



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents

Farewell Mrs Cole

Abbey School will be saying a sad farewell to Mrs Cole, our Year 5 teacher, at the end of the spring term. Mrs Cole has worked at Abbey School for ten years teaching children across Key Stage 2. Mrs Cole's last day with us will be on Friday 31st March. The new Year 5 teacher will be transitioning into Abbey School in March ahead of Mrs Cole's departure for consistency.

Mrs Cole will be greatly missed and we wish her and her son Tyler, Year 1, all the very best as they join their new school closer to home. If you wish to join with the staff in a collection for Mrs Cole a donation can be sent to the school office with the family's name so we can write the names in the card from us all. Mrs Cole will be greatly missed with her huge efforts towards her class in addition to organising the Sports Days for Key Stage 1 and 2 children and for all the work with the Bronze Ambassadors and raising the profile of sport across the school.

Staffing for September 2017

I am delighted to announce that we are fully staffed for September 2017 in all classes across the school. We will have staff returning along with new staff joining Abbey School. The governors and I have worked hard to ensure that we have teachers for every class for September, including an experienced teacher in Year 6. All arrangements are confidential until the announcement in the summer term, but I hope that this news reassures parents.

Cross Country

Last Saturday, eight 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 Hannah Read who came in 1st place and to Ruby Fermor who came in 12th position in the Year 6 girl's event out of 133 runners. Hannah, who ran the race in 6 minutes 53, 18 seconds ahead of the 2nd place runner, will go forward to represent Hertfordshire.



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Well done to Year 6 boys Freddie Roe who came in 21st place in 6 minutes 51 and to Peter Moore who came in 52nd place out of 145 runners. The race day was hard but enjoyable and a big well done goes to Ella Snailham, Frank Fermor, Henry Johnston and Finn Ball who also ran tirelessly. All children were wonderful representatives to Abbey School. Well done runners!

Thinking Day - Wednesday 22 February 2017

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 Rainbows, Brownies and Guides (and any leaders) to wear their uniforms into school this one day – Wednesday 22 February 2017.

Second hand uniform

Did you know that you can purchase second hand uniform throughout the school term? Simply collect a form from the School Office, complete it and post it in the Friends' Post Box in school, opposite the Office window. You will be contacted when your order is ready for collection. There will also be an opportunity to buy uniform at the Cake Sale on 17th March but why not order an extra fleece or jumper now to see your child through the winter? Alison Moore (parent of Peter Yr6 and Lydia Yr1)

Have a wonderful February half term break. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 20th February.

Kind regards

Miss Emma Fenn
Headteacher