



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We were delighted to see Abbey Primary School in this week's edition of the Herts Advertiser on page 8. The featured picture is of the entire school last year in the Cathedral with the Year 6 children at the back whose high achievements helped Abbey School to be selected for the award.

Minister recognises school's excellent results





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The newspaper article read as follows:

Excellent Key Stage 2 results won two St Albans primary schools a pupil premium award and £1,000.

Nine schools in the county including Abbey Primary and SS Alban and Stephen Junior, both in St Albans, were congratulated by Schools Minister David Laws for their achievement.

The awards followed the publication of Key Stage 2 results which showed that they had made or continued to make impressive improvements in the attainment of their disadvantaged pupils. Emma Fenn, head of Abbey Primary, said: "All the staff at the Abbey school are

delighted to have been nominated for this award, which is linked to our very high SATs results.

"I am especially pleased as it particularly recognises our achievements in preparing less advantaged children for secondary school.

She added: "The Abbey school is committed to ensuring all our pupils have the same access to a first-class primary education, to provide them with a good foundation to go on and be successful in their secondary education and in life."

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening this half term will be next week on Tuesday 10th (3.40-7.30pm) and Wednesday 11th (3.40-6.00pm) February. This is an opportunity for parents to have a ten minute appointment with their child's class teacher and, if you wish, our SENCO Mrs Tully in the School Hall. **These meetings are for parents only. There will be no supervision for school age or pre-school children on site.** Appointments will run strictly to time to allow parents to organise child care arrangements, potentially with other parents, as children should not be brought to school for safety and security reasons as the front door of school will be open.

How the evening will run

The evenings will take the same format as October. Teacher's time keeping will be precise to assist parents with out of school child care arrangements. We ask that all parents enter and exit via the main entrance of school where the Grove Road pedestrian gate will be open. We are confident that Parents' Evening will provide sufficient space with regard to confidentiality and privacy for the seven teachers and the respective parents in the School Hall.

The consultation meetings will take place for all classes in the hall with the children's books available to browse in the KS1 classrooms. We politely ask that all the children's books/trays are left in the classroom.



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Classroom:	Books available for year groups:
Reception	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Year 1	Year 3 and Year 4
Year 2	Year 5 and Year 6

Please ensure that you are waiting in the Library in advance of your appointment time by a few minutes. From here, the Headteacher will collect you to allow all appointments to start not only promptly, but collectively in the hall to eliminate disruption. 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 straight 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.

Parents' Evening after school club arrangements

- Tuesday 10th February - **XLR8 Dance club** will be held in the Year 6 classroom, children can be collected from the Year 6 external door at 4.30pm.
- Tuesday 10th February - **School Football and Netball clubs** will be held outside come rain or shine; footballers will change in Year 5 and netballers will change in the girls' changing room. All children must be collected from the external Year 5 classroom door at 4.30pm.
- Wednesday 11th February - **APB Soccer School** will be held outside come rain or shine; children will change in Year 5 and must be collected from the external Year 5 classroom door at 4.30pm.
- Wednesday 11th February - **No Orchestra**
- Wednesday 11th February - **No Key Stage 1 Art Club** as club finished on Wednesday 4th February.

Site Manager Update

Our new Site Manager, Mr Colin Hollick, began this week working alongside Mr Greig until February half term. Mr Hollick will then take over the reins and has 30 years' experience managing school sites in Hemel. Mr Hollick will work from 7am-2.45pm. The school site will then be managed by Mr Andrew Chwalisz who will work from 3-6pm, and will be responsible for locking up the site. Mr Davey is still not well enough to return to work, although his treatment has now finished and he is looking forward to returning to Abbey School in approximately four months.

Kind regards,

Miss Emma Fenn

Headteacher