



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Year 6 SATs

Well done to our 30 Year 6 children and their team of staff: Mrs Tumber, Mr Silver, Mrs Arnold and Mrs Johnston who have successfully completed the gruelling four day SATs testing in reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar and maths. Our testing process was moderated at all stages on Tuesday by an external moderator who gave us a glowing report, especially on how well prepared our Year 6 students were and therefore how confident they were in tackling the papers.

May Ball

We are all looking forward to Saturday's fundraising ball. Thank you to the Ball Committee: Shirley Anderson, Gayle Ball, Sophie Banks, Jane Beedle, Sarah Bryan, Kathleen Collier, Angie Colman, Tracey Hicks, Jackie Johnston, Sarah Matthews, Helen Pitman and Wilma Rix for all their hard work. Thank you also to those parents who are supporting the school by attending the ball, those who have offered promises and those who have bid on promise items. We are fundraising to purchase additional wooden playground equipment which would be situated opposite the existing wooden equipment between Key Stage 1 and 2 playgrounds.

Classroom Soundfield System

Earlier this year the Friends agreed to fund a Soundfield system into the Year 2 classroom, our most open plan classroom. This system not only fixes speakers to the classroom walls, but enhances communication between the teacher and children to improve the learning experiences for all. One Year 2 child described "It feels like the teacher is next to you at all times!" Due to the success of this audio system, which is similar to the original system in Reception, we approached the Friends to fund the Soundfield system in Year 3 and 4, which they have agreed to do as these classrooms have a mezzanine level. The systems will be installed at May half term, including a roaming microphone for the children to use to amplify their responses. The Friends support is only possible due to your support at our Friends fundraising events such as Cake Sales, Christmas Fairs and Popcorn Nights. **The next Popcorn Night will be on Friday 19th June 3.30-5pm.**





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Friends Association Treasurer Needed

The Friends Association is in need of a treasurer to take over from Louise Hewitt in September. Our thanks to Louise for all her hard work as treasurer over the last few years. The treasurer could shadow Louise in the second half of the summer term to see how the Summer Fair is organised. The treasurer would need to be able to attend the Friends meetings which take place each half term from 8pm at school. Duties would involve: counting monies, writing cheques, providing floats for the fair stalls and providing a short treasurer's report. If you think this is something that you could support the school with, please speak to Louise, Steve Samols or myself. Thank you to all the Friends for their continued support and thank you as ever to Steve Samols who has agreed to stand as Friends Association Chair for another year.

Notice for Year 4 and 5 Netballers

Advance warning that sadly Helen, our netball coach, will not be able to continue into the autumn term as she will be teaching fulltime at a local school. She has however found a replacement coach from her adult netball team who will continue to run the club in September for Year 5 and 6 girls. Sadly, the only day after school the new netball coach can offer us is Friday from 3.30-4.30pm. I know that this change of day may not be ideal for all the girls. If your daughter is a keen netballer who cannot attend the after school club but could play in matches not held on a Friday then please me know.

Latin Club Resumes

I am delighted that Mrs Nicola Loan has offered to run the Minimus Latin Club for the summer term. Mrs Loan is the mum of Marcus in Year 1. The club will run on a Monday from 12.30-1pm. The club will begin on Monday 18th May in the Year 5 classroom.

Can You Spare an Hour at Lunchtime?

In June, Mrs Mills (senior midday supervisor) will have a knee replacement and will obviously need time to recover. We are looking for temporary volunteers to assist the midday supervisors one day a week for a month - Friday being the most valuable day. We are looking for parents, grandparents who would be willing to be DBS checked and free from 11.50-1.05pm one day per week. Please email Mrs Upton if you would like to discuss it further.

Knitting Club - in need of help!

We have a small group of Year 3 and 4 children who love to knit who are looking for another mum, dad, grandparent or member of the community who could allow the children to continue with their new found hobby. If you have the time and the basic skill- or know someone who might- please speak to the School Office.





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This club could run at lunchtime from 12.30-1pm, but not on a Monday due to room availability if it is a wet lunchtime now that Latin Club has resumed.

Reception Chicks

We have said goodbye today to our freshly hatched chicks in the Reception class. The chicks supported the children's learning with their Farm topic and the children have enjoyed learning about the lifecycle of a chick. The chicks have grown rapidly and are ready for their new home. Photographs are now on our website.



KS1 Lunch Choices

We have had the new menu from Herts Catering Limited up and running for a month now, however, if your child would like to adjust their menu choices this can easily be adjusted. Please email Mrs Upton if your child would like to make any changes.

Christian Aid Week

This week is Christian Aid Week and all children have been sent home a money envelope to support this wonderful charity. If you feel you would like to make a contribution you can return these to the School Office by the end of next week and we will return them to Christian Aid on your behalf. Many thanks.

Lost Jewellery

A silver coloured bracelet has been found on the school grounds. Please speak to the School Office if this belongs to you or your daughter.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Kind regards,

Miss Emma Fenn
Headteacher

