



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the summer term here at school. We have a very busy term ahead and the diary dates for the entire term will be electronically sent to you early next week. The summer term clubs list was published in the last week of term but we attach it again to this newsletter for your information.

The children have settled back into school really well and Year 4 enjoyed an interesting school trip to Hatfield House this week as part of their Tudor history studies and Year 3 are looking forward to going into London next Wednesday with staff to visit the British Museum as part of their Roman and Ancient Greece topics.

Road Safety

Mrs Upton and I met today with Val Male from the Safe and Sustainable Journeys Team from Herts County Council. We asked for new and improved signage and road markings for our school and Grove Road to reduce the speed of cars using Grove Road as a cut through and to improve children's safety as they come to and from school. Fingers crossed we see some of our suggestions implemented. **Can I ask parents not to park on the curb, double yellow lines or anywhere that blocks the pavement for children.**

Mrs Tumber

Many of you will remember Mrs Tumber, one of our deputy headteachers and last year's Year 6 teacher, who commence her second maternity leave last July. Mrs Tumber has been the fulltime deputyhead since 2008 until the birth of her first child when she became part-time and Miss Felstead joined Mrs Tumber in this important leadership role. Now with two small children and Mrs Tumber living outside of Hertfordshire she has made the decision to not return to work until the children are a little older. This decision has been very hard for Mrs Tumber to make as she has loved working at Abbey School for the last 8 years. We wish her all the very best and thank her for everything she has done to support the school.

School Fund Contribution

Following my School Fund letter on the last day of term 80 families have already made a donation through Schoolcomms gateway or set up a standing order. This support is gratefully received. We have 158 families on roll so it is wonderful to see that 50% of families have already supported us in this way. We appreciate that families support us in multiple ways through donations such as these, volunteering their time and supporting Friends events such as the Sponsored Bounce next Friday. Support in every way is vital. If families wish to make a financial contribution and have not had a chance to do so yet we have attached the School Fund letter again for your reference.

Sport Relief

In support of Sport Relief last half term the whole school ran 225miles! Nearly all children ran a mile and Year 2 and above averaged roughly 2 miles, with some running three.



Healthy Schools



Cathedral Alban Angels

We have received thanks from St Albans Cathedral for being a part of the Alban's Angels appeal and fundraising for an Alban Angel. 550 angels were donated and over £35,000 has been raised towards the Alban, Britain's First Saint project. As you know, we were delighted to fundraise for the very first Alban Angel which has now been returned to school and is displayed on our prayer table in the front of school.

Key Stage 2 Music photographs

Earlier this year The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music sent a photographer to Abbey School to photograph some of our junior musician with their instruments for their publicity for Music Medals.

Mrs Price and I are thrilled with the photographs, there are some really gorgeous photographs and they are well worth a look. Please copy and paste the link into the Internet, the password is trumpet to gain access to the photographs. <http://tomwellerphotography.zenfolio.com/abrs21-10-15/h61A03FB1/slideshow#h60f8a2e5>

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Fenn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miss Emma Fenn
Headteacher