



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents

The Year 6 children and accompanying staff are looking forward to a dry week away in Norfolk next week. Weather forecasts at this time do look dry, but that Norfolk breeze has proved bracing in recent years. I am accompanying the staff and Year 6 children and in my absence Deputy Headteacher Miss Felstead will be acting Headteacher from Monday-Friday next week. Miss Felstead can be contacted via the School Office using the email address admin@abbey.herts.sch.uk and she will aim to make an initial response to any letters/emails within two working days, if not sooner in an emergency.

Half Term

A reminder that the school finishes for half term on Friday 26th May at 3.20pm. The final half term resumes on Tuesday 6th June.

At the end of this half term we will be saying a sad farewell to Teaching Assistant Mrs Kotecha who has worked with us for four years. Mrs Kotecha has provided one to one support, small group and whole class support which has been invaluable for the children. We wish her all the very best for the future and thank her for her hard work.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mr Ramsay who has taught Year 5 this half term. We thank him for all he has done and I know the children will miss him. We are fully staffed for September and all teaching staffing arrangements for 2017/2018 will be announced on Friday 26th May.

Choristers' Tour to Madrid

Seventeen St Albans Cathedral choristers, including Year 6 John-Ellis Wallace, Henry Lawrenson, Year 5 Nathan Beetlestone, Alexander Crook and Year 4 Matthew Seera, are travelling with the Cathedral Choir on Friday 26th May for a five day tour. They will be staying in Madrid and performing three evening concerts in Madrid, Segovia and Alcala de Henares (where Catherine of Aragon was born). On the Sunday they will be singing Mass on Sunday at the Real Inglesia de San Andres Apostol. The part of the tour I think they're most looking forward to is a tour of the Bernabeau Stadium! Good luck boys and enjoy this very special experience.

Car Park Safety

Can I remind parents to keep to the path around the edge of the carpark for safety, rather than walking through the carpark as cars accelerate to drive towards the top of the car park.

Fidget Toys

Children should not bring toys to school, this includes fidget toys and Sainsbury's Lego cards. Only children with permission from the SENCO can use school approved classroom aids to improve concentration. These are not used on the playground and used discreetly in class.

Kind regards

Miss Emma Fenn
Headteacher

