was brought up. He is a Manchester City fan and goes to watch the Blues (whenever he has the time!). He was an appalling footballer, but used to love playing (when he got picked), and he can be seen most evenings and weekends running around the streets of Maltby trying to keep fit.

Don't forget to ask you child about Purple Mash.

The interactive homework tool that assigns you child homework. All pupils have a log in for this and if you require any further information to help you please do not hesitate to get in touch using the details given in the newsletter

