



# The Abbey CE VA Primary School

**Headteacher: Miss E. Fenn**  
**Telephone: 01727 851802**  
**Website: [www.abbey.herts.sch.uk](http://www.abbey.herts.sch.uk)**  
**Email: [admin@abbey.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@abbey.herts.sch.uk)**

**Grove Road**  
**St Albans**  
**Herts**  
**AL1 1DQ**

12 February 2016

Dear Parents,

## Cross Country Championships

Last Saturday, eight Year 5 and 6 runners took part in a gruelling 1600m event at Westminster Lodge. Hannah Barker, Amber De Souza, Iorwen Ellis, Fraser Hauser, Daniel Lambley, Jemima Samols and Lucas and Max Manning all completed the course alongside 200 boys and girls in separate races. The Abbey School children ran incredibly well and supported each other through the race. The girl's team did particularly well and came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the championships and received certificates today in assembly. Hannah, Jemima and Iorwen all came in the top 29 positions and Hannah, who came 17<sup>th</sup> overall, is a reserve to compete for Hertfordshire in the National Year 6 Cross Country Championships at Belvoir Castle, Leicestershire on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

## Governor Parent Forum

The date of the next forum is **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 7-8.30pm** in the School Hall. This will be the last forum this academic year. We hope many of you will be able to attend, booking is not essential but an indication of how many people attending would be helpful. This can be done by emailing the School Office.

Questions will be taken from the floor during the Q and A session and we will endeavour to answer as many as possible. We are also happy to receive questions in advance, to be submitted by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. We cannot promise that we will answer all advance questions, but we will answer as many general questions as we can. Please email your questions to [admin@abbey.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@abbey.herts.sch.uk) with the subject **Parent Forum**. These questions will be forwarded to me on the 26<sup>th</sup>, questions sent after the 26<sup>th</sup> will not be considered due to the timescale. If you would prefer your question to be anonymous, please put your question in writing in an envelope marked **Parent Forum** and post it in the School Office post-box by the same date.

## Thinking Day

The first day back after half term, **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**, is when Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and Beavers, Cubs and Scouts celebrate **Thinking Day**. This day is celebrated all over the world and is a day when the girls and boys think about all of the other members of the worldwide organisations they have joined. Children who wish to wear their uniform to school on this day are welcome to.

## Book Week 7-11<sup>th</sup> March 2016

As shared in an earlier newsletter, we have an exciting Book Week planned for next half term, where we aim to promote the love of reading, poetry and storytelling with the children. The theme is Alice in Wonderland which celebrated her 150<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2015 and we are still enthralled by her spell - or rather, the spell cast by Lewis Carroll when he wrote this much-loved children's book in 1865. On **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March** children can come to school **dressed as their favourite book character**. The day will end with a Cake Sale baked by Year 2 and 3 parents at 3.20pm along with Usborne Book Fair.

## Lent Eucharist

Parents are welcome to join us for our Lent Eucharist on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March in the Abbey from 9.10am. Have a wonderful half term and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Miss Emma Fenn  
Headteacher

