



# The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear parents

We are delighted to announce our Year 6 Bronze Ambassadors and Sports Leaders who will be working closely with Mrs Cole to organise various sporting events for Reception - Year 6 each term. These events will be planned by the Bronze Ambassadors and then led by the Bronze Ambassadors and Sports Leaders.

Bronze Ambassadors			
Ben Hawker		Beth Barker	
Sports Leaders			
Mark	Lydia Edwards	Luke	Islay Meadows
Luke	Asha Banks	Mark	Florie Geurts
Mark	Aidan Tanner	Luke	Abbey Simpkin
John	Rebecca Seary	Matthew	Joe-Joe Colman
Matthew	Allie Snailham	John	Charlotte Ramsey

## Supporting the homeless

Captain Ralph from the Harpenden Salvation Army visits us for Collective Worship each term and entertained the whole school last week with a wonderful magic trick to emphasis Trust. Captain Ralph told me that in the run up to Christmas sleeping bags and blankets are much needed for the homeless who are not lucky enough to receive a bed from charities such as Open Door.

If you have upgraded your camping equipment over the summer holidays the Salvation Army would be grateful of sleeping bags and blankets and put them to good use. Captain Ralph would pick the items up from our school. I know we are all looking to get ready for Bags2School after half term, but blankets and sleeping bags would be much appreciated and can be left in the School Office.





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## **Bags2School**

Earlier this week your Bags2School plastic bags were sent home. The collection will be Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 8.50am. Please do not bring bags after this date. You can bring your bags the day before 3-4pm or before school on the Thursday. Abbey Friends' would like to thank parents, children and staff for their continued support for this fundraiser. Simply by collecting together unwanted textiles from home, family, friends and neighbours, we can raise significant amounts of money for our school!

Bag2school is a business which collects good quality and clean second hand textiles to sell on to wholesalers in Eastern Europe, where items are sorted and sold to market traders at affordable prices. They give us money based on the weight of the items (£5 per 10kg), so the heavier the bag, the more money we get.

## **Next Friends Meeting**

The next Friends meeting will be held at school in the School Hall at 8pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November and all parents are welcome to attend.

## **Poppies**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November is Armistice Day, and the children and staff will observe a minute's silence. The Year 6 children will sell poppies on behalf of the Poppy Appeal after half term for a donation and children may wear their poppies securely attached to their school uniform. Children should bring their donation in a named purse or envelope and give it to the class teacher. At the start of the day.

## **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Dress in spots**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need Day, as always we would like to support this fantastic charity and children may dress in spots on that day, in return for a minimum £1.00 donation. Children should bring their donations into the classroom and hand them to their teachers. Children may choose to wear their own clothes with as many spots as possible or wear their normal uniform with just one spotty item...the choice is theirs!

## **Extreme weather conditions**

Thinking ahead, with potential future unpredictable weather conditions, our large and complex school site can make the start of the day difficult in ensuring the school is not only open but safe for children, parents and staff. On days when we experience snow and icy conditions the school will always endeavour to clear pedestrian walkways to the school building.

If the conditions are severe, the entire school site may not be cleared in time for 8.45am. On these occasions we will ensure that the pedestrian walkways to the front door of school via the pedestrian gate at Grove Road and the pedestrian gate at Lady Spencer Grove are clear for the start of the day.

With such a large and complex site we cannot always guarantee that the pathway from the Abbey Orchard gate is safely cleared in time, as parents and children walk across two playgrounds and it encompasses many flights of steps. Health and safety is always a priority



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and our flights of stairs could prove dangerous in adverse conditions. I hope you can understand that we have parents and children's safety in mind at all times if we do not open all three entrances to school. On such days, any assistance from parents is much appreciated, even from 7am or 8.45am.

To help you plan your journey to and from school on snowy and icy days it is best to rely on the clear access points of Grove Road and Lady Spencer Grove. Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we try to provide a safe learning environment for your children.

### **Midday Supervisory Assistant Job Opportunity**

Abbey Primary School is looking for an additional midday supervisor to help with the supervision of children during the lunch break. The hours are 11.55 am to 1.10 pm at an hourly rate of £6.50. We would be delighted to hear from applicants who would be interested in working any day of the week. You would be joining a supportive team and working with well-behaved and friendly children. Please contact the School Office on 01727 851802 for further details.

### **Giant African Snails**

The School Library is the proud owners of two giant African snails. We are looking for a rectangular glass tank (with a lid!) to give them a larger home. If you have a spare empty tank that you are happy to donate to school please speak to Mrs Johnston or the School Office.

### **St Albans City Youth FC**

St Albans City Youth FC is hosting a half term Football Camp at Highfield Park next week, Monday to Friday 9.30-3pm (£9 per day in advance or £10 on the day; or £40 for the week). Please see attached flyer. The quality of coaching is very high, and the days are well structured. Booking can be done online [www.cityyouthfc.co.uk](http://www.cityyouthfc.co.uk) or just turn up on the day.

### **Footballs' Future**

Mr Morgan, our Sports Coach, is running a holiday football club here in the grounds at school during October half-term. The holiday club is suitable for children aged 5 to 11. Please click on the link below if you would like more information.

<http://www.footballs-future.com/shop/stalbans/>

### **APB Football club**

There has been a little confusion with the finish time of this KS2 after school football club on a Wednesday. I can confirm that it finishes at 4.20pm, not 4.30pm.

### **Morrisons Let's Grow Vouchers**

Morrisons supermarket have started their annual 'Let's Grow' voucher scheme which allows for schools to save up for gardening equipment for children at school. If you are given any vouchers when shopping at Morrisons, we would be grateful to receive them. There is a collection box in the front of school.



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I hope you all have a wonderful half term and I look forward to seeing you all at 8.55am on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The after school clubs will resume the first week back.

Kind regards

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Headteacher