



# The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents

## Assessment Information

Following the introduction of the new National Curriculum for Years 1-6 and new assessment and reporting arrangements the staff have compiled helpful parent packs of examples of Age Related Expectations (ARE) for children in Year 1-6 and for each subject. Attached to this newsletter you will find the ARE document relevant to your child. This is not an exhaustive list and is purely a guide to help parents see suggested 'I Can' Statements that the staff would expect to see accomplished in school consistently by the end of the year as we make our judgements to assess the children. Not all of the 'I Can' Statements have to be met to assess your child as working at ARE as it is best fit.

At the end of each term in Years 1-6 (including in the summer annual report to parents), the teachers will assess the children's level of attainment using the phrases:

- **Securely within ARE**
- **Working broadly within ARE**
- **Working below ARE**
- **Working above ARE**

The examples of ARE are designed to help parents understand how to help their child at home. These documents are not designed for children.

## Parents' Evening – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (Yr 6 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>)

Parents' Evening will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Appointments can be made from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 7am and will close on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7am. Please visit <https://abbeyprimaryschool.parenteveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointments.

**These meetings are for parents only. There will be no supervision for school age or pre-school children on site.** Appointments will run strictly on time to allow parents to organise childcare arrangements off-site, potentially with other parents. Parents will more than one class teacher will not be able to specify which teacher they see. All the job share teachers will read from jointly written notes. All parents will take home a paper copy of the notes the teacher is reading from to assist parents supporting their child at home.

We politely ask that children do not come into the hall as seven appointments will run simultaneously and children may affect the quality of the discussions taking place.





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## How the evening will run

The evenings will take the same format as last previous years. Teachers' time keeping will be precise to assist parents with out of school child care arrangements. We ask that all parents enter and exit via the main entrance of school where the Grove Road pedestrian gate will be open. **There will be no orchestra on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.** After school Dance and Cheer club on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October will take place in the Year 6 classroom, although children will have to be collected from the external door by Year 5 and there will be no entrance via the hall.

The consultation meetings will take place for all classes in the hall with the children's books available to browse in the KS1 classrooms:

<b>Reception classroom:</b>	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
<b>Year 1 classroom:</b>	Year 3 and Year 4
<b>Year 2 classroom:</b>	Year 5 and Year 6

We politely ask that all the children's books/trays are left in the classroom. Please ensure that you are waiting in the Library in advance of your appointment time by a few minutes. From here the Headteacher will collect you to allow all appointments to start not only promptly, but collectively in the hall to eliminate disruption. To keep to time, a bell will be rung to indicate the last minute of appointment time. (If at this point you feel further time is needed, please contact the School Office who will be happy to assist you in making an additional appointment straight after school in the following half term.) The next set of parents will then be escorted into the hall ready to start their meeting on time.

## Cross Country Team Success

Abbey School have competed in two events recently against small and large St Albans primary schools. The squad of 13 Year 5 and 6 boys and girls have run 1KM with determination and should be proud of their placing out of over 120 runners in each race. Year 6 children Hannah Read has won both events and Sia Fisher has come in as our second fastest girl in both events coming in the top 20. Our fastest boy in both events has been Peter Moore. Well done to all our sportsmen and women who have represented our school: Year 6 - Hugh Edwards, Fraser Hauser, Ella Snailham, Ruby Fermour. Year 5 - Henry Johnston, Finn Ball, Nathan Beetlestone, Dominic Tanner, Daisy Howes and Pippa Samols.

## Former Abbey Pupil in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Former Abbey Primary School pupil, Asha Banks, is currently performing in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in the West End. We have listed the dates below in case any families want to book tickets to see Asha perform before the show ends in January 2017. Asha is playing a lead part of Violet Beauregarde and I have been told that she blows up as a giant blueberry in the second Act.

OCT: 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>  
NOV: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
DEC: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>

Kind regards

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