

Abbotts Ann Nursery School

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Upcoming Events

15th – 18th February

Half Term Week!

24th February

Parents Meetings – Please see emails.

4th March

World Book Day – more details to follow!

19th March

Red Nose Day – Details to follow!

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has flown by! Thank you very much for all your ongoing support and understanding with Covid-19 related measures. We would like to reassure you that the safety of your children, yourselves and our staff is our number one priority. We are following all guidance to ensure Nursery is as safe as possible and ask that you continue your fantastic efforts to adhere to social distancing and wearing face coverings at drop off and collection. The situation is rapidly and constantly changing, and we will continue to adapt as necessary and update you as required to ensure everything is as stable as possible for the children. We hope you all have a fantastic Spring term!

Best Wishes,

The AANS Staff and Committee

Nursery News!

It is with great excitement we inform you that Pascale will be a Key Person from 22.02.2021 (after half-term) and we welcome you in joining us to congratulate her. She has a wonderful sense of humour and an amazing energy which the children delight in. She is an integral component in making our small team of practitioners and setting as strong as they are.

After half term Michelle will have 2 dedicated days in the room with your children and will be key person to a small group, which she is utterly thrilled about. You will be approached about changes to your key person in your parents meeting confirmation email.

Join the Committee!

We are always looking for new volunteers to join our Committee. The committee has various duties and there is plenty for everyone to get involved in! Our meetings are currently virtual so you won't even need to leave the warmth of your house – unfortunately we cannot provide virtual cake!

If you are interested in joining please get in contact with one of our Chairs (email above).

Committee Safeguarding Champion

As well as Committee members we are also on the lookout for a Committee Safeguarding Champion. This is simply a committee member who oversees that we are abiding by all safeguarding requirements.

You do not need experience just willing to volunteer! Please email the chairs for more information!

Reminders and notices'

- **Cold Weather** – Please send your child in with warm clothes for **both inside & outside** – the hall can get chilly!
- **Spare Clothes** – Please ensure there are plenty of spare clothes in your child's bag.
- **Healthy Eating** – Please make your child's lunch box as healthy as possible – only one small 'treat' please!
- **Allergies** – Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** nursery!
- **Nappies** – Please remember to keep nappies in bags topped up!
- **Lunch boxes** – If your child requires food to be cut up – ie apples, please do this at home. Grapes and similar foods need to be cut lengthways please.
- **New foods** – If your child is trying a new food for lunch – that's great! Please let us know that it is a new food!
- **Purple WOW! Books** – If you have lost yours, please let us know so we can replace it – the children love putting their stickers in them!
- **Inset Days** – Our remaining Inset days for this academic year are as follows: 06/05/2021 & 23/07/2021 .
- **Uniform** – Thank you for your response to our survey! We can confirm that our uniform will be changing to purple and grey! If you wish to purchase any, please look out for the order form which will be sent out soon!
- **Indoor Footwear** – Thank you for your response to

Coronavirus Update

We are once again in a National Lockdown. Please Stay at home with the exception of essential journeys.

For the latest advice and support from Hampshire County Council please visit this website:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/social-careandhealth/coronavirus>

Early Years settings remain open to everyone!

What have we been doing?

- We have been exploring making and melting ice, and how to rescue objects within; including painty ice cubes which was thoroughly enjoyed!
- The children have really enjoyed exploring sand and soil so far this term. We will continue this learning by looking at how we can change the consistency of these material, leading beautifully into growing exciting things!
- The children thoroughly enjoy Chatterbox group; therefore, we are exploring Key person groups so all children can enjoy special group time!
- We are strongly focusing on Positive behaviour and relationships in setting and would encourage you to approach us if you have any concerns about your child. Parenting can be a challenge, but your children are wonderful testimony's of how great you are! Thank you for continuing to support your children!

- **Invoices** – Thank you for your patience whilst awaiting invoices, they have now been distributed. Thank you to all families who have settled their invoices. Please remember if you have any questions or concerns, drop Michelle an email.
- **Indoor Footwear** – Thank you for your response to wearing indoor footwear, the children have adapted easily and enjoy putting on their slippers/indoor shoes!
- **Toys from Home** – Children must not bring in toys from home at the moment. A comforter is okay with prior agreement, but please do not send toys in with your child.

Fundraising

We have lots of exciting (Covid adaptable) fundraising ideas planned for the rest of the academic year! More information to follow – keep a look out, you won't want to miss it!

Amazon – Do you have an Amazon account? You can help raise money for AANS all year round at no extra cost to yourself! Go to smile.amazon.co.uk and search for Charity number '1169193'.

Name tags – Did you know if you order from www.mynametags.com they donate 24% of your order value to us!



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THANK YOU!



We were amazed by the participation in our recent Christmas fundraising events!

Thanks to the enormous sale of raffle tickets, we have raised an incredible £594!!!

Our gorgeous Christmas cards also 'flew off the shelves' enabling us to raise a further £138 in profit!!!

These amounts are beyond what we could have ever imagined and will be so helpful to our nursery!

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed whether by purchasing cards or raffle tickets or by sharing our adverts – we are so so grateful!

