



# ABBOTSHOLME

AN EDUCATION FOR LIFE

Weekly Newsletter ~ *keeping you 'in touch'*

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## News

### Beekeeping at Abbotsholme



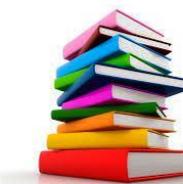
**Bee keeping at Abbotsholme school**

*Firstly we decided that the bees needed more food so we got some fondent and a veil and went to feed the bees.*

*We have decide to wait though for more sun and less wind to check the whole hive.*

## Lambing

Abbotsholme's first lambs of the year - two girls arrived at 5.07pm and 5.17pm last Saturday



## Notices

We have been thinking about how to ensure that students have access to books at all times.

Our library is well-stocked with current fiction titles, some of which are pre-publication copies! We have had two Alex Rider titles several months before they will appear elsewhere, for example! The newest books are always on the trolley at the front of the library.

The e-platform icon on student iPads gives them access to a range of audio books which they can download and listen to.

If they are not already a member of a public library, Staffordshire Libraries are very happy to give students free membership as a member of Abbotsholme School, regardless of where you live.

It is possible to join online here <https://www.yourlibcat.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/arena/self-registration>

There is a very good range of fiction and non-fiction titles available as e-books, including the Staffordshire Young Teen Fiction Award shortlisted titles.

The instructions for using the e-services are here <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Libraries/Library-services/eLibrary/eBooks.aspx>

Students will need a Staffordshire Library card number and a PIN.

There are so many educational and emotional reasons for encouraging reading for pleasure – and

it is just so enjoyable if you find the right mode of reading and the right books for you! If anyone needs help with their independent reading, please talk to an English teacher.

Happy reading!

## Abbotsholme Parents Association

The APA is delighted to have assisted in the purchase of a Roland GP607 Digital Grand Piano for use in the theatre and this is the feedback from Mr Norman.

“The piano is absolutely amazing. From the first moment I played it, I could tell it was high quality. It also looks amazing. The default piano sound definitely rivals the Steinway piano in the chapel, but the additional sounds and features are mind-blowing. Basic features, such as sounds (of which there are hundreds) can be changed from the push buttons on the piano itself, but we have downloaded an pairing app from Roland which allows us to connect to the piano via Bluetooth. We can then record from the piano and edit sounds, along with many other features that we are just getting to grips with. Along with the functional benefits of having a high quality and reliable piano, it looks incredible from every angle. We are so grateful to the APA for their assistance in buying this piano, and I’m sure that it will be a great asset to music and performing Arts for years to come. Thank you.”



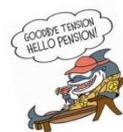
Abbotsholme Parents Association warmly  
invite all parents & family members to:



**A SPECIAL 'FAREWELL &  
THANK YOU TO BOB & JOHN'**

**APA Family Café at 4.00-5.00pm  
THIS FRIDAY 20TH MARCH**

**In the Dining Room**



On behalf of all parents, we would like to send our heartfelt and fondest farewell wishes to John for his magnificent and much appreciated work in supporting so many families at Abbotsholme over the years.

Glad day, love and duty

Your APA

**KEEP THE DATE SAVED....!**

**SAT 20th JUNE 2020**

**APA SUMMER BALL**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

