



# The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. Lots of information is included in this newsletter so please take some time to read so that you are aware what is happening.

Before half-term we had an E-safety week in school and a booklet for parents can be found on the E-safety page of the school website. Years 5 and 6 children are coming home with a NSPCC E-safety booklet for parents.

Next week we will be saying farewell to Teaching Assistants Mrs Eames and Mrs Curran. They will both be greatly missed, Mrs Eames has played an important role not only in the classroom but has also organised all the sporting fixtures for KS2. Mrs Curran has worked across the school as a Teaching Assistant and as an administrative assistant to the School Office. We wish them all the best.

### Parent Governor Forum- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

Following on from last year's successful introduction of Parent Governor Forums the governing body have planned two dates to put in your diary. The first forum for this academic year will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March in the school hall from 7.30-8.30pm. The content of this meeting will focus on academy status and the vision and values for our school. The governors would like parental involvement in this important aspect of our school as we revisit it. We will share the School Development Plan objectives for the year ahead. The summer term forum will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 7.30-8.30pm. We hope to see many of you in attendance and it is a wonderful opportunity to meet members of the governing body, many of which are new this year.

### Sponsored Bounce - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Our next Friends' Association fundraising event will be a 'Sponsored Day' on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Please return your child's signed Bounce Form as soon as possible, ideally by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

### Abbey School Book Week 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> March 2017

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

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' performed to KS2 by Hilary Greatorex for Years 3-6.</li> <li>• Acting Up whole school assembly</li> </ul>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Pango Mango animal themed workshops</li> <li>• Year 5 and 6 to Marlborough School to see a production of Aladdin</li> <li>• Professor Pango Mango whole school assembly</li> </ul>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Pango Mango animal themed workshops</li> <li>• Book Week singing with Mrs Price</li> </ul>





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Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book Week dressing up day – come as your favourite book character. (One prize per class for the best costume to win a £5 book voucher from the Friends' Association)</li> <li>• Normal Abbey School Collective Worship in the Cathedral</li> </ul>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Pantastic' Performance of traditional tales to KS1 by Hilary Greatorex. A tale of twisted knickers from traditional tales and fairy stories for Reception, Year 1 and 2.</li> <li>• Cake Sale 3.20pm (Year 2/3 parents to donate cakes)</li> </ul>

## World Book Day Vouchers

Each child has been sent home today with a World Book Day voucher which they can use from 27<sup>th</sup> February-26<sup>th</sup> March 2017 for one free £1 World Book Day book below or get £1 off any book or audio book worth £2.99 or more at St Albans WH Smiths or Waterstones. [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)



## Cathedral Choir Fundraising Quiz Night – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm

The Cathedral Choir will be going on tour to Spain in May 2017. The Choir and their parents are trying hard to raise funds to support them with this venture. The quiz night will be held at Fleetville Junior School with tickets costing £10 available from [e.pazziaworthy@btinternet.com](mailto:e.pazziaworthy@btinternet.com) there will be a raffle, licensed bar, bring your own picnic and a prize for best Spanish-themed table!



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## **Lent Eucharist - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 9.15am**

Parents are welcome to join us for our Lent Eucharist on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March in the Crossing.

## **Weekly Abbey School Collective Worship in the Cathedral**

It is wonderful that so many parents and younger brothers and sisters come to share in our special weekly service in the Abbey. The Lady Chapel is just right for all the school to be together for worship but the high ceilings and open space make the sounds carry and the staff and I are concerned that noise distracts those children who read the lesson or lead any prayers.

It is important to encourage the children and build their confidence so if any of the younger children at the back are disturbed, perhaps parents could take them out for a little while until they are settled.

Parents are welcome to attend and sit in the back two rows organ side and back three rows opposite to allow all the children and staff to sit down. We do politely request that parents allow the school children to remain in their class line and order as they process up and down the aisle to ensure that the staff can supervise the children easily allowing parents to wave from their seat. The aisles and walkways must be clear of parents and prams so that the children could be evacuated if necessary.

## **Red Nose Day - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March is Red Nose Day for those children who wish to dress in red and/or wear their red nose for a £1 charity donation. Year 5 children must not spray their hair red as they swim in the afternoon.

## **St Albans Film Festival**

Submissions are now open for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual St Albans Film Festival. If any children wish to submit a form then please visit - [http://stalbansfilmfestival.com/submityourfilm\\_over.php](http://stalbansfilmfestival.com/submityourfilm_over.php) . The deadline for submissions is 30th April 2017.

## **Holywell Hill Bridge Update**

We have been in touch with Highways and they apologise for the delay in the repairs and are aware of the dangers for pedestrians. They have assured us that the works should be done by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. If not, Highways have asked us to get in contact with them again, which we will.

## **Request for Unwanted Toys for Wet Playtimes at Abbey School**

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

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

Kind regards

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Headteacher