

**Abberley Hall
Worcestershire WR6 6DD**

25th June 2010

Dear Parents

Please find enclosed the latest Work Report. There are no Work Reports for 6A or the Remove girls who were at the Chalet. Form Tutors' letters are being sent separately.

Thursday 1st July, 7 pm 'Music for a Summers Evening'

This will be the official re-launch of the renovated, restored and very fine Bechstein piano in Ashton Hall.

The concert will include performances by former Abberley pupils who won music scholarships: Stephen Craigen, Lydia Lloyd, Grace Jones and James Spicer.

Our current Music Scholars will also be taking part as well as the Chapel Choir, members of the Music Staff and a surprise item or two!

We really hope that you will be able to attend what will be a memorable and happy evening of music making with wine in the interval. ~ A Concert not to be missed!

Sunday 26th June: 10.30 am Chapel Service Songs of Praise

We have no preacher, but all parents are very welcome, as always.

Common Entrance

Many congratulations to all the candidates who all passed to their first choice schools. We have again had some excellent results.

Help for Heroes Challenge: 100 km Kayak on the River Wye

James Abbott and Richard Tooby have led another very successful three day trip. The top year children had to work very hard this year as the river was low, but they all stuck to their task manfully. They all deserve a great deal of praise for their efforts, particularly Ed Townley and Max Wood who completed all three days – an extraordinary effort.

Medical Cards

For parents of full boarders who are leaving this term, please note that your child's medical records are sent direct to the new school's medical officer by Fiona Mackay.

Drama Productions

All are welcome to enjoy our two drama productions. Please do invite family and friends:

Form 1s Drama: Saturday, 3rd July at 11 am in Ashton Hall. 'Three Hilarious Histories'
Please note the earlier time.

Shells Drama: Saturday, 10th July at 2.30 pm - 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. This will be performed at a number of venues in the grounds, but if the weather is poor, it will be performed in Ashton Hall.

Sports Day and End of Term: Wednesday 14th July

Parents may arrive from 9.30 am. Trunks etc will be in the Sports Hall for all the boys in the top three years, on the front lawn (if the weather is good) for all the Removes and Form Ones. The senior girls' trunks will be outside Yates' House.

Timetable:

10.30 am	Prize Giving and Speeches in Ashton Hall
12.00 pm	Athletics start
1.30 pm	Lunch
2.30 - 3.30 pm	Remainder of Athletics. Athletics prizes will be awarded at the end of the visitor races, dog race etc.

Lunch: for those parents who have not been to Sports Day before, parents bring a picnic lunch and families are welcome to enjoy their picnics at any pleasant spot in the grounds.

A brief reminder: all pupils' possessions (except towels), including duvets, go home at the end of this term, apart from those children who live overseas.

Day Children

Everything should be taken home on Tuesday 13th July. On Wednesday 14th, all Day Children should come to school dressed for athletics – blue sports shirts, shorts, blue games socks (not white socks) and trainers, plus full tracksuit if it is cold (must be the school tracksuit). All dropping off and collection times are normal.

Athletics

The events on Sports Day will include the normal visitors' races for brothers, sisters, Old Boys, Old Girls, mothers, fathers and, most importantly, the annual dog race. The aim is that all children will be participating in at least one event.

Clothes Shop

We run a small shop selling items asterisked on the Clothes List. This runs on an 'appointment' system and you should ring Gill Portsmouth on 01299 896101, (home number (01584 810086)) for a convenient date. Ideally, this should be made either towards the end of this term or during the last week of the holidays on 6th, 7th & 8th September). The shop will not be open during the holidays.

Summer Courses and Holiday Care

We again have a wide range of courses on offer this summer – multi sports, mountain biking, rugby training, swimming, dancing, art, outdoor pursuits and cricket coaching.

Week 1 July 26th – July 30th

Week 2 August 2nd – August 6th

Week 3 August 9th – August 13th

Week 4 August 16th – August 20th

Times: 8.00 am – 1.00 pm or 8.00 am – 4.00 pm

Age: 3 – 12 Years.

For more information, or to download a booking form, please visit the website: www.abberleyhall.co.uk

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

John Walker