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To our #Team Abbey Families

I wanted to take this opportunity to just give you an update about the exciting things that are happening in preparation for Christmas, celebrate some of our successes already and respond to some of our family feedback.

I know that this is an uncertain time for families at the moment and firstly wanted to signpost you to some of the services available. We have put together a family handbook for services available during the cost of living crisis available in the family handbook section of our website.

How can I find out more about what my child is learning?

We are very pleased and proud to launch our **new look** curriculum section of our website. This will allow you to look at the topics that your child is covering, the subjects they study and a whole lot more information about the curriculum your child follows.

How can I support my child with their learning?

We are really pleased to be launching the Go Read App for our families after overwhelming feedback about making it easier to capture how you read with your children there will be more information sent to you about this this week.

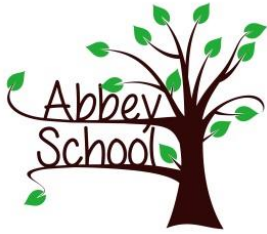
How can I be involved in school?

We are delighted to be offering coffee mornings and opportunities to visit classrooms again and we have launched new Key Dates Newsletters for each site that involve coffee mornings, volunteer days and chances to come and celebrate Christmas with us.

If my Child is in Year 10 – Year 14 how can we support them with their qualifications?

We are delighted that we have a range of providers in this week for you to come and ask questions to if you are available. I text has been sent to remind you about the careers event. Next half term we will also be providing opportunities to look at how you can further support your child with their qualifications including revision techniques.





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Are there any opportunities for me to develop myself through school?

We have recently sent a survey that asks about how we can better support you as a family. This includes opportunities to gain qualifications, Volunteer at school. CV writing and an opportunity for you to ask about how we can support you to support your child's learning.

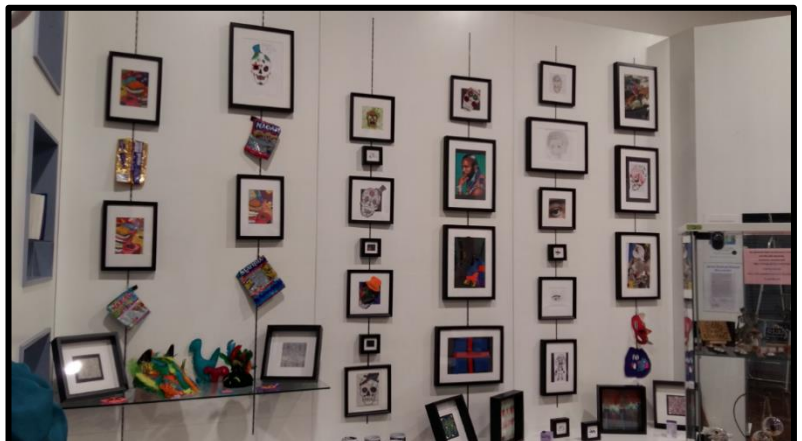
Will the family nights be available again?

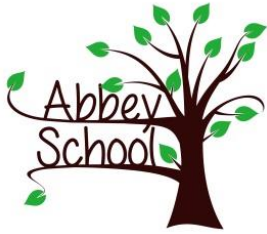
We are excited to be planning a number of family events for some evenings after school again next half term to include a Movie Evening and a family Bake off Event.

Celebrating pupils work

We are absolutely delighted to be using the Alhambra Centre in Barnsley to showcase work from pupils on all sites in the Arts Space. We will update you about throughout the coming weeks where children will visit and see their work displayed. Meanwhile if you find yourself in Barnsley pop in and take a look. There are some images below with a Sneak Peak. Thank you TO Miss Pye for arranging and displaying this.

Sneak Peak of the Arts Space at Alhambra Shopping Centre in Barnsley





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Preparation for Christmas Events

We will be sending out a Microsoft Forms to begin to ask you for the tickets for our Christmas events. Children are eagerly preparing for the shows

Our Winter Wonderland will be on the school's Main site for families to come and walk through our in our woods from 4:30pm – 6:00pm on the 8th December.

Things we are proud of this term!

We are delighted to have been awarded the following accolades this term

Gold Mental Health Award – in recognition for how we are promoting positive mental health approach we are taking in school

Arts Mark Silver Award – In recognition for the development of the Arts across school

Gold Antibullying Award – In recognition for our approach to antibullying through our curriculum, student council and Pupil Parliament.

In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you at Parents Evening this week where there will be an opportunity to capture your ideas through our family and wellbeing champions. We all look forward to seeing you

Warm regards

Wayne Askham

Head of School

