



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents,

So much has happened at Abbey School in the last few weeks that I do not know where to start... A wonderful Sports Day was had by all with 210 children competing in two races and parents being 'Good Sports' sprinting to the finish line, making their children proud!

The Key Stage 2 Summer Production of 'The Rocky Monster Show' was a huge success and our Year 6 children shone on the stage, supported by ninety children in Years 3-5 singing and dancing their hearts out.

The annual reports to parents were sent home last Friday, highlighting the children's strengths and next steps with a celebration of fantastic Year 6 end of Key Stage 2 results.

Last night Abbey School looked amazing as parents and children enjoyed the opportunity to walk around every classroom, looking at work on display and at our Art Exhibition in the hall focusing on 20th Century artists.

In the middle of all of this we also had an Alban Day Eucharist (see photo) and a record breaking Summer Fair. Yes that's right...record breaking as the Friends Association raised a staggering £5,940.82.

This money will go towards the donations made to our school to assist us with resources for the children. Over the summer holiday we plan to replace the classroom blinds, funded by the Friends from the Summer Soiree and purchase new Smart Screens for selected classrooms. A huge thank you to all of the Friends and parents who helped with or attended the Summer Fair from myself and Chair of the Friends Association, Shirley Anderson.

Save the Date:

The next school fundraising social event for parents will be on **Saturday 30th September 2017**.

The Late Summer Event is in the early stages of planning and more details will follow but we want you to put the date in your diary before the summer holidays.



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Abbey School Governing Body

The governing body has three main core functions:

STRATEGIC

Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school

ACCOUNTABLE

Holding the Head Teacher to account for the school's performance, acting as a critical friend

FINANCIAL

Overseeing the school's financial performance and making sure money is well spent

Who is on the Governing Body?

The Abbey School Governing Board is made up of at least thirteen people, the majority of who must be Foundation Governors:

- 2 x Foundation Governors (appointed by the Diocesan Board of Education)
Nikki Loan & Linda Marchment
- 5 x Foundation Governors (appointed by the Cathedral)
Katie Wright, Carol Borrás, Gayle Ball, Robert Raine & newly appointed Foundation Governor James Stebbing
- 2 x Parent Governors (elected by parents)
Myf Hopkins & Laurence Perrin-Rees
- 1 x Local Authority Governor (appointed by the LEA)
Debbie Gupta
- 1 x Foundation Governor ex officio
Father Richard Watson
- 1 x Head Teacher
Miss Fenn
- 1 x Staff Governor
Miss Felstead

Introducing our newly appointed Foundation Governor:

We welcome James Stebbing as our newly appointed Foundation Governor. James lives in St Albans with his family, who are regular members of the Cathedral congregation. James is an experienced governor, formally a governor at Watford Grammar School for Boys and prior to that sat on the Academy Council of Oasis Academy South Bank in Lambeth.

James is the Senior Legal Counsel of the Rugby Football Union, and heads up the legal function, providing strategic and advisory support to the organisation on a range of issues including commercial, corporate, Employment/HR, data privacy, and dispute resolution. Safeguarding also sits within his team and he has responsibility for reviewing the more serious cases and issuing barring orders

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House Points

The children in Key Stage 2 are divided into Houses: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Key Stage 2 House Points are celebrated each Friday in assembly with Miss Felstead. The children have worked all half term towards having the highest number of House Points each week.

This term the winning Houses are **Matthew, Mark and John** who have all received two winning weeks and all the children in these three Houses have earned a non-uniform day on **Wednesday 19th July**.

Luke House has had a very successful run of three consecutive non-uniform days earlier in the year and received one winning week this half term. The children have agreed the following guidelines with me on this awarded non-uniform day:

- Long hair down? Yes
- Hair gel? Yes
- Fancy dress? –Yes
- Jewellery? –No
- Own shoes? –Outside only
- Nail varnish? –No
- Make up? – No
- Hair coloured? –No
- Tattoos? – No

Latin club- in need of assistance

We are looking for a mum, dad, grandparent or member of the community who can run the beginners Latin Club for the autumn term for Year 3 and 4. The Year 5 and 6 Latin Club will be run by parent and Abbey School governor, Nikki Loan, who would be able to assist any interested parties in leading the beginners club. If you have the time and skill (ideally A Level Latin level!) - or know someone who might please speak to the School Office.

Swimming Success

In June, the team from St Albans District won the overall Rosebowl trophy at the 2017 Herts Primary Schools Inter-District Swimming Champs. Our very own, Amandine Geurts from Year 6 was part of this team and she won the Girls Medley relay and the cup for the fast Medley relay and won the Year 6 Girls trophy. What a result!

Abbey Sports Team Kits- please return

Can we ask that all Key Stage 2 running vests, football kits, netball kits, Abbey sports jackets and any 40A or 40B blue t shirts/vests be returned to school on Monday please.

Goodbye and Farwell

Next week we will say goodbye to teachers, Mrs Berry, Mrs Kynaston and Mrs Brooks. We wish all the ladies the very best and they will be greatly missed. We thank them for all their hard work at Abbey School.

Autumn Term 2017

School resumes for the next academic year at 8.55am on Tuesday 5th September.

District Sports - Day Two 'Track Events'

Congratulations to our Key Stage 2 District Sports squad who competed over two weeks against sixteen St Albans schools of a similar size. Twenty four children in Year 3-6 were chosen to represent their school following trials in sprint, relay and long distance track events and high jump, long jump and throw field events. Below is a summary of Day Two where eighteen children competed. Well done to all the children who competed and represented their school so ably.

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District Sports Event – Day Two	Abbey School competing girls	Abbey School competing boys	Results highlights summary
Shuttle relay Yr 3/4	Micah Keelson Gabby Read Sedona De Silva Alice Strike	Henry Ball Robert Johnson Michael Keenan Rowen Ryan	The girl's team came first in their heats and the boys team came second in their heats. The girl's team came third overall in the finals.
Yr 6 100m sprint	Amandine Geurts Sai Fisher	Alistair Lechartier- Rutter Ollie Colman	Sai finished in fourth position in her heat. Alistair sprinted into the finals and came third overall.
Yr 5 100m sprint	Daisy Howes Seren Weaver	Nathan Beetlestone Henry Johnston	All four children ran determinedly in their heats.
Yr 4 80m sprint	Micah Keelson Alice strike	Henry Ball Robert Johnston	Alice came first and Micah came second in their heat. Alice came in second position overall in the finals.
Yr3 70m sprint	Gabby Read Sedona De Silva	Michael Keenan Rowen Ryan	Gabby came first and Sedona came second in their heat. Gabby came in second position overall in the finals and Sedona came fifth overall.
4 x 100m Yr 5/6 relay finals		Alistair Lechartier- Rutter Ollie Colman Nathan Beetlestone Henry Johnston	The boy's team competed in the finals after coming second in the heats the week before.
600m Yr 6	Ruby Fermor	Freddie Roe	Ruby came in third position and Freddie came fifth out of 16 runners, running a lap and a half of Westminster Lodge athletics tack.

Year 6 Leavers Disco

On Monday Year 6 enjoyed their final Friends event at school. The annual Leavers Disco, whilst their parents were invited for wine and nibbles. This event is run, and paid for, by The Friends' Association to mark the end of their time here at Abbey School. The night was enjoyed by all.

We will all be thinking of our Year 6 as we say good bye to them next week.

Have a wonderful summer.



Miss Emma Fenn
Headteacher

