



# The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents,

## Year 6 School Journey

The Year 6 children embark on their annual residential school journey to West Runton in Norfolk immediately after half term for four nights and five days. The children will be accompanied by myself, Miss Felstead and Miss Raw. In my absence, Mrs Tumber will deputise for me Monday-Thursday and Mrs Clerc on the Thursday afternoon and Friday.

## Staffing Arrangements for Reception and Year 3 during School Journey

The Reception class will be taught by regular supply teacher to Abbey School Mrs Easby. Mrs Easby will be supported by Mrs Duffin our Early years Practitioner and Teaching Assistant Mrs Clarke. Mrs Easby knows the Reception class well and will follow Miss Felstead's planning.

Year 3 will be taught by Mrs Tumber Monday-Thursday, Mrs Cole will teach Year 3 on Thursday afternoon and Mr Silver will teach Year 3 on Friday. All the teachers know the Year 3 class extremely well and will follow Miss Raw's planning.

## Inset Day

Just a reminder that there is no school for children on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015 as it is an Inset day for teaching staff.

## May Ball

Saturday's May Ball was a wonderful evening from start to finish. Thank you to everyone for all their hard work. If all the monies pledged are paid we will have raised in the region of £11,000 for the school. More details to follow after half term.

## Key Stage 2 Production

We are pleased to announce that this year's Key Stage 2 summer production is 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'. The children will journey into the depths of Sherwood Forest and discover the hilarious truth behind the legend of Robin Hood in this brand new musical comedy, from the writer of last year's summer production, Pirates of the Curry Bean.

The Year 6 children will have the speaking parts and all junior classes will participate in the production. All 120 junior children will be needed in school at 6pm on Wednesday and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>



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and 9<sup>th</sup> July for a 6.30pm start and an approx. finish time of 8pm. The Wednesday night performance will be filmed by Steve Batt again to allow parents to enjoy the performance and purchase a nonprofit making DVD of the performance to treasure. The governing body and I have decided that the retiring collection from the summer production will be donated to the Oxfam Nepal Earthquake Appeal, given the success of the May Ball.

### **Orchestra Perform with St Albans Rehearsal Orchestra**

Thirteen members of the school orchestra joined with the St Albans Rehearsal Orchestra on Monday evening to play some of our recent pieces in a workshop together. The children who took part were extremely enthusiastic and worked very hard. It was good to have siblings, parents and past pupils playing alongside us as well. Members of the adult orchestra made a point of telling Mrs Price how impressed they were not only with the standard of playing, but with the politeness, friendliness and enthusiasm of our children. Towards the end of the rehearsal we had the opportunity to play the same pieces under the Bulgarian professional conductor and composer, Martin Georgiev.

I hope you have a pleasant half term. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June on my return from the Year 6 School Journey. The staffing arrangements for September 2015 are in the process of being finalised and will be shared with parents as soon as they are confirmed.

Best wishes

Emma Fenn  
Headteacher