



## ABBOTS FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL

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*Ambitious, Healthy Bodies and Minds, Reflective, Resilient*

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# WELCOME TO AFJS!

Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of the whole team here at Abbots Farm Junior School, I would like to offer you a warm welcome to the AFJS family. We are all looking forward to welcoming your child and you, whether this is for the first time or you have other Farmers in your family already and have been a part of our school community for a while. We are excited to support your child over the next four years of their educational journey and working in partnership with you to support the next steps, getting to know you and your child so that together, we can ensure the time your child spends with us in school is happy, secure and successful.



We have changed the way we do things in recent years, which is why you are receiving this email rather than a posted welcome pack. The reasons for this are twofold. Firstly, we are an eco-school and always looking for ways to reduce paper usage and save the environment. Secondly, we have an online information management system which will enable us to complete a number of things electronically that we would usually ask you to return paper copies of.

The purpose of this initial letter is to give you the information you need for the following few months as your child makes the move to us and signpost you to other places that you can find information about us. At the start of July, we will contact you again to get you set up on our school information management system, Arbor, which will then enable you to send us the necessary key information about your child in preparation for September.

For more information about life at AFJS, we have a school prospectus which can be viewed on our school website that summarises the key things you may need to know as a new member of our Farmers family. It also includes links to pages on our website for further information. You can also visit our school website <https://abbotsfarm.co.uk/> for lots of other information regarding life at school, including key policies, our curriculum, newsletters, our school blog and much more.



### Abbots Farm Junior School

#### Prospectus

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#### Welcome to Abbots Farm Junior School

Whether you are joining us during the academic year or at the start of the junior school journey, a warm welcome awaits you when you arrive at our school. A happy start is important for all of us and we try very hard to make the transition smooth and rewarding. We encourage parents and children to visit the school during a normal working day to see the happy and caring ethos of the school in action.



#### Aims of the School

### Transition Support

Between now and when your child starts here with us, we will be arranging opportunities for teaching and SEND staff from all current schools to discuss pupils and the information we receive will support us in planning for class provision for next year and beyond as we endeavour to make their time here at AFJS as enjoyable and productive as possible. We will work hard to ensure that children arriving from other schools have the best opportunity to integrate into these groups, as everyone familiarises themselves with our setting in September.

We would also very much welcome the opportunity to hear from you as parents about any support your child or your family may need. Please complete the Microsoft Form to tell us a little more about your child by clicking this link <https://forms.office.com/e/puhZT6nawr>

### Transition Day

This year, **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** is transition day. On this day, pupils get to spend a day in their new schools/classrooms and meet their teachers and other key staff prior to starting in September. On the day, please arrive between **8.40-8.50 and bring your child to the hall doors (we will signpost it for you on the day)**. Your child will be met there by our staff and then taken to their classrooms. Please make sure that your child has a named water bottle and you have applied sun cream (we can but hope for a sunny day!).

- We are able to provide a free school lunch for your child on the day if they would like one.
- If you are coming over from Abbots Farm Infant School please order your meal on Swift kitchen as usual.
- If you are coming from another school you can bring a packed lunch, or email [admin2421@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2421@welearn365.com) to request a hot dinner.

The options on that day will be

- Roast Chicken with Crispy Roasties, Broccoli & Gravy (Meat)
- Hot Pasta topped with Spinach and Basil pesto & optional Cheese (Veg)
- Crispy Cheese & Lentil Bake with Crispy Roasties, Broccoli & Gravy (Veg)
- Jacket potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayonnaise
- Baguette with Cheese/Ham/ Tuna Mayo

At the end of the day, please collect your child from the school playground at the slightly earlier time of **3:00pm**. This will give parents the chance to meet their child before the rest of the school finishes. Members of the Y3 team will dismiss the children one at a time when they have identified the adult they are going home with.

### Welcome meeting for parents

We are holding an **information evening** at school on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** (the same day as transition day) starting at **6pm**. This will be an opportunity for parents to meet key staff, listen to us share our curriculum vision and learning opportunities and to ask questions about ongoing support. After this meeting, we will also upload slides and any other useful information to our 'New to Year 3' page on our website <https://abbotsfarm.co.uk/parents/new-to-year-3-info/> for your reference. Last year's information is currently on there but will be updated after the meeting and as new documents are created or shared.

### School Governors

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of our Governing Board, to let you know that we currently have vacancies for new governors to join our team. Please take the time to have a look through the Governor information pack in the '[New to Year 3 Info](#)' section on our website and do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions or to express an interest.

### PTA event

You are invited to join us for our **Summer Fair** at school on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July** at **6:30pm**, which is always a great event and would be a brilliant way for you to meet other members of the Abbots Farm Junior School community – it would be great to see you there! It would also be great to have some new PTFA members join us from September to enable us to continue the great fundraising work our PTA does.

If you have any other questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via the admin email [admin2421@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2421@welearn365.com) and the relevant member of staff will get back to you. We will also keep our 'New to Year 3' page on our website <https://abbotsfarm.co.uk/parents/new-to-year-3-info/> as up to date as possible in the next few months so that you have a place to go for key information before starting here.

We cannot wait to see you and your children on the Transition Day in July and to fully welcome your whole family into our wonderful Farmers family here at AFJS as your child makes this exciting next step in their educational journey!

Yours sincerely



Mrs Gemma Webb

Headteacher