

The Abbey School Newsletter

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Friday 30th April 2021



Bank
Holiday

Monday
3rd May

School closed.
Back to school
Tuesday 4th May.



The Abbey getting back on track

With the pastoral recovery programme and catch-up curriculum now well established, we are delighted that, despite the coronavirus prevention measures still in place, things are starting to get back to more like 'normal' again at school this term.

The sun has been out and so have the students, in the outdoor classroom, on the field for PE, in the playground catching up with their friends and in the sensory garden, albeit within their 'bubbles'.



The Year 10 DofE group have been undertaking their expedition training which includes basic navigation and teamwork. This week they excelled in tackling new challenges that necessitated strong teamwork, good communication and safety awareness to look after each other. When asked by a passer-by where they are going they replied, "Africa". They're now busy working out the easiest way to get there!



Other off-site activities including cycling and swimming lessons have started again and Key Stage 4 students have finally been able to start their college link courses. All Year 11 students are attending Farnborough College of Technology one morning a week and some Year 10s are going to Alton College on a half termly rotation.

We have been able to welcome a few visitors back into school too - therapists and other professionals who have had to offer online support only during the lockdown are able to meet the students face-to-face again and students from Farnham Heath End, another WMAT school, are able to re-join us for Horticulture lessons.

Teachers have been busy gathering the evidence and carrying out the assessments required to ensure that our Year 11 leavers get the qualifications they deserve, but, sadly, this means these students are suddenly nearing the end of their time with us here at the school. However, we will be able to send them off in style with the traditional Abbey Record of Achievement presentation in front of family members at the end of June, something last year's leavers missed out on, followed by a Prom at Blacknest Golf Club.



This cautious return to business as usual has only been possible because of the preventative steps we are all taking. Staff are starting to receive their 2nd vaccines and all staff and students need to continue with the twice weekly lateral flow tests. Please remain vigilant to signs of coronavirus symptoms in your household and self-isolate when necessary.



Active Recovery Hub

A new Active Recovery Hub is launching to provide schools, local authorities, and families with easy access to free resources to get children moving before, during and after the school day, coordinated by the Youth Sport Trust and Sport England.

The hub has hundreds of free resources to help children of all ages and abilities achieve the Chief Medical Officer's recommended average of 60 active minutes a day.

The Active Recovery Hub is available by visiting www.yourschoolgames.com/active-recovery (We also have a School Games link on the school website under the 'Parents & Carers'/'Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health' tab).

You can filter the activities by school type (Special/Alternative Provision) and time of the day (At Home).

There are some great resources and ideas to keep everyone up and moving at home and at the weekends!

Ordering School Lunches for Your Child

YOU'VE GOT ENOUGH ON YOUR PLATE. SO LET US TAKE CARE OF LUNCH!

Our easy online ordering system makes it **quick and simple to order tasty lunches** for your little ones.



CLICK ME TO ORDER NOW!

Link to school meals ordering website: <http://ifg-psm.co.uk>

LET'S MAKE THE SCHOOL RUN A LITTLE EASIER!

We'll take care of lunch, so you don't have to. **That's one less thing to think about in the morning..**



Don't forget to order lunches by the Saturday before the week they are needed. You can order weeks ahead, for convenience.



Our Year 7s are learning all about the continents of the world in Geography. One of our students shows his enthusiasm with his own globe and maps at home!

Year 8 and 9 PE students celebrated International Dance Day on Thursday



School Clubs

Early Bird club is back in full swing before school every day. Despite the reduced maximum capacity due to social distancing restrictions, we have been able to meet the current demand from families and there are still a few places available.



Although we are not yet going to be able to reintroduce the usual range of daily after school clubs, we are planning a whole school activity/social group in the hall if there is demand for this. If you would be interested in your child attending an **after-school club** until 4:00p.m. (£2 per day contribution requested towards the costs), please let us know which days (Monday-Thursday) you would possibly like a place for. Contact the school office on 01252 725059, send in a note or email enquiries@abbey.surrey.sch.uk

School Uniform

Brenda's who supply the Abbey school uniform have asked us to recommend to parents that they get their orders in as early as possible for items for next academic year. The global pandemic has interrupted global supply chains and this has been exacerbated by the recent blockage of the Suez Canal. This is especially important for special orders/sizes but, in any case, you must

order by 14th August if you want it in time for the start of term.

You can order online from www.brendas.co.uk for delivery or Click & Collect from the shop. You can exchange anything within 28 days of purchase and there is an option to spread the cost with Klarna (pay in 30 days - no interest, no fees, no impact on your credit score - or 'Pay in 3' - spread the cost of your purchase into 3 interest-free instalments over 90 days).

The store in Frimley Road, Camberley is open Monday to Saturday 8.30am to 5.00pm (closed Sundays and Bank Holidays). Brenda's hope to have the shop fully open for browsing and with changing rooms open as soon as permitted (they normally offer appointments for SEN students on request with extra time, space and assistance).

Telephone: 01276 818424

email shop@brendas.uk

N.B: Year 10 students moving into Year 11 next year may wear a black, rather than green, school sweatshirt from September, if they wish.

Parentmail

If you are registered for the Parentmail app, you may have noticed since the relaunch under the IRIS umbrella that you now receive a single notification/banner on your phone and no longer receive individual emails to your email inbox with a separate notification. Following feedback from users they will be implementing a new setting in the app that will allow users to elect between receiving only app notifications, or to receive notifications by app and email notification. They expect this update to be out in the next few weeks. In the meantime, if you want to continue to receive regular emails, you will need to log out of the app on your phone.

If you are not registered for the app, you can do so - all your Parentmail messages from school will be there in one place for you to read. To download the app, simply visit the App store on your phone, and search "ParentMail".



If you are not receiving Parentmail emails from the school for any other reason, please contact the school office so we can investigate the cause - for COVID prevention and paper/cost/time saving reasons, we increasingly send information to parents/carers this way.

Kelly's Cycle Challenge is Back



A socially distanced but very much live event:

Sunday the 9th of May 2021 at Alice Holt Farnham GU10 4LS

The annual **Kelly's Cycle Challenge** was the top-rated cycling event on Race Check 2019, the last time they were able to hold this event.

There are 3 distances and all routes are on quiet roads through the beautiful countryside of Surrey & Hants.

Kelly's Storage Charity Events have hosted this cycle challenge since 2014, raising thousands of pounds for [Challengers](#), who improve the lives of disabled children and their families by providing safe play spaces. Kelly's cover all costs of the event so that **100%** of the money given by entrants, donors & sponsors goes straight to the charity.

Full details of the event can be found [here](#).

Enter online at: www.charity.kellystorage.co.uk

A vibrant poster for the Farnham Family Circus. The central image is a large, illuminated sign for 'FARNHAM FAMILY CIRCUS' with 'Sun 18th July' below it. The sign is set against a background of a red and white striped circus tent. To the right, text provides event details: 'Farnham Family Circus', 'Sun 18th July 2021', 'Farnham Heath End School sportsground', 'Come and join us for a fantastic family afternoon of exciting and spectacular entertainment.', 'Family ticket £36 (2 adults +2 kids or 1 adult & 3 kids) individual tickets £10 each.', '1st show: Grounds open (food/drink) 12:15 Warm up starts 13:40 (Show ends 1500).', '2nd show: Grounds open (food/drink) 14:25 Warm up starts 15:40 (Show ends 1700).', 'All proceeds to local Farnham Schools.', 'For more details and full terms and conditions check our facebook page or visit our website: www.the-hedgehogs.org.uk'. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook and Twitter, the Farnham Heath End School logo, and the The Hedgehogs logo with 'Est. 1959' and 'Helping local people in need'.