



ADDINGTON NEWSLETTER



October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of the new school year and welcome to all our new parents and pupils. Our new Classes have settled in well and staff have been getting to know parents and pupils as well as pupils getting to know each other. I hope you have an informative parents evening and that you agree your child's Personalised Learning Plan together with the teacher. This year we are focussing particularly on communication and communication systems and staff have been trained by the Speech and Language therapists to provide a Total Communication environment for all pupils. Makaton signing is a great way to support your child to start talking and all staff have been busy learning new signs to ensure all our pupils are taught in a signing environment.

Some of our older pupils have been busy this term setting up a mini catering company supplying baguettes at lunch times. This has taught them many numeracy and literacy skills in a functional way whilst building up numerous staff customers!

For the first time, some of our students are taking part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival and are performing a version of As You Like It at the Wilde Theatre in Bracknell on Friday night. I know they have worked very hard on this and I am looking forward to seeing the end result - I'm sure we will have some budding stars in the making!

I would like to make an appeal to all parents and particularly our new parents to support our Addington Association in any way that you can. The Association works tirelessly to raise much needed funds for projects the school could otherwise not afford. It is run by a very small team of parents who are desperate for some new faces to share the workload. If you would like to offer your support please contact Yvonne Thrower - AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com.

Finally I would like to wish Barbi Takyar a very happy retirement. Barbi has finally decided to leave Addington after over 34 years of working for us and supporting the Association. She has raised money over the years for no less than 10 minibuses as well as organising hundreds of raffles, events, fairs and fundraising activities. I wish her a very long and happy retirement and thank her on behalf of all the children and families she has helped over the years.

Have a good half term and please remember School returns on **Tuesday 30th October**.

**Sara Attra
Headteacher**

Dear Parents/ Carers

The first half term is over already - so welcome back, and how did that happen!

The start of the year has been very busy in parent support; we have been lucky enough to have Dr Fiona Knott come into school to deliver her Autism and anxiety workshops to an invited group of parents. It is always so fantastic to work with Dr. Knott, the ASD support service, class teams and, of course, our parents. Hopefully, everyone will find this as rewarding as previous participants.

I will be running a brief presentation on toileting this Parent's evening (Thursday); it will be a brief, whistle stop tour, but hopefully with some useful information and points to think about. I hoping to be able to do parent presentations at each parent's evening, and am already researching topics for future events. Please let me know if you have any suggestions on topics to cover, and I will see if I can accommodate them.

There is also a Makaton taster session running the first Wednesday back after half term, 9.15 - 10.30am, details have been emailed and paper copies of the invitation are available at reception. Please let me know if you would like to come along;

lucy.sayer@addington.wokingham.sch.uk.

Hoping you all have a restful half term,

Best Wishes,

Lucy - Parent Support Adviser

Just a reminder, I no longer work on TUESDAYS. My work mobile, for when I cannot be reached at my desk during school hours, is 07521 744 852. If there are any issues contacting me, please call the office and they can also contact me on your behalf.

SCHOOL LUNCH PRICE LIST

Primary Pupils ... £2.05 per day
Secondary/FE Pupils ... £2.25 per day



All monies should be paid in advance.

ONLINE PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE please ask for details

Please remember that lunch MUST be paid for every day.

Our Senior Leadership Team



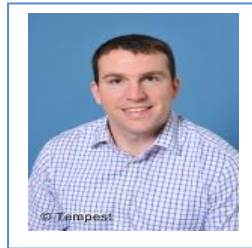
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Headteacher



Lynda Wood
Deputy Head



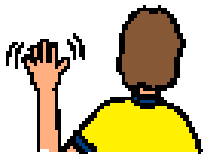
Eirfron Watkinson
Assistant Headteacher



David Maycock
Assistant Headteacher



Sue Tod
School Business Manager



Goodbye and Good Luck!



Goodbye and Good Luck to the following staff who are leaving us:

Barbi Takyar, Judith Shannon, Blanca Ramos, Anita Sandhu, Tolu Sunday, Kirsty Wood and Ness Laucht, who is going on maternity leave.

We thank you all for your hard work and wish you all the very best for the future.

Addington Youth Club

Managed and staffed by
Wokingham Bracknell & Districts Mencap

Wednesday evening 7pm to 9pm
Fun for all youngsters from Year 9 up

Look out for the activities planned for the current term,
come along and try a session.

Contact Wokingham Mencap on 0300 777 8539 for more information.

CAR PARKING REMINDER

1. All drivers **must** use the one-way system marked out by the cones and road markings
2. **Only** park in marked spaces and not on the end of rows
3. All pedestrians **must** use the zebra crossing and the pavement when walking children to and from the site. DO NOT WALK on the road by the side of the gates where there is **no pavement** as a short cut. This is very dangerous and could result in an accident

Parent Contact Information

We want to cut down on the amount of paper we send to parents and to get in touch more electronically via emails, texts and our school website www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk).

Apart from the money saved on printing costs, electronic communication is instant. In order to do this we need to be kept up to date with your latest email address and mobile numbers.

If you need to update us please email: office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk

School Mobile App

Our School Mobile App can be downloaded from the links below.

[iTunes](#)

[Play Store](#)

Once you have downloaded the School Jotter app **you will need to select “Addington School” from within the app.**

The school mobile App is **FREE to download** and enables you to receive news updates and alerts on your phone or other mobile device. You can also view our newsletters and see photos of the students.



Headteacher's Award Winners



Congratulations to the following students who achieved awards for the first half of the Autumn Term:

Early Years

Lourdes Mirza
Amelia Nobes

Access

Lewie Cheeseman
Fatimah Mughal

Key Stage 2

Harry Croft
Alayna Tariq

Key Stage 4

Key Stage 3

Christopher Smith
Piers Heys
Fergus West

Key Stage 5

George Mills
Ben Allum

Well done everyone...keep up the great work!

Yoga in Access Classes and Early Years



Following the success of yoga classes last term, Claire the Yoga teacher from Mini Me Yoga has been back in school to roll out yoga in our Access and Early Years classes. The children have enjoyed the sessions and experienced the calming influence of Yoga.



**London
Irish**

After School Sports Club

We have been lucky to benefit from the services of a coach from London Irish Rugby Club at After school Sports Club this term. Laurissa has delivered Tag-Rugby sessions and been a great hit with the students. They have especially enjoyed the tackle bag!





D of E

In our D of E lessons we have been working on skills which will be needed on our expedition next summer, such as tent building and walking in the local area to improve fitness and map skills and team building exercises. On our trips out we always seem to find fun things to do!



KS 4 and KS5 Fitness

KS4 and KS5 have been enjoying the fitness sessions in the hall run by Claire our favourite fitness instructor.



KS 4 Offsite PE

KS4 have been offsite on a Friday afternoon to either play football at Woodford Park Leisure Centre, where a coach is on hand to help develop our skills, or to the driving range at Downshire Golf Club.

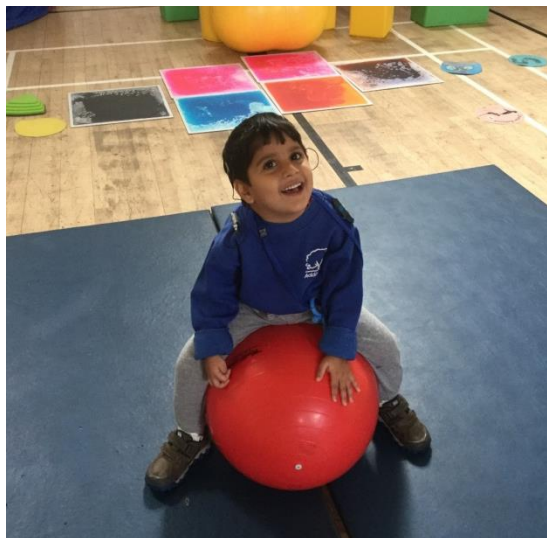




PE lessons for Access Classes



This term we have been working on fitness routines to our 'Sticky Kids' music and the ever popular Rebound Therapy on the trampoline.



School Games Gold Award



ADDINGTON SCHOOL

has achieved the Gold School Games Mark award for their commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport in 2017/18

Many congratulations to the other successful Wokingham Schools:

GOLD

Addington
Finchampstead
Hawkedon
Hillside
Nine Mile Ride
Radstock
Robert Piggott Junior
Shinfield St Mary's

SILVER

All Saints
Whiteknights

BRONZE

Loddon

Dance club at Lunchtime



Addington students are enjoying Dance with Alice at lunchtime on a Tuesday. We are going to stay outdoors as long as we can which allows more space and for more students to join in. Dance club will continue to run throughout the year.



Donations of shorts and tracksuit trousers for PE



The PE Department would welcome any donations of outgrown shorts and tracksuit trousers as spares for students to use for PE if they forget their kit. We have plenty of T-shirts.

Thank you for your support.

Mel, Danny and Ian

Encouraging the local community spirit

Lower Earley Scarecrow Trail

Sat 20th – Wed 24th October 2018

Scarecrow Trail Theme: Children's Books
There will be a prize for the best scarecrow!

Maps are available during that week from:
Ashby carpets • Asda • Rustic Cafe
Minimum £1 donation per map

For more information please contact:
Lowerearleyscarecrows@hotmail.com

All funds raised will go towards supporting local charities:
Berkshire Vision, First Days, Laurel Park FC and Me2 Club

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search: Lower Earley Scarecrow Trail

Berkshire Vision
FIRST DAYS
Me2 Club

READING ROCKETS SEN BASKETBALL PROGRAMME



For More Information and to book your place please contact:
Steph.johnson@readingrockets.co.uk

NEW SESSION LAUNCHED FOR NOVEMBER 2018!

**FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGE 11-18
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME**

Session Details

Every Thursday 4-5pm @ Ryeish Green Sports Hub,
Hyde End Road, Reading, RG2 9EP

Cost £4 per week

(Starts on Thursday 8th November 2018)



Early Years

We are so pleased with how the pupils in Daisy class have settled so well into a new term. We have enjoyed welcoming Isaac, Cloey and Ula into our class and hope they are enjoyed the start to their school lives as much as we have working with them. We have also welcomed back Charlotte, Owen, Mahdi and Amelia and are very impressed with how they have recalled familiar routines and relationships.



Our theme for this half term has been 'Looking After Myself'. The children have loved looking at and identifying photographs of themselves. Much of our learning has been through sensory play and exploration, early small world and role play. Activities have included learning to brush our teeth, wash our hands, have a bath, which we have explored



through music, songs and sensory stories.

We have enjoyed exploring songs about our bodies and doing hands and feet prints.

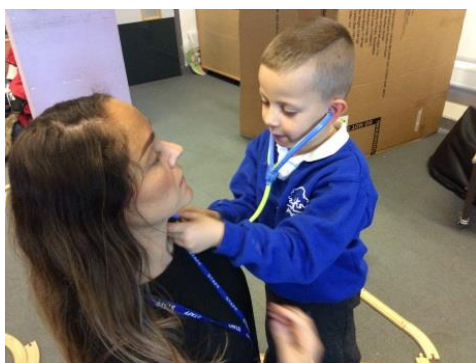
Every pupil now has a 'PLP' Personalised Learning Plan. We shall be focusing on these targets within our curriculum to ensure your child has a personalised curriculum running alongside our Early year creative curriculum.

Jo, Yvonne, Emma, Shememe, Charis, Hannah & Megan



In Sunflower class we are so pleased with how all pupils have settled so well into a new term. This half term the pupils have been busy learning how to look after themselves.

We have practiced every day hygiene routines including washing our faces and cleaning our teeth. Pupils have enjoyed exploring and finding out about different toiletries such as shampoo and conditioner.



We have all participated in imaginative play scenarios. Many pupils pretended to go to the doctor



with different ailments and illnesses, they have enjoyed taking turns being the doctors and helping make their peers better again. Some pupils chose to pretend they were going to the hair dressers, Bradley decided he wanted to get his hair cut by Emma!



During our cooking sessions the pupils have been encouraged to try healthy foods including a wide variety of fruit and vegetables. The children enjoyed



cutting different fruits and putting them in the food processor to make healthy smoothies.

Pupils in Sunflower class have also been encouraged to eat and get themselves dressed/undressed as independently as possible.



Our pupils have also been working hard to learn and familiarise themselves with new routines, staff and peers in their classes. A few of the pupils in Sunflower class only just started

Addington School in September and have settled in brilliantly, learning expectations, building relationships and forming friendships with other children in the class. We have had a busy but extremely fun first half term. We are all looking forward to our new theme next half term!



Shannon and Sunflower class team



This term Tulip Class have enjoyed exploring the topic 'Looking After Myself' by learning how to wash different objects using sponges and shampoo, and used toothbrushes to learn how to brush our teeth.

We have enjoyed cooking sessions in the Primary Kitchen which is a new room for some of us, and enjoyed exploring lots of other rooms around the school such as Splash, Soft Play and the Sensory rooms.

We have been learning about different parts of the body through action songs such as head, shoulders, knees and toes, and by exploring paint with our hands and feet.

All the students have settled well into Tulip class and we have welcomed several new students to Addington School. They have quickly settled into the class, familiarising themselves with the routines and areas around the school.

Katie & Tulip Class Team.





Save the Date

On Monday the 17th December from 2pm to 3pm, we would like to invite all parents, carers and siblings to the Early Years 'Stay and Play' with a festive theme. We hope you can all come, letters will be going out nearer the event to confirm if you are able to attend.

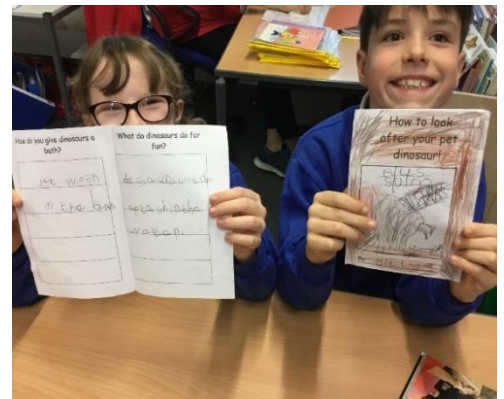
Have a wonderful Half Term.

The Early Years Team.

Middle School Newsletter

This Autumn Term Middle School Pupils have really enjoyed getting their teeth into our exciting new curriculum. Are We Nearly There Yet? is the question Birch, Oak and Lime and Apple have been asking as they investigate ways of travel and places to go. Pine Willow and Rowan classes have based their curriculum on Dinosaur Planet with some very creative work taking place in classrooms Meanwhile Key stage 3 classes have been exploring the theme of Superheroes.

In Willow Class we have been enjoying our dinosaur topic. We have learnt the sign for dinosaur and learnt lots about all the different kinds. We learnt that dinosaurs lived a long time ago and so we have to look at fossils and bones to find out what they were like. We made dinosaur eggs out of papier-mâché, read fiction and non-fiction books, designed and made sock puppets, wrote all about our own imaginary dinosaur and then made our dinosaur out of clay. We've all had so much fun!"



Lydia

Chestnut class went to Loddon School for a morning to do a Wire Art Activities.

The pupils drew their design onto paper and then created in relief by bending and cutting pliable wire and sellotaping it to their design. They then put a tin plate on top of the wire relief design and hammered the design into a plate using a rubber hammer.

After that they worked in groups to create a giant wire sculpture of a man.

Vanessa



Cherry class have been exploring space through their senses

We have taken part in creating art for our display and all enjoyed visiting space with our sensory story.

One week some aliens landed in our school sensory garden, we had to find them and press the alarm to tell everybody, which made us all laugh! We described them using symbols and our eye gaze devices”

Jo



Finally, thank you to everyone who dressed in bright colours and sent donations for 'Make Some Noise'

Middle School collected £76.75 the money raised will be going to Camp Mohawk's Family Support Project.

On the 16th of November we will be having "Wear something spotty (and bring a £1) for Children in Need.



Have a great half Term everyone!

Yvonne Edwards
Head of Middle School

UPPER SCHOOL



It has been a busy and exciting half-term in Upper School. The students are really enjoying the new curriculum, which was launched with a carousel of activities linked to our 'Right Here, Right Now' project.



Launch Activities included research work around why Reading was famous for Beer, Bulbs & Biscuits. Activities about the Huntley and Palmers biscuit factory, map work with Reading Town Centre and work around local land-marks, including Woodley airfields. As part of our new curriculum project, students have also been involved in the Addington Bake-Off with results to follow next half-term!



Classes have been working hard on different gardening projects. Horticulture skills are being developed at the school green-house and allotment, at Jeallot's Hill Community Landshare and with Thrive.





Students have really enjoyed our high impact PSHE and Relationships Education programme. They have been developing their hygiene routines, how to change privacy settings and block people on social media sites e.g. Facebook, as well as how to administer basic CPR and First Aid.

Upper School Addington students have been everywhere.....we have even been expediting on Henley River! As part of the 'Right Here, Right Now'

project, students have been accessing all parts of the

community and involved in lots of different experiences.

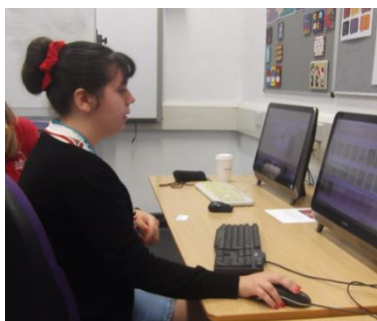
Shopping, rowing, business enterprise projects; everyone has enjoyed getting out exploring Reading and Woodley, with students travel training and using their bus passes.



Students have also catered at very high profile events, including retirement events, visit from HRH Sophie of Wessex and Woodley Business Fair.



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Students in Upper School have been very busy at college. They are taking part in sampling classes in hairdressing, ICT and art. Everyone has shown how they can be more independent, especially when using the college canteen and working with other students from college.



Upper School Team



The Creative Arts Page



Music

The start of a new school is always very exciting in the music department. Our theme this term is 'Our House' and many classes have been exploring music linked with families and where we live. They have been exploring Madness song of the same title, focussing on bass lines and unison playing. Some have been singing and signing 'Yellow Submarine' and 'We Are Family'. Our students on the access and sensory curriculum have been exploring a space theme in their sensory theatre music sessions. They have used drums, explored metallic sounds and vocalising on their adventure through space. Our younger students have been singing songs based on changes in music and sound like instrumental technique and starting and stopping.

Our instrumental lessons have all started well, with many students continuing their lessons and some students having the opportunity to try a new instrument. This year we have a new Key Stage 2 singing session leader Bimbi to welcome onto the team. There is always a waiting list for lessons but if students are interested please let us know as places can often become available over the course of the year. We have a system here of offering free lessons for students to try out an instrument and if they choose to continue these lessons are then privately funded.

Extra-curricular lunchtime clubs are also well underway, including our afterschool Theatre Club and Addington Band, which welcomes some new students this year.

We have very recently started taking part in a new project called Open Orchestras. We will be working with Doug from Open Orchestras and Jamie from Berkshire Maestros to support the delivery of this new programme.

Art

Some of our students attended a workshop at The Loddon School in Hampshire. They had great fun making small metal pieces of art using wire and aluminium as well as helping make a large wire sculpture of a person. This workshop was attended by students from The Loddon School and Brookfields and they enjoyed working with them and making new friends.

Addington were invited to take part in another art exhibition after the success of the last one in Spring 2018. Working in



partnership with The Loddon School and Brookfields, 4 gifted and talented art students have had their work displayed in a public art gallery in Basingstoke's Festival Place for one week. The students visited 'That Gallery' to see their art work and to look and comment on the other pieces of artwork being displayed.

Drama

This year, Addington are taking part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival (SSF). A small group of students have been working hard to create their own version of 'As You Like It' to perform. They attended a workshop day at the theatre, working with SSF facilitators and enjoyed playing drama games and rehearsing on the stage. Their final performance is on Friday 19th October at The Wilde Theatre, South Hill Park Arts Centre. We are very proud of them all and wish them the best of luck!



We hope you all enjoy half term!

Sean, Jules and Martin



News from the Association

Email: AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com

ADDINGTON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Dear all,

It always amazes me how quickly the school year moves on; the Association is currently looking at what we can realistically do for the festive season. Unfortunately, we don't have the helpers currently to organise and run large events so we are exploring smaller options that we can cover and raise much needed funds towards the sensory playground project.

If you are new or an existing family to the school we can always do with a few new faces to support our work and share the jobs around; if anyone is interested in joining the committee or just our helpers list please do get in touch with me, please contact me at AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com.

We are looking at having a stall at this year's Woodley Extravaganza on the 2nd December; this proved a success last year and our local community showed a lot of interest in our school. Our thanks to Jonathan Parsons for kindly sponsoring the stall. This means we start making money straight away! We also need donations to enable us to run a tombola so please get sending in any unwanted good quality gift items you may have, toiletries, biscuits, sweets, bottles, make-up. We now have our donations bin in reception so please just drop them in.

We are also very much in need of items for prizes for children's games, small toys, bottles of pop, sweets etc. Also, larger items for children's tombola. If we can collect enough we can look to have a coffee morning in school in the run up to Christmas.

We are in process of putting together our annual Christmas raffle so please send in any suitable items or if you know anyone who works for a company that would donate for this please do ask. Tickets will be sent around after half term.

A couple of bits from the end of last year: a big thank you to Suky for organising and running our very first Association Ball. The Ball was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended and both the Association and Thumbs Up Club benefited from the proceeds; almost a thousand pounds each. I would also like to thank Jason Thrower and his friend Emma for helping man the stall at the Woodley Carnival in the summer; we actually ran out of prizes for the games and sold out on the tombola. The money raised will go towards the sensory playground project.

Our thanks also to Barbi for organising and running the summer raffle and the children's disco just before this half term holiday; as a farewell Barbi donated all the tuck shop sweets. Sadly, the disco is the last event Barbi is organising for us as she heads off to what we all hope will be an enjoyable and much deserved retirement. Barbi as you know has given years to the Association; raising money for the benefit of all our children. Her support will very much be missed, although she has asked us to let her know if she can help with anything.

We will be doing a tin shake and selling Christmas draw tickets at Asda, Lower Earley on Friday 14th December, if you can help out at all during the course of the day please email us at AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com; we will be sending out a slip after term. We will also be looking for help to man our stall at the Woodley Extravaganza on Sunday 2nd December; again please email us if you can spare an hour or two. Dawn will again be organising the opportunity for your children to do mugs/cards for Christmas; watch out for details as these make lovely gifts for family members. Watch out for details of our Annual Carol Concert on Monday 17th December; our Christmas Draw will take place at the concert.

Another way you can help is to nominate us in the green token schemes at local stores, like Waitrose and Asda. Waitrose in Twyford had us as one of their charities during September and a cheque for over £200.00 will be on its way to us this month. Tell us about any fundraising opportunities you come across: if you have an idea for something or know someone who would do a sponsored event for us please get in touch. You can email us or just leave a message with schools' reception team and we will get in touch with you.

One final piece of news, back in the summer I came across an opportunity with a local marketing company for some support and I'm very pleased to say that Gasp have given us a day, actually more than a day, of their time and effort to help us launch a campaign to raise the funds for the sensory playground; we will keep you posted on its progress.

Have an enjoyable half-term holiday.

Yvonne Thrower

For Addington Association

Barbi's retirement send off

Pupils and staff (past and present) joined together on 17 October to wish Barbi Takyar a very happy retirement. Barbi is leaving Addington after over 34 years of working for us and supporting the Addington Association. She has raised money over the years for no less than 10 minibuses as well as organising hundreds of raffles, events, fairs and fundraising activities. We all wish her a very long and happy retirement and thank her on behalf of all the children and families she has helped over the years.



Barbi has asked for this message of thanks to be shared:

Hi Everyone

*As you may all know by now I have just retired from over 30 years at Addington School and I should like to take this opportunity to say a very **BIG** thank you for the wonderful send-off given to me on my retirement by both staff and parents and carers. I am very humbled at all the lovely things people have said to me. The messages/presents/cards etc. from parents/carers and staff were truly awesome.*



I have enjoyed working at Addington very much and hope that in some small way have contributed to the wellbeing and the enjoyment of the children.

The day yesterday (17th) was amazing...I thank all of you for your support....to those of you who sent me so many cards/presents and good wishes and to those of you who had a hand in organising the festivities....it must have taken you weeks of preparation and I will have some lovely memories in the book of tributes and the bunting the children have made for me...I will treasure them always.

I am sure we will meet again as I don't intend to be a stranger (I will still be attending events at Addington)...but be assured I do intend to slow down in my declining years....it will be hard, but it comes to us all in the end!!

Once again my very, very grateful thanks for everything.

Barbi





ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES
2018 - 2019

Autumn Term 2018

Staff Training - Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 September
(school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 5 September - Wednesday 19 December

Half Term: Monday 22 October - Monday 29 October (inclusive)

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3 January - Friday 5 April

Half Term: Monday 18 February - Friday 22 February (inclusive)

Summer Term 2019

Staff Training - Tuesday 23 April (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 24 April - Tuesday 23 July

May Day Holiday - Monday 6 May

Half Term: Friday 24 May - Friday 31 May (inclusive)

190 days for pupils