



# The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the summer term here at school. This terms clubs list was published in the last week of the spring term and it can be found on the school website. Last term's Book Week photographs are now available on the school website and a display of them is underway in the school library.

We have welcomed Mrs Kynaston and Mr Ramsay as our new teachers for the Year 5 class for the entire summer term. We are now fully staffed for both the summer term and onwards into the next academic year. We have also welcomed five new children, one new child in each class from Reception-Year 4 making each of these classes complete. Reception class have welcomed Emily Keelson and her sister Joelle has joined Year 3 and Micah has joined Year 4. Year 1 has welcomed Seren and Eirian's brother Morgan Weaver and Year 2 has been completed with the arrival of Lexi Kynaston.

We have a very busy term ahead and the diary dates for the entire term will be electronically sent to you early next week. This is an especially important term for our Year 2 and 6 children who will undertake end of Key Stage SATs assessments in May.

## Absence Requests

I have had a large number of requests for authorised absences already this week for appointments/events during the summer term. Authorisation can only be given **if there are exceptional and unavoidable circumstances which warrant it**. When making a request our policy asks for requests to be made at **least two weeks in advance**, where possible, to allow the headteacher time to assess the request. If making a request, please add as much information as to why the request is exceptional and include all relevant details. Our policy states that **no absences will be authorised in the weeks leading up to SATs in May in the Summer Term for children in Years 2 and 6**.

## Latin club- in need of assistance

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





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## **School Garden- In need of assistance**

Miss Dunn, Year 3 teacher, is looking for any parent volunteers who would be interested in assisting in the school garden with her or the children. Clearing and weeding of the garden would obviously be involved too! Miss Dunn is interested in volunteers with availability on a Thursday morning from 9-9.45am. If you have the time and the interest please notify the School Office.

## **Abbey Sports Team Kits- please return**

This term the Key Stage 2 children look forward to the District Sports where the children will be assessed and the selected for field and track events to compete against local schools. Mr Morgan and the class teachers will select the children who sprint the fastest or throw the furthest for the events which have strict age and number of entrant guidelines. **Can we ask that all running vests, football kits, netball kits, Abbey sports jackets and any 40A or 40B blue t shirts be returned to school on Monday** to ensure we have enough kit for the children to wear.

## **St Albans Half Marathon**

We have been called upon to help promote our St Albans Half Marathon Schools Challenge. The 2016 event raised a huge £24,000 for local charities and we thank you for the part many of you played in this.

The half marathon will be on Sunday 11th June 2017, the school with the highest percentage of its pupils entered into the 1.5mile Fun Run will win a cash donation! This is a non-school organised event and parents can register online at [www.stalbanshalfmarathon.co.uk](http://www.stalbanshalfmarathon.co.uk).

**You will be asked for our school name in the registration form. Entries close on Tuesday 6th June at 11:59pm but please note the event sold out before the closing date last year so we recommend you register early! Entries will NOT be taken on the day.**

The St Albans Half Marathon Event offers something for everyone, catering to all ages and abilities, with the Half Marathon, Walking Half Marathon, 5k Race and 1.5 Mile Children's Fun Run. The event is community focused, donating all profits to local charities and organisations, it also is hosting a Runners Village full of free activities to keep the whole family entertained! So why not plan a lovely family day out and help us to win the prize! Attached you will find a leaflet advertising the School Challenge.

I hope you and your family have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards

Miss Emma Fenn  
Headteacher