



# Abbey Meads Community Primary School

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Wednesday 8th November

Dear Families,

Welcome back!

We hope you had an enjoyable half term break and are well rested and ready for another exciting term in Ash and Oak Class. We were so proud of how the children settled in during our Induction period. Thank you for your support in helping them to transition into life at Abbey Meads School so smoothly.

### Curriculum:

Our topic this term will be 'Celebrations'. We will continue to use stories, songs and rhymes to support each weekly theme. We will be covering a variety of festivals and celebrations such as Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Diwali, Birthdays and Christmas.

Please view the topic web on the school website to see an outline of the objectives that we aim to cover this term. The children will also be learning some songs in preparation for a Christmas performance.

### Tapestry:

We will be uploading photos and observations to Tapestry each week so you can see the activities that the children are taking part in at school. Please login and share these with your child and use as a stimulus to start a conversation about what they have been learning about each week.

If you have any issues accessing your account or problems with your login details please come and speak to us.

### Clothing/Uniform:

Your child will take part in P.E once a week on a Friday; please can they come to school dressed in their kit (white t-shirt, black or blue leggings or joggers, trainers and their school jumper/ cardigan.)

A change of clothes is also required in case your child has an accident at school; these are to be left in a labelled bag on your child's peg in the cloakroom. If your child is sent home in any school spare clothing, please ensure that this is washed and returned promptly.

All children **MUST** bring a warm coat and hat/ gloves during the autumn and winter months as they will have ample opportunity to play outside every day.

### Book bags and Reading:

Thank you for your support in sharing your child's reading and library book with them each week. Please ensure you sign and comment in their reading log to show their enjoyment of the various books. Reading books will be changed on a Monday and Friday and Library books on a Wednesday.

Once the children have learnt enough sounds in their phonic lessons, we will start to send home some simple books with words in for children to practise their segmenting and blending skills. As a school we value reading extremely highly and encourage parents to share stories as much as possible with their children as reading is the foundation of all learning!

### Diary Dates

We have lots of exciting things happening this term....

14 <sup>th</sup> November: During school day	Individual and Sibling Photographs
15 <sup>th</sup> November: 3pm- 4pm	Book look- Come and see your child's classroom/ work
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Non- Uniform Day- donations to FOAMS Christmas Hampers, separate letter to follow
30 <sup>th</sup> November: 5pm- 6pm	FOAMS School Disco
8 <sup>th</sup> December: 5pm- 7pm	FOAMS Christmas Fayre
12 <sup>th</sup> December: 9.15am and 2pm	Nativity Performance to parents- details to follow
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch- order via Parent Pay
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of term!

As always, if you have any questions, please come and speak to us.

Kind regards,  
The Reception Team