



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the summer term here at school. The summer term diary dates are attached to this newsletter and provide a comprehensive list of everything we have planned for our very busy and exciting term. Please print them off and refer to them as the term progresses. Paper copies are available outside the School Office.

School Photographs - Monday

The school photographer will be with us on Monday. Each class will have a photograph taken, as well the football and netball team members who have represented the school, orchestra and choir.

- Children must wear correct and smart school uniform for the photographs. Girls socks should be white, boys socks should be grey (no holes please!). Girls may wear either a skirt and polo shirt, or a light blue and white checked summer dress. Polo shirts should be worn with the school cardigan or sweatshirt.

Girl's hair accessories must be in line with school uniform rules, and therefore be white or blue.

- All school sports uniforms need to be washed, ironed and brought back to school first thing Monday morning if you have not done so already. This includes football kits, netball kits, athletics t-shirts, tag rugby T-Shirts etc.
- **Orchestra members will need their instruments in school on Monday.**

Meeting for Year 6 parents - Tuesday

There is a meeting for Year 6 parents on Tuesday 28th April at 2.45-3.20pm at school. The meeting will be in the Year 6 classroom and run by Mrs Tumber and myself for parents to hear about the summer term Sex Education curriculum and for parents to ask any questions about the sessions.





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SEN Information Report Parental Feedback

Thank you to those parents who completed our questionnaire sent out before the Easter holidays. 15 families responded.

Of the 15 responses;

- 100% of parents agreed with Question 1- The report uses clear language and is easy to understand.
- 100% of parents agreed with question 2 - The layout of the report is clear.
- 100% of parents agreed with question 3 - The report answers all the questions fully.
- 93.3% of parents agreed with question 4 - The report covers everything I would want to know as a parent.

A parent of a child with a Learning Passport stated, *"The Learning Passport is much easier for our child and ourselves to use, they are able to take more control of their learning."*

Other parents stated, *"It shows that all pupils are treated as individuals with interventions tailored to them and their needs."*

"It helps provide a holistic view of the care provided for SEN children."



Football Success

The first week back has seen great football success in an annual 6-a-side football tournament preliminary round where our Year 6, 5 and 4 boys Oliver Chow, Ollie Colman, Joe Joe Colman, Daniel Lambley, Josh Lima, Ben Hawker, Alistair Lechartier-Rutter represented the school. The boys played four matches and won three 1-0, 1-0, 2-0 and drew one match 0-0. We played against Colney Heath, St Peters, Prae Wood and St Alban & St Stephen. We came top overall and have now qualified for the finals at Colney Heath this Saturday at 9am. The squad will be joined by Ollie Arnold and Freddie Roe as two of the boys are unable to play. On Saturday the boys will play another four or five matches against some of the 12 top football teams in St Albans.





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Wednesday sees a similar tournament for younger boys with a team comprising of Year 5, 4 and 3 boys. Best of luck to all our footballers!

Staffing News

Mr Davey has now completed his treatment and will return to work with increasing hours. Mr Davey will work alongside Mr Hollick and Mr Chwalisz for the next six weeks until he resumes his post fulltime. Look out for Mr Davey working from 3-6pm, starting next Monday, and then increasing by an hour each week. Many thanks to Mr Hollick and Mr Chwalisz who have allowed us to keep the school running smoothly and assisting Mr Davey with his transition.

We will be sad to say goodbye to Year 6 Teaching Assistant Mrs Louise Arnold who will leave us on Wednesday 20th May after twenty years connection with the school as a volunteer and then 12 years as a member of staff. Mrs Arnold is looking forward to spending more time with her family and will keep strong links with the school assisting us with her mathematical expertise. Mrs Arnold will support her Year 6 class through their SATs tests with Mrs Tumber and Mr Silver for the last time this half term. Mrs Arnold will be greatly missed.

Healthy Snacks Reminder

A Government initiative entitles all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable each day, which they eat during their mid-morning break. Junior children may bring in prepared fruit or vegetables (carrot/celery etc) or a healthy cereal bar. Sweets, chewing gum, biscuits, crisps and nuts are not allowed.

Music Instrumental Lessons

Just a reminder that half a terms notice must be given in writing if you wish your cancel your child's music lesson. For an end date of the end of the summer term - written notice must be given to the School Office by end of May half term.

Knitting Club - in need of help

We have a small group of Year 3 and 4 children who love to knit who are looking for another mum, dad, grandparent or member of the community who could allow the children to continue with their new found hobby. If you have the time and the basic skill- or know someone who might- please speak to the School Office.

Latin Club - in need of assistance

Mr Barnes has been running the Year 3 and 4 Latin Club for the last two terms and is looking for a mum, dad, grandparent or member of the community who can run the club for the





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summer term. Mr Barnes is able to come back and run the club in the autumn term. If you have the time and skill (ideally A Level Latin level!) - or know someone who might- please speak to the School Office.

I wish you all a very enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Emma Fenn
Headteacher

