

Keeping in touch with you



If we have a concern about your child's progress or behaviour which needs to be sorted out immediately and can't wait for the next Parents' Evening we will contact you.

We hope that you will do the same if you have an urgent concern!



Parents' Evenings

These are very important opportunities for you and the teachers to discuss your child's progress. They happen once a term, usually shortly before half-term.

Reports

An individual report on your child by the class teacher will be sent to you towards the end of the Summer term each year.

It will contain comments about his/her progress and the standards s/he is achieving as well as targets for the following term. You are then invited to attend a Parents' Evening shortly afterwards to discuss his/her progress and the targets set for the following year.

Newsletters

We aim to send out a newsletter to parents/carers once a month and our 'Core News' each half term. This will keep you informed of what's going on in school, what's coming up and how you can help. Copies of these can be found on our school website.

Please introduce yourself to a committee member.

Concerns and Complaints

If you have a complaint or concern about things at ABC please follow our Complaints Policy, which is available in full from the school office. We are happy to hear your concerns or complaints since they will help us improve what we do.

Here is a summary:

1. Please express your concerns to your child's class teacher in the first instance.
2. If after seeing the class teacher you wish to take it further, please make an appointment to see the Headteacher.
3. If you are still not happy with the way that the matter has been dealt with, or with the outcome, please put your concerns in writing to the Headteacher, setting out clearly the main causes of complaint.
4. If you remain unsatisfied please put your concerns in writing to the Clerk to the Governors who will arrange a hearing with a committee of the Governing Body.



The Friends of A.B.C.

Our FABC group gives an opportunity for parents or pupils, friends and Governors all to be involved in supporting the work of the school. The more parents who get involved the better! Please introduce yourself to a committee member if you feel you can help in any way.

Welcome to ABC!



Whether you are a parent of children already at ABC,
or a friend interested in finding out more about
the school ...

Care, Support and Challenge!

As a School and Community we care for every individual that learns and works here. We are a hardworking and enthusiastic group of adults and children, (with numbers on roll around 300) who want to support, encourage and challenge each other to achieve the highest standards in every aspect of our learning.



Our Current Class Structure

Foundation Unit	Children aged 2-5	2 Reception and 1 Nursery class	
Key Stage 1	Children aged 5-7	Year 1 and 2 mixed	2 classes
Lower KS2	Children aged 7-9	Year 3 and 4 mixed	3 classes
Upper KS2	Children aged 9-11	Year 5 and 6	3 classes



Our Christian Foundation



'Love God, love others, love ourselves'

Our school has a Christian Foundation, which is at the heart of all that we do. We welcome both staff and children from all faiths to a learning community in which Christian Values are upheld. The teaching of RE extends to all the main religions and our Collective Worship aims to be inclusive, while being firmly Christian in character.



School Information

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Headteacher: Shirley McBride B'Ed

Chair of Governors: Simon Coles

Our school is one that takes 'Keeping Safe' very seriously and we follow National and Local Authority Guidance about safeguarding children at all times. We also have a range of policies promoting that we are an inclusive school.

Your Child's Welfare



Absence

If your child is absent through illness please telephone the office between 8.15 am until 8.45 am or report to the office before school begins to let us know. This is important since we want to be sure that your child is safe at school or at home. When your child returns to school after an absence of a day or more please send in a note to explain why they have been absent.

Medical Appointments

Please arrange these out of school time whenever possible. When this is not possible please let the class teacher know in advance that your child will be absent for a medical appointment.

First Aid/Medical Support

All Staff receive regular training for first aid and we are fortunate to have some members of staff with nursing qualifications. This puts us in a strong position to make judgements about the action to take when your child gets hurt.

If your child has a serious bump to the head or some other serious accident we will contact you immediately. If we are unable to contact you we will organise for him/her to be taken to the local A & E department. You, or your appointed person, will normally be responsible for collecting him/her there. We would request to always inform the school if you have a change of mobile or telephone number.

Holidays

Please do not plan family holidays in term time. Families do not have a "right" to take holidays during term and the Headteacher may not authorise them. The Headteacher has the discretion to allow absences for holidays in some circumstances but not in the case of children whose absence from school is already causing concern (Children are not entitled to days off for shopping, birthdays, parties or similar events. Where children are absent for these reasons the absence will be deemed unauthorised in the school records).

Our School Curriculum

Foundation Stage -	3-5 year olds - Foundation Stage Curriculum
KS1 & KS2 year olds -	National Curriculum and the Revised Numeracy and Literacy Strategies
Religious Education -	Awareness, Mystery and Value - Bath and Wells Diocesan syllabus.

'The School has a strong family atmosphere where relationships between children and with staff are very strong' - OFSTED 2005. We set and enjoy high standards of behaviour and do not accept 'bullying' behaviour. See our School web site for further details of all policies including Behaviour and Anti-Bullying



Our School Uniform



We expect all our children to wear uniform and take care of it. All items of uniform need to be labelled with your child's name. Jewellery should not be worn in school, with the exception of one flat ear stud, although these should be removed for Games and PE. If you wish, most of the school uniform can be bought from our school shop which is open 8.45 am Tuesday to Friday each week.



MAIN UNIFORM

White Shirt *or*
Polo White Shirt
ABS Logo Navy Sweat Shirt
Dark Grey *or* Black Trousers
Navy Blue Mid Length Skirt
or Pinafore
Blue Stripe *or* Check Mid
Length Summer Dress
Grey, Black *or* White Socks
Black Shoes (*or* Black, Navy,
White *or* Brown Sandals in
suitable weather)
A warm, waterproof coat

PE Kit
Blue ABC T-shirt and Plain
Navy Shorts
Trainers

Each year every class elects a member of their class to represent them on the School Council. The School Council have an important position in our school and help with decisions to improve our school further.

School Lunches



receipt of appropriate benefits.

Children may have hot lunches or bring their own packed lunch. Our team of supervisors will encourage and help them to enjoy lunchtimes and to eat up!

Hot free school meals are available for families in



Healthy School

Awarded 2007

Mission Statement and Aims



'Love God, love others, love ourselves'

In partnership with parents and carers we aim to create a caring and happy community in which Christian values are upheld and where children and adults are valued and nurtured, enabling them to achieve educational excellence and personal growth.

Personal & Spiritual

We aim to ...

- Help children develop an understanding of Christ's teachings, messages and values;
- Help children understand that their life has meaning and purpose and that it can be lived with spiritual and emotional fulfilment;
- Develop self respect and self discipline within the whole school community;
- Teach children the value of honesty and caring for others;
- Teach the difference between right and wrong and for children to be responsible for their actions

Society, Citizenship and Culture

We aim to ...

- Teach children to become responsible citizens and play an active role in their community;
- Support families in educating their children;
- Teach children to be aware and accepting of differing cultures and religions, whilst appreciating their own;
- Provide equal opportunities for all, regardless of race, gender, disability, age or sexuality;
- Help children understand their place in the world as a global citizen.

Curriculum

We aim to ...

- Give children a solid foundation and equip them with the skills for future academic progress and for life;
- Use the curriculum to broaden their knowledge and understanding of the world;
- Deliver the curriculum imaginatively and creatively;
- Teach children the value of honesty and caring for others;
- Tailor it to all pupils according to ability and need.

Parents, family and community:

We aim to ...

- Make parents and carers welcome in school;
- Build positive relationships with parents and carers to include mutual respect, trust, honesty and tolerance;
- Work in a partnership with parents and carers to promote their children's development;
- Maintain positive channels of communication with parents and members of our local community;
- Utilise the strengths of families and the community to benefit children.



Starting School at ABC



Parents who are thinking of sending their children to ABC are welcome to contact the school 01823 272553 to arrange a visit. This may be children transferring from another school or those wishing to start in Nursery or Reception. The school has a specialised Language Resource Base and admissions are decided by the Local Authority.



ABC Foundation Unit for Nursery and Reception Children (2-4 years)

Children who are 3 may attend our Foundation Unit Nursery (there are also places for a few 2 year olds). There is a full programme of meetings and visits for parents and children prior to joining the reception classes that run during the summer before they start.

Please ask for our booklet "Starting School" from the school office.

Parents who want to register their children for a place at ABC will need to do so by completing the Local Authority Admissions Form before the end of the Christmas Term before their child is due to start.

Please contact Somerset County Council for details on 0845 3459122.

Playgroup

St James' Playgroup for preschool children is also based on our site and caters for children from 2 years 6 months until school age.

Please visit or ring on 01823 353008 for more details.

Times of the School Day



Mornings

- 8.00 am Breakfast Club
- 8.45 am Playground is supervised
- 8.55 am The whistle is blown and children join their class for registration
- 9.15 am Friday - Sharing assemblies - each class in turn invites their parents to come and join us.

- 11.00 am Morning Break and Snack Time

- 12.15 pm KS1 [12.30pm KS2] Break for cooked lunches or sandwiches

Afternoons

- 1.15 pm KS1 Return to class
- 1.30 pm KS2 Return to class

After School Activities

At the beginning of each term children are invited to attend clubs on offer. Some of these take place during the lunch time period and those that take place in the afternoon usually finish by 4.15 pm. Clubs include; Guitar, French, Clarinets, Recorders, Singing Group, Cross Stitch, Computer, Rugby, Football and Cricket

After School Club 3.15 - 5.30

Please contact the School Office for payment details

We ask that children arrive in the playground at 8.45 am, but not before this time. The school day starts at 8.55 am when the doors are opened and the children welcomed. Registers are taken at 9.00 am promptly and children arriving after this time are to report to the office where they will be recorded as late.

