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Dear Parents

Abbey School Book Week 12th-16th March 2018

We have an exciting Book Week planned where we aim to promote the love of books, reading, poetry and storytelling with the children. Please see the table below.

World Book Day Vouchers

Each child has been sent home today with a World Book Day voucher which they can use from 26th February until 25th March 2018 for one free £1 World Book Day book or get £1 off any book or audio book worth £2.99 or more at St Albans WH Smiths or Waterstones. www.worldbookday.com.

We have also produced an **A5 booklet for parents** to assist with sharing stories with their child which will be in your child's school bag which we hope you will find of interest.

Monday 12th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Pango Mango whole school assembly • Professor Pango Mango workshops for each class • Book Week reading, writing and art activities based on an award-winning illustrated picture book about self-determination and unexpected friendship
Tuesday 13th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Pango Mango whole school poetry assembly • Professor Pango Mango workshops for each class • Book Week reading, writing and art activities based on an award-winning illustrated picture book about self-determination and unexpected friendship
Wednesday 14th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Week dressing up day- Children can come to school as a person, character, animal or item from the Bible or depict a Bible story (see ideas section below) • Hilary Graetorex performance for Years 3-6 'The President's Perfect Plateful' • Book Week singing with Mrs Price • Book Week RE session inspired by the children's costumes • Book Week assembly (One prize per class for the best costume to win a £5 book voucher from the Friends' Association)
Thursday 15th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lent Eucharist in the Cathedral Crossing 9.15am – all welcome • Hilary Graetorex performance for Years R-2 'Elves and the Shoemaker'.
Friday 16th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Week reading, writing and art activities based on an award-winning illustrated picture book about self-determination and unexpected friendship • Book Week competitions





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Book Week Dressing Up Day

For Book Week this year we are having a theme to our dressing up day. Children and staff can come to school as a person, character, animal or item from the Bible or depict a Bible story.

I introduced this to the children today in assembly and attached to this newsletter you will find the images I showed the children to help inspire their ideas which you might want to use to help you and your child plan what they would like to come as. The children wowed me in assembly with their suggestions of coming as the Bible itself, bread and wine or the Last Supper table and there I was suggesting angels, soldiers, stars, donkeys or animals from Noah's Ark! Dressing up is always optional and if children would rather not participate they can come to school in their school uniform as normal.

Why the Bible?

Did you know that the word Bible means books? The Bible is a book of books, sixty-six different sacred scriptures composed by forty authors. The Bible contains stories, letters, history and laws written over a period of approximately 1,500 years. The Bible is widely considered to be the best-selling book of all time, selling approximately 100 million copies annually.

This ties in with the fact that Abbey School, along with all schools in Hertfordshire, have a new Herts Agreed Syllabus for the teaching of RE based on eight areas of learning:

Beliefs and practices

Sources of wisdom

Symbols and actions

Prayer, worship and reflection

Identity and belonging

Ultimate questions

Human responsibility and values

Justice and fairness

All Abbey School teachers have recently received training and implemented new Religious Education material to assist with the teaching of Christianity called 'Understanding Christianity' and we have used this to plan a rich RE curriculum that covers each of the eight areas of learning alongside the other five main world faiths: Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism.

New Sub Dean

Reverend Abigail Thompson will be formally installed as Canon and Sub Dean of St Albans Abbey on Saturday 24th February 2018.

We are looking forward to meeting Abi on Thursday in our weekly Collective Worship in The Lady Chapel. The School, Green and Faith Council have written questions that they will be asking her in a Q and A session to get to know her.

Lent Eucharist - Thursday 15th March 9.15am

Parents are welcome to join us for our Lent Eucharist on the 15th March in the Crossing which will be led by our new Sub Dean.





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Songs of Praise

Songs of Praise were filming in St Albans Abbey on Wednesday as part of their focus on their Palm Sunday programme. The Cathedral invited us to take six children to walk the Palm Sunday route with the procession donkey 'Harry' and Mother Sally which will be broadcast on Palm Sunday, 25th March.



Request for Unwanted Toys for Wet Playtimes at Abbey School

Please hand any unwanted games to the School Office to distribute. The Friends will then purchase any games that are not donated.

- Lego/KNex/Geomag
- Connect 4 /Shut the Box/Mousetrap
- Cards and UNO card games
- Frustration Games
- Dominos/Jacks

Easter Activities

Please see attached flyer for Easter holiday activities for children run locally.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Miss Emma Fenn
Headteacher