



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents

Penalty Shootout Win

Abbey School football team enjoyed watching the Saints play Eastbourne Borough on Saturday 3rd December and the opportunity to be on the pitch at St Albans City Football Club at half time.

The penalty shootout was against Skywood Primary School and we were thrilled to win this event for the first time ever 5-4. The Saints had a good day too as they won 1-0. Well done to Ollie Arnold, Finn Ball, Henry Ball, Bradley Clarke, Ollie Colman, Sai Fisher, Freddie Hicks, Henry Johnston, Alistair Lechartier-Rutter and Freddie Roe!





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After School Club at Abbey School

Lindees, who provide our Breakfast Club, run an afterschool club here at school Monday-Friday from 3.20-5.20pm. Children can attend from 1-5 days per week, each session is 2 hours long.

The club is growing in number and we can confirm that the club will run all academic year with a view to continue into 2017/2018 as long as demand allows numbers to remain high enough to make the provision financially viable.

At this moment in time, Thursday and Friday only have three or four children in attendance and this will be supervised by just one member of Lindees staff, Jenny. Higher numbers of children will be supervised by two members of Lindees staff, such as Jennifer or Zen.

Please do get in contact with Lindees directly if this is something you think you might need now or in the future in the spring or summer term.

House Points

The children in Key Stage 2 are divided between Houses: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Key Stage 2 House Points are shared and celebrated each Friday in assembly.

The children have worked towards having the highest number of House Points each week. Congratulations to those children in Luke House who have the highest number of winning weeks and will be rewarded with a non-uniform day on **Monday 19th December**.

The children have agreed the following guidelines with me on this awarded non-uniform day:

- Long hair down? Tied up for PE/swimming
- Hair gel? Yes but not if swimming
- Fancy dress? –Yes
- Jewellery? –No
- Own shoes? –Outside only
- Nail varnish? –No
- Make up?- No
- Hair coloured? –No
- Tattoos? - No

What's On Next Week?

Monday 12 th December	'Elves and the Toymaker' theatre production to whole school
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch 11.30am – 1pm Talent Show in the afternoon (children only)
Thursday 15 th December	9.10am Weekly Abbey Service in Lady Chapel
Friday 16 th December	Carol Service in the Cathedral Nave at 1.30pm. Parents Welcome. Non ticket event. Normal pick up from school at 3.20pm



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Christmas Treeasy

Christmas Treeasy is an established company that delivers Christmas trees to your door and will even collect them after Christmas for recycling and for every tree that is ordered by an Abbey School parent, relative or friend, they will donate £3 to £5 to our school. They have been working with other schools in the area for a few years and we are delighted to be able to sign up to this initiative. Please consider using this service this year and tell your friends about it. Just remember to quote Abbey School on every order. Any questions about this initiative can be addressed to Alita Benson, a year five class rep (alitabenson@hotmail.co.uk).

Supporting RNLI

Year 6 teacher Mr Silver has asked me to remind you to save your used stamps for the Royal National Lifeboats Institute this Christmas period. We have supported the RNLI for a number of years and there is a used stamp collection box in the entrance of school, below the School Office window. There is a lifeboat collection box at the front of school and stickers available for any stamp or money donation.

Scooters for Schools

Thinking of buying a scooter for Christmas this year as a present? Please take a moment to look at this new Scooters for Schools scheme. Abbey School have registered and parents can earn money for our school with every order placed at www.micro-scooters.co.uk. Please visit the schools page where you can enter the unique school **Code: 117449**. Quote this number on the website in order to get 10% given back to our school. Every order placed quoting this code will give 10% back to school.

Message from St Albans Cathedral

With the start of Alban Britain's First Saint (ABFS) project, parking in and around Sumpter Yard will become increasingly difficult and will remain so for the foreseeable future. The wardens kindly ask members of the congregation attending services on Sundays to avoid coming into Sumpter Yard wherever possible in order to leave the little space that is available for those members of the congregation who require it for disabled access purposes.

Please note that there should be no parking at all in front of the archaeological dig (there are no longer any disabled spaces in this area), on the York flag stones alongside the Cathedral or in front of the cedar tree. There is only sufficient space for two vehicles between the cedar tree and the Chapter house. This applies at all times, whether during the day or in the evening. During the week only those vehicles with a valid cathedral permit are permitted to park within the Cathedral precincts, and then only if there is a space available. Unfortunately, if there is no space you will need to park elsewhere.

Kind regards

Miss Emma Fenn
Headteacher