



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Herts Advertiser School Awards 2015

Congratulations to Miss Felstead and Mrs Moorhouse who have been short-listed as 'Finalists' in this year's School Awards. Nominations are made by parents for this annual event and we all have our fingers crossed for Wednesday's awards presentation held at Oaklands College. I feel very proud of all my staff and it is wonderful that staff have been recognised in this way. Good luck ladies as you represent Abbey School!

Popcorn Night

Thank you to everyone who helped with Popcorn Night from selling tickets, buying supplies, setting up, buying tickets, supervising and clearing up! It was a great effort and enjoyed thoroughly by all the children. Popcorn Night raised a fantastic £237!

National Swimming Finals

On Saturday a team of five Year 5 and 6 girls travelled to Ponds Forge pool in Sheffield to represent Abbey School. They were one of three schools chosen to represent the East of England in the medium-sized schools category and were one of a handful of state schools to be lucky enough to reach the finals of the competition. Most competitors were from independent schools with their own swimming pool facilities and regular team practice.

The Freestyle Relay team consisted of captain Florie, Eilidh, Iorwen and Jemima. The team swam faster than their qualifying time and came 19th in the country and were the 3rd highest placed state school in this event, behind St Dominic's of Harpenden, and Myrtle Park School.

The Medley Relay team consisted of captain Eilidh, who swam the Butterfly leg, Florie (backstroke), Beth (breaststroke), and Jemima (freestyle). Again the girls went faster than their qualifying times but this time went fast enough to reach the A finals and were the only state school representatives in the final. They finished 8th in the country and resulted in being the fastest state school team in the country. We are all very proud of the girls and of how well they have worked as a team, fingers crossed for next year!

Wednesday 24th June - Key Stage 2 Summer Music Evening

Our Summer Music Concert will be held tomorrow from 7pm - 8pm approx. in the School Hall. This is a non-ticket event and I am looking forward to watching the entire Year 3 class perform, showing us what they have been learning during their Wider Opportunity recorder lessons, as well as performances by the school orchestra, choir and solo performances.





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Summer Fair Notices

Friday 26th June will be a non-uniform day to support the Summer Fair. Children may come to school in non-uniform in return for bringing in a bottle for the tombola or a large bag of sweets.

Saturday 27th June - Summer Fair

The Summer Fair is this Saturday from 12-3pm. We hope that you will all be able to attend and support. The School Band will perform and should arrive at school by 11.45am, no school uniform needed. The School Band will play from 12.00-12.15pm.

Hampers Donations - We are making up two hampers for the raffle this year and are asking for families of children in all years to contribute to these. Our preference is for a small cash donation so we can purchase a few more substantial items but would also be grateful for items to be included in the hampers. Please place donations in an envelope marked 'Hampers' in the Friends' Post-box on the wall in reception opposite the School Office by Friday.

Raffle Tickets to support the Summer Fair have been sent home with your children. If these could be returned by Friday. Cheque payments are welcome and should be made out to "**Friends of Abbey JMI School**". A named tin will be left in the school library to deposit any monies in sealed envelopes OR preferably post into the Friends post box.

Pre-Owned Toys and Books - The pre-owned toys and book stall are always very successful and this would not be possible without your support. Donations of books (not children's) and pre owned toys especially dressing up/dolls and accessories/action men/transformers will be gratefully received.

Key Stage 2 Production Tickets

Tickets for the Key Stage 2 performance of "Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies" are now available from the School Office. Tickets are free. Initially, each KS2 family is entitled to two tickets (either two for Wednesday **or** two for Thursday **or** one for each night) which will allow everyone a fair chance of obtaining tickets for the performance of their choice with a hall capacity of 160 seats. The hall has a fire safety capacity and only those parents with tickets will be allowed entry to the performances. Children of any age will require a ticket to watch the performance. Any remaining tickets will be available on a first come, first served, basis from 8.45am on Tuesday 30th June, with a maximum of two further tickets if available.

Best wishes,

Emma Fenn
Headteacher