



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents

I cannot believe how quickly this first half of the spring term has flown by. So much has happened, not to mention two very successful parent consultation evenings. Thank you to those parents who have already returned their completed survey which invited parents to contribute your views on your Abbey School's Parents' Evening experience. Your views will help The Abbey School evaluate how we currently provide information to parents and as always look at ways we can improve our practice. All responses to this questionnaire will be treated in confidence. **Please return to the School Office by Friday 23rd February 2018.**

Cross Country Success

Last Saturday, five Year 5 and 6 runners took part in a gruelling 1,600m Cross Country Championship event at Verulamium Park. The children had been training hard with school staff as previous league fixtures had been just 1,000m.

Well done to our Year 5 girls who competed against 140 Year 5 girls, Alice Strike came in 12th position in 8.08 minutes and Georgina Hamilton came in 24th position in 8.31 minutes. The fastest time was 7.24 minutes so our girls did extremely well.

Well done to Year 5 Henry Ball who came in 27th place in 7.28 minutes. Again, Henry ran incredibly well as the fastest time was 6.41 minutes.

Well done to Year 6 Daisy Howes who came in 70th position and Zoe Tobin who came in 77th position who ran tirelessly against 124 runners competing. All children were wonderful representatives to Abbey School. Well done runners! The race day presented challenging conditions as it was very muddy but proved enjoyable!

Football Success

Well done to our football team who have had an impressive season so far, maybe one of our best! I am delighted that so many children want to represent Abbey School as part of the school football team. Abbey School puts forward the strongest team of seven children to compete in each fixture, generally facing Year 6 squads. Abbey School squad consists of a regular core of experienced players for consistency and footballers who are invited to play on a rota basis.

You can see from the results table below that our school team has had nine matches so far this season and have won seven of the matches and drawn two. Not tempting fate but we have not yet lost a match and the team is going from strength to strength.

Well done to all the boys who have represented Abbey School as part of the football team this season: Finn Ball, Henry Ball, Orrin-Oakley Carpenter, Alexander Elliott, Fadi Hanania, Daniel Heycock, Freddie Hicks, Robert Johnson, Henry Johnston, Michael Keenan, Alex Matchett, Alfie Ramsey and Oscar Roe.





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Date	Autumn 2017 Fixtures	Against	Result
Thur 21 Sept	Cross country	Colney Heath Primary School	26 th position fastest boy 26 th position fastest girls
Tues 26 Sept	Football League	Aboyne Lodge Primary School	2-5 win
Tues 10 Oct	Football League	How Wood Primary School	2-3 win
Thur 12 Oct	Football League	London Colney Primary School	0-8 win
Wed 1 Nov	Cross country	Wheatfields Junior School	36 th position fastest boy 26 th position fastest girl
Thurs 2 Nov	Netball	Garden Fields Primary School	0-6 loss
Thurs 9 Nov	Netball	Aboyne Lodge Primary School	9-0 win
Tues 14 Nov	Netball	St Peter's Primary School	5-4 loss
Mon 20 Nov	Netball	Bernard's Heath Junior School	2-1 loss
Wed 22 Nov	Football friendly	St John's CE Primary School, Lemsford	2-2 draw
Mon 27 Nov	Netball	Maple Primary School	3-2 loss
Date	Spring 2018 Fixtures	Against	Result
Tues 16 Jan	Football League	London Colney Primary School	3-0 win
Thurs 18 Jan	Football League	How Wood Primary School	4-0 win
Tues 23 Jan	Football League	Aboyne Lodge Primary School	1-1 draw
Thurs 25 Jan	Netball	Killigrew Primary School	6-6 draw
Fri 2 Feb	Football City Cup	Prae Wood Primary School	3-2 win
Sat 3 Feb	Cross Country	Championships	12 th and 24 th position fastest girls 27 th position fastest boy
Sat 3 Feb	Football Penalty Shoot Out	Aboyne Lodge primary School	5-4 loss
Mon 5 Feb	Football League	St John Fisher Primary School	2-1 win



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Netball Team

The Netball team has played six matches so far this academic year, winning one and drawing one. The results show the team going from strength to strength this season with scores getting closer and the last match was nail biting close resulting in a well-deserved 6 all draw!

Like with football, Abbey School puts forward the strongest team of Year 5 and 6 children to compete in each fixture, generally facing Year 6 squads. Abbey School squad consists of a regular core of experienced players for consistency and netballers who are invited to play on a rota basis.

Well done to all the children who have represented Abbey School as part of the netball team this season: Finn Ball, Aimee Benson, Poppy Hewitt, Freddie Hicks, Ellie Hinkins, Henry Johnston, Alice Ling, Evie Rosewell, Shannon Ryan, Pippa Samols, Theertha Senthilkumar Gandhimathi and Zoe Tobin.

Headlice Information

All of us are susceptible to catching head lice, especially surrounded by children. Children are most commonly affected because they tend to have more head-to-head contact while at school or during play. Head lice are most common in children between 4 to 11 years old. The risk can be reduced by having long hair tied back, as recommended for school uniform.

Hedrin is an effective and simple treatment that combats headlice which is available over the counter. Your child will bring home a Hedrin leaflet today which gives useful information about detecting and treating head lice. Many parents choose to opt for alternative, natural solutions in dealing with head lice, some of which can be found on the Netmums site: <http://www.netmums.com/your-child/common-childhood-ailments-nits>

Thinking Day - Thursday 22nd February 2018

On the 22nd February every year Girlguiding and Girl Scouts across the globe celebrate Thinking Day. This is when we give our thoughts to girls across the world involved in Girlguiding, as this is the birthday of Lord Robert Baden-Powell founder of the movement and Lady Olave Baden-Powell the first Chief Guide. As part of this very special day, we would like to ask members of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and any Scouting group (and any leaders) to wear their uniforms into school this one day.

Friends' Forthcoming Fundraising -Friday 23rd February 2018

90s themed Quiz Night. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

Request for Unwanted Toys for Wet Playtimes at Abbey School

Please hand any unwanted games to the School Office to distribute. The Friends will then purchase any games that are not donated.

- Lego/KNex/Geomag
- Connect 4 /Shut the Box/Mousetrap
- Cards and UNO card games
- Frustration Games
- Dominos/Jacks

Have a wonderful February half term break. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 19th February. **Please ensure your child brings a warm and waterproof coat to school every day next term.**

Kind regards

Miss Emma Fenn
Headteacher