



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Please find attached Curriculum Letters for each year group to give you an overview of what each class will be studying this term. I have also attached for you an updated summer term diary dates list which marks two changes affecting Year 5 and these are marked in red. There is one addition, marked in blue, which is an Alban Day in support of the Cathedral in the run up to the Passio event in June. The Free School Meal letter is attached to remind parents of the benefits available for qualifying families, especially as those of you with children currently in Year 2 as they will not be receiving Universal Free Infant Meals in September, which are currently free until the end of July.

Foundation Governor

Father Richard and I are delighted to announce that we have appointed a Foundation Governor to join the Governing Body. We are now complete as Mrs Carol Borrás joins us. Many of you will know Carol as a Cathedral Warden. Carol brings a wealth of experience and expertise with regards to Abbey School as an ex parent and chair of PTA, experience of school buildings and in her spare time she is a Lay-Canon and Cathedral Warden for St Albans Cathedral, sitting on Chapter and chairing the Abbey Works Committee.

Mrs Arnold

For those parents who wish to join with the staff to say goodbye and thank you to Year 6 Teaching Assistant, Mrs Louise Arnold, there is a card in the School Office for parents to sign from today.

Latin Club Resumes

I am delighted that Mrs Nicola Loan has offered to run the Minimus Latin Club for the summer term. Mrs Loan is the mum of Marcus in Year 1. The club would be run on a Monday from either 12.30-1pm or 3.30-4pm. For those Key Stage 2 children that wish to attend, parents please email Mrs Upton your child's name and the time that would work best for you. We will announce next week what the final timings will be to meet the needs of the majority with a start date.





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Headlice

There have been a few cases of head lice this week particularly in Key Stage 1. Can I please ask for ALL children to check their children's hair before they return to school next week and treat if appropriate? This co-ordinated approach increases the chances of stopping re-infection. Anyone with hair can catch head lice. Children are most commonly affected because they tend to have more head-to-head contact while at school or during play. The risk can be reduced by having long hair tied back, as recommended for school. Thank you very much.

Can you spare an hour at lunchtime?

In June Mrs Mills (senior midday supervisor) will have a knee replacement and will obviously need time to recover. We are looking for temporary volunteers to assist the midday supervisors one day a week for a month - Friday being the most valuable day. We are looking for parents, grandparents who would be willing to be DBS checked and free from 11.50-1.05pm one day per week. Please email Mrs Upton if you would like to discuss it further.

Further Swimming Success



I am delighted to let you know that Abbey School has made it through to the National School Relay swimming championships on 20th June in Sheffield. We are definitely in the Medley relay finals (Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle), and we are 2nd reserves for the Freestyle relay.





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Last week, Jemima Samols was picked for the Year 5 St Albans team and Florie and Eilidh (pictured above) were both picked for the Year 6 team. The girls will compete at the Herts gala on the 8th May at Woodside representing St Albans against the other districts within Hertfordshire.

Key Stage 1 Football Success



Abbey School children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 who participated to the inter-school tournament last Sunday were unbeaten in eight matches at the inter-school Football Futures' tournament at SAFC Clarence Park on Sunday 26th April. The whole team played really well.

Healthy Snacks Reminder

A Government initiative entitles all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable each day, which they eat during their mid-morning break. Junior children may bring in prepared fruit or vegetables (carrot/celery etc) or a healthy cereal bar. Sweets, chewing gum, biscuits, crisps and nuts are not allowed.

Music Instrumental Lessons

Just a reminder that half a terms notice must be given in writing if you wish your cancel your child's music lesson. For an end date of the end of the summer term - written notice must be given to the School Office by end of May half term.





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Knitting Club - in need of help

We have a small group of Year 3 and 4 children who love to knit who are looking for another mum, dad, grandparent or member of the community who could allow the children to continue with their new found hobby. If you have the time and the basic skill- or know someone who might- please speak to the School Office.

I wish you all a very enjoyable weekend and bank holiday weekend. We will see you all on Tuesday 5th May.

Kind regards,

Miss Emma Fenn
Headteacher

