



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I am delighted to announce that our Year 1 teacher, Mrs Hare, is expecting her first child. Mr and Mrs Hare are very much looking forward to the baby's arrival in the middle of August. Mrs Hare's academic year with her class will not be disrupted. I am sure you will join me to wish both Mrs Hare and our Year 6 teacher Mrs Clerc, whose baby news we announced last Friday, all the very best at this exciting time in their lives.

Parents' Evening – Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th February

Parents' Evening will be held next week. **These meetings are for parents only. There will be no supervision for school age or pre-school children on site.** Appointments will run strictly on time to allow parents to organise childcare arrangements off-site, potentially with other parents. Children are not allowed to come into the hall. Mrs Tully will conduct her meetings just off the hall in the Practical Room.

How the evening will run

The evenings will take the same format as October. Parents must enter and exit via the main entrance of school where the Grove Road pedestrian gate will be open. After school football, knitting, cheer and dance and IT club will take place as normal, although children have to be collected from the external door by Year 5 and there will be no entrance via the hall. Dance and Cheer club will take place in the Year 6 classroom.

The children's books available to browse in the KS1 classrooms:

Reception classroom: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Year 1 classroom: Year 3 and Year 4
Year 2 classroom: Year 5 and Year 6

The children's books/trays should be left in the classroom. Please ensure that you are waiting in the Library in advance of your appointment time. From here the Headteacher will collect you to allow all appointments to start promptly. To keep to time, a bell will be rung to indicate the last minute of appointment time. (If at this point you feel further time is needed, please contact the School Office who will be happy to assist you in making an additional appointment after school in the following half-term.) The next set of parents will then be escorted into the hall ready to start their meeting on time.



Healthy Schools



Cross Country Championships – Saturday 6th February

This Saturday, eight Year 5 and 6 runners are taking part in a 1600m event at Westminster Lodge. These children: Hannah Barker, Amber De Souza, Iorwen Ellis, Fraser Hauser, Daniel Lambley, Jemima Samols and Lucas and Max Manning have been training hard. The Abbey School participants are all raring to go and we would all be delighted if you could come to support. The girl's race is at 1.15pm and the boy's race is at 1.30pm and will all be over within 10 minutes of the starting time. The course will be close to the athletics track on the grassed area by the football pitches.

Written by Hannah Barker and Iorwen Ellis

Abbey Netball Team against Garden Fields School

The netball team is going from strength to strength. The Year 5 and 6 girls who represented Abbey School in the netball team last week on Thursday 28th January played really well and worked together as a team. The game was played in three 10 minute thirds. The score was 1-1 after the 1st third, 4- 1 (to GFS) after 2nd third and the girls fought back to 4-4 after full time.

The girls had a very enjoyable afternoon playing netball against a strong side of boys and girls with some smooth play and skilful shooting, but best of all, great sportsmanship and team play by all players. Well done to Sophia Pole, Xanthe Elliot, Jemima Samols, Scarlet Gardiner, Mill Branston, Helena Young, Hannah Barker, Ruby Fermor and Katia Lewis.

E Safety Evening

The E Safety evening last night was excellent, although poorly attended which was a huge shame. For those of us in attendance we found the session very informative and relevant for children in Key Stage 1 and 2. The session was delivered by Kate Stockdale a County E Safety Advisor. E Safety information from the session is available at the School Office if you are interested and our school website has an E Safety Page. We are unlikely to run this session for parents again due to only two parents attending, although 15 adult tickets were sold to go towards the cost of an advisor at £300. We will continue to run E Safety weeks at school for the children and provide E Safety information for parents via the website and leaflets.

Midday Supervisory Assistant Job Opportunity

Abbey Primary School is looking for an additional midday supervisor to help with the supervision of children during the lunch break. The hours are 11.50 am to 1.05 pm at an hourly rate of around £7.30. We would be delighted to hear from applicants who would be interested in working Tuesday and or Wednesday. You would be joining a supportive team and working with well-behaved and friendly children. Please contact the School Office on 01727 851802 for further details.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Miss Emma Fenn
Headteacher