



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Friday 19th June - Groovy Shoes and or Crazy Hair

To support Grove House Hospice we will be holding a Groovy Shoes and or Crazy Hair day. Children are invited to bring a £1 donation to support this worthy charity. Children should wear normal school uniform with their chosen shoes or crazy hair style, wig or hat. **Year 3 children must not use coloured hair spray as they are swimming that afternoon.**

Friday 19th June - Friends Association Popcorn Night 3.30-5pm

Tickets (£3.50) for this school fundraising event will be on sale from next week by the boat outside the Reception class. The U-rated DVD will be 'Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2'!

Monday 22nd June - Whole School Photograph

Every five years Abbey School has a whole school photograph taken on the school field. This will be the first photograph that our current Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 classes and myself have been in as the last one was taken in summer 2010. The photograph will be taken in the morning and it is important that all children are present that day to be included. The next photograph will be in 2020!

Whole School Photograph - Uniform

Children must wear correct, clean and smart school uniform for the photograph. Girl's socks should be white, boy's socks should be grey. Girls may wear either skirt/pinafore dress/trousers/tailored shorts and polo shirt, or a light blue and white checked summer dress. Polo shirts **must** be worn with the school cardigan or sweatshirt. Fleece are not to be worn for the photograph. The only badges to be worn on the sweatshirt, jumper or summer dress are the Abbey Shields.

Girl's hair accessories must be in line with school uniform rules, and therefore tied back with white or blue accessories. All school shoes must be clean, black and polished as these may be visible in the photograph.





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Sunday 14th June - St Albans Half Marathon

Our thanks to Friends Association members Louise, Steve, Claire, Berit, Kevin, Monica and Rebecca who will be getting up early on Sunday morning to help Marshall the 5k and 1.5 mile fun runs for the St. Albans Half marathon. Last year this raised £400 for our school.

Saturday 20th June - Alban Pilgrimage

Children are invited to be part of the colourful Alban Pilgrimage on Saturday 20th June. There are lots of costumes to fill and flags to hold. Registration on the day is at 10.30am at the Cathedral. This Sunday is the last Sunday for children to sign up for the Pilgrimage procession. Parents can fill in the form after the 9.30am Eucharist on Sunday or download it and fill it in here: <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/whatson/the-alban-pilgrimage/children-at-the-alban-pilgrimage>

Father Kevin is still looking for volunteers to steward the children - please contact Carol Borrás on 07730 718617 if you can help, and finally the Cathedral are also missing childrens' stewards T shirts - please return any you may have from last year this Sunday.

Yesterday's Alban Day here at school raised £158.75 to support St Albans Cathedral in its major development project, 'Alban, Britain's First Saint: Telling the Whole Story.' We have donated this amount online and are thrilled to see we were the first to support, please go to www.mydonate.bt.com/events/albansangels for more information.

Wednesday 24th June - Key Stage 2 Summer Music Evening

Our annual Summer Music Concert will be held on Wednesday, 24th June, from 7pm - 8pm approx. in the School Hall. This is a non-ticket event and I am looking forward to watching the entire Year 3 class perform, showing us what they have been learning during their Wider Opportunity recorder lessons, as well as performances by the school orchestra, choir and solo performances.



Saturday 27th June - Summer Fair

The Summer Fair is on Saturday 27th June from 12-3pm. We hope that you will all be able to attend and support. **Friday 26th June will be a non-uniform day** to support the Summer Fair. Children may come to school in non-uniform in return for bringing in a bottle for the bottle tombola or a large bag of sweets.

Raffle Tickets to support the Summer Fair have been sent home with your children this week (3 books per family). If these could be returned as soon as possible. Cheque payments are welcome and should be made out to "Friends of Abbey JMI School". A named tin will be left in the school library to deposit any monies in sealed envelopes OR preferably post into the Friends post box.

Hampers Donations - We are making up two hampers for the raffle this year and are asking for families of children in all years to contribute to these. Our preference is for a small cash donation so we can purchase a few more substantial items but would also be grateful for items to



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be included in the hampers (see attached letter). Please place donations in an envelope marked 'Hampers' in the Friends' Postbox on the wall in reception opposite the School's office this week.

Pre-Owned Toys and Books - The pre-owned toys and book stall are always very successful and this would not be possible without your support. Donations of books (not children's) and pre owned toys especially dressing up/dolls and accessories/action men/transformers will be gratefully received from next week.

Thursday 2nd July - Home- baked cake sale and second-hand uniform sale

This term it falls to Year 5 and 6 parents to bake and provide the delicious homemade nut-free cakes. The Friends are always grateful for donated uniforms to go into the second-hand uniform sale. Please hand in unwanted, clean uniform items for the next Cake and Uniform sale to the School Office. We welcome all kinds of items in good condition, especially items with the school logo or sports hoodies and Reception aged clothing that new parents may be able to purchase in advance of September. Those of you who are current Year 6 parents, without younger siblings, who will no longer have a need for your child's uniform we would happily rehome any items that are of good condition, with life still in them at the end of the term.

Thursday 2nd July - Year 6 Leavers Disco

The annual disco for Year 6 pupils and their parents will be on Thursday 2nd July from 7-9pm. This is a free non-ticket event and Mr Silver and I are looking forward to seeing all the children in the school hall enjoying the disco and entertainment, whilst the Year 6 parents enjoy a glass of wine in Year 5 classroom or on the field if the weather is fine. The disco will be supervised by volunteer Year 5 parents and wine and crisps will be provided by the Friends' Association to say thank you to the children and parents for their support to the Friends' Association over their child's time in school. Please feel free to bring a bottle.

Sickness bug

Unfortunately, there is a sickness bug going around Key Stage 1 and 2 which has caused several children to be off school today. We wish those children a speedy recovery and remind parents that children must be 48 hours clear since their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea before their return to school to avoid the bug spreading.

Best wishes,

Emma Fenn
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