



# The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents,

## Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening this half term will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> (3.40-7.30pm) and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> (3.40-6.00pm) February. This is an opportunity for parents to have a ten minute appointment with their child's class teacher and, if you wish, our SENCO Mrs Tully in the School Hall. **These meetings are for parents only. There will be no supervision for school age or pre-school children on site.** Appointment slots will be displayed in the School Hall from **8.45am Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January** for parents to sign up. Appointments will run strictly to time to allow parents to organise child care arrangements, potentially with other parents, as children should not be brought to school for safety and security reasons as the front door of school will be open.

## Parents' Evening - Special Educational Needs Teacher Appointments

Parents can make an appointment to see Mrs Tully even if their child does not have specific special educational need, but you wish to discuss any concerns or questions you might have. Mrs Tully is available to meet with parents of children she works with on a weekly basis or who have a Learning Passport by booking an additional appointment with her on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Mrs Tully will conduct her meetings just off the hall in the Practical Room.

## How the evening will run

The evenings will take the same format as October. Teacher's time keeping will be precise to assist parents with out of school child care arrangements. We ask that all parents enter and exit via the main entrance of school where the Grove Road pedestrian gate will be open. We are confident that Parents' Evening will provide sufficient space with regard to confidentiality and privacy for the seven teachers and the respective parents in the School Hall.

The consultation meetings will take place for all classes in the hall with the children's books available to browse in the KS1 classrooms:





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Classroom:	Books available for year groups:
Reception	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Year 1	Year 3 and Year 4
Year 2	Year 5 and Year 6

We politely ask that all the children's books/trays are left in the classroom.

Please ensure that you are waiting in the Library in advance of your appointment time by a few minutes. From here, the Headteacher will collect you to allow all appointments to start not only promptly, but collectively in the hall to eliminate disruption. To keep to time, a bell will be rung to indicate the last minute of appointment time. (If at this point you feel further time is needed, please contact the School Office who will be happy to assist you in making an additional appointment straight after school in the following half term.) The next set of parents will then be escorted into the hall ready to start their meeting on time.

## Parents' Evening after school club arrangements

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February - **XLR8 Dance club** will be held in the Year 6 classroom, children can be collected from the Year 6 external door at 4.30pm.
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February - **School Football and Netball clubs** will be held outside come rain or shine; footballers will change in Year 5 and netballers will change in the girls' changing room. All children must be collected from the external Year 5 classroom door at 4.30pm.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - **APB Soccer School** will be held outside come rain or shine; children will change in Year 5 and must be collected from the external Year 5 classroom door at 4.30pm.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - **Orchestra** will finish at 3pm.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - **No Key Stage 1 Art Club** as club finished on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

## Curriculum Information to Assist Parents

The teachers have been busy uploading useful information onto the school website and the Curriculum section of the website may prove very interesting for parents: <http://www.abbey.herts.sch.uk/parent-information/curriculum/> . This link will provide you with the curriculum letters for each year group, long term planning overview for each year group and long term planning overview for each curriculum subject. We want to make the school website a useful tool for parents and we aim to keep it up to date so it can be used as a first port of call for queries and information.

## Would you be interested in after school Lindees childcare?

Parents who would be interested in Lindees Breakfast Club running a similar arrangement after school must identify their interest to Mrs Upton in the School Office by half term. To make the arrangement viable 3 or 4 children per day would need to commit. If there was enough parental interest Lindees would transport the Abbey children to their base which is opposite Batchwood Golf Club at Batchwood School. Childcare could be provided until 6pm Monday-Friday. See Lindees website for information about what they offer [www.lindees.co.uk](http://www.lindees.co.uk) .



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## Site Manager Update

We will sadly be saying goodbye to Mr Greig at the end of this half term. Mr Greig has been a great help to the school in Mr Davey's absence. Mr Greig has a new permanent position in a school closer to home to commence after February half term. Mr Davey is still not well enough to return to work, although his treatment has now finished and he is looking forward to returning to Abbey School in approximately four months. A new temporary Site Manager will begin in February to work alongside Mr Greig for the last two weeks of this half term.

## Year 5 and 6 Young Voices Concert

Wednesday will see Year 5 and 6 children singing as part of a mass choir at London's O2. The children have been busy learning the various songs with Mrs Price and we are sure that it will be a night for the children and their parents to remember.

## Cool Milk for Key Stage 2 Children

Parents who wish to purchase milk for their Key Stage 2 child to drink at morning break, can register and pay with Coolmilk. They can be contacted by telephone on 0844 8542913 or online: [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com). Parents need to register by a Tuesday in order for their child to start receiving milk the following week.

## Friends' Events

- **Quiz Night:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February in the School Hall 7.30pm onwards (tickets only)

The Friends' Association are once again holding their annual quiz night on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Please sign up with your class representative as tickets are now on sale, either as a pre-organised table (no more than 10 per table please) or as individual tickets.

Tickets are £10 per person and the fun quiz is open to all, so please feel free to bring along friends and family. Mrs Price's parents are back by popular request to run the quiz again for us. Ticket price includes either meat chilli or a vegetarian option (ordered in advance) and a baked potato. A licensed bar will be available.

- **School Ball:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at St Albans School (tickets only)

Kind regards,

Miss Emma Fenn

Headteacher