



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents

Children in Need

£179.67 was raised today by the children dressing in spots, stripes or as a super hero for Children in Need.

Reading booklet for parents

Children in Reception to Year 6 will come home with a reading booklet, devised by the teachers, in their school bag today to assist parents with hearing their children read. We hope you find this a useful resource. A copy can also be found on the school website in the curriculum section.

Final volunteer meeting

The volunteer meetings held this week were very successful. Parents wishing to help in school must attend a Volunteer Meeting. We will discuss the Volunteer Policy, code of conduct, Child Protection and Miss Felstead will discuss strategies to use when hearing children read and supporting learning. The meetings will last 45 minutes and there is no need to book. The final date is Friday 20th November at 2.15-3pm.

Pipework project update

I am pleased to say that our school pipework project is well underway and running smoothly. Our contractors are long established St Albans Building Engineering Services Contractor Arnold James Ltd. They are proud to have secured the contract for renewal of the School Heating System at our School. With over 50 years of experience working within Schools they will be installing the new system over the next 6 months whilst keeping the School fully operational and maintaining the current heating system.

School carpark

Please can I remind parents that there is **no parking in the school carpark** during the school day or at the end of the day. **Cars must not block other cars** in as on Tuesday Mr Morgan and I were not able to leave with the football team as we were blocked in by several cars. Tuesdays and Wednesdays are particularly congested days in the carpark due to increased staff numbers on these days, in addition to the contractors van in one space. Until the summer term, when the pipework is completed, we are not in a position to offer temporary parking vouchers for parents with new-born babies in the school carpark due to the congestion currently experienced and the associated risks.

Football team success

Once Mr Morgan and I were able to leave the school carpark on Tuesday our afternoon went from strength to strength. Not only did the school football team score its first goals of the season, but we actually won our first match 4-2 against Camp School.





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The parents watching and the squad were delighted with the result and are all looking forward to their next match on Tuesday. Well done to the boys who played in this week's match: Ollie Arnold, Oliver Chow, Bradley Clarke Ollie Colman, Henry Johnston, Daniel Lambley, Alistair Lechartier-Rutter, Charlie Robinson and Freddie Roe.

Photo-story Competition - Illuminating Life: Personal Encounters.

Rothamsted Research is delighted to bring to your attention this initiative as part of the Institute's celebration of the International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies, 2015.



Illuminating Life: Personal Encounters is **free to enter** and has three age categories: **7 to 10 years, 11 to 14 years and 15 to 18 years**. Recognising a camera as a piece of light-based technology the entrant's brief is to take an **original** image of life, in the form of plants, animals or landscapes. A brief description of the life encountered **must accompany** each photograph submitted. Entrant's photo-stories will be judged on the basis of the photo's **originality** and the **imaginative description** of the theme of the picture taken. Photographs from smart phone devices are accepted.

The closing date is **Monday 30th November** for online submissions to the competition. The winner, runner-up and highly commended entries, in each category, will be announced at an Awards Ceremony at the Rothamsted Conference Centre on Sunday 6th December. All entrants, will be invited to attend this event, and are in with a chance of winning some great prizes sponsored by the Royal Society of Biology and Keyphoto. For full details, including details on how to make a submission, please see: <http://www.rothamsted.ac.uk/events/illuminating-life-photo-story-competition>.

Sibling Application Reception 2016-2017

The online application system for a Reception place from September 2016 opened on Monday 9th November. If you already have a child here at school and you would like to make an application for a Reception 2016-2017 place for a sibling, please submit a Supplementary Information Form, and hand this to the School Office as well as making an online application by 15th January 2016. A sibling application would fall under Category 3.

A Supplementary Information Form (SIF) can be downloaded from the school website where it can be found under the tab 'Admissions' or alternatively, one can be obtained from the School Office. With sibling applications, there is no requirement for a Cathedral Form for Applications 2016-2017 to be signed by Father Richard Watson. Allocation day will be 18th April 2016.

I wish you all a nice weekend.

Kind regards

Miss Fenn
Headteacher