



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents

The Parent and Governor Forum on Wednesday proved to be a real success and during the evening I shared the School Development Priorities for the year. The next Forum will be on Wednesday 9th March 2016 7-8.30pm.

The staff and governing body have set the priorities for the current academic year in the form of the School Development Plan. I wanted to take this opportunity to share the main priorities with you. We are constantly looking at ways to improve the school site, our curriculum and our practice. I hope you will find it useful to see the direction the school is heading this year. Progress towards these priorities will be monitored and reviewed by staff and governing body.

Abbey School Development Priorities for 2015-2016

PRIORITY AREA	SUCCESS CRITERIA/ACTIONS
Assessment and reporting arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective assessment procedures in place • Prepare children and parents for new Year 2 and 6 assessment procedures • Revised reporting to parents • Parent Consultations moved to later in the term to provide more accurate information to parents • Teachers target set in July 2016 ready for September 2016 • Purchase new Literacy and Numicon resources • Moderation in school and with other schools
Embed staffing structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers new to year group are familiar with policies and procedures and have access to relevant training • New subject leaders have a good understanding of their role and their area across the school within the SDP or subject specific Action Plan • Teachers develop curriculum opportunities to liaise with governors • Portfolios of assessed work produced for moderation • Esafety and Computing staff training organised • Esafety evening organised for parents • Effectiveness of Esafety evaluated with pupil voice interviews



<p>Promote best possible outcomes for all groups of learners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote increased proportions of pupils at ARE in maths and above ARE in writing at the end of KS1 in 2016 • SEN, EAL and disadvantaged pupils to make progress in line with non-vulnerable group children • Narrowing gaps for disadvantaged children • Narrow gaps between boys and girls in Years 1, 2 and 3 • Year 3 children who in Year 1 and 2 did not reach the required phonics standard be supported to make rapid progress • Challenging targets set for all year groups to meet ARE with a target for 85% at ARE in RWM • Year 1 phonics screening check – pass rate target of 90%
<p>Continue to promote high standards and challenge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued promotion of high standards, given changes to national assessments • End of KS2 targeted for 85% RWM • SEND register reflects needs of cohorts and pupils make demonstrable progress • Maintaining high quality teaching and learning in view of significant changes to staffing structure • Broadly 85% or more on track for ARE by end of each year group in reading, writing and maths • 90% of pupils or more making expected progress or better • Provide parents with resources to support reading, maths and handwriting at home
<p>Developing the school's Distinctive Christian Character</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abbey School Christian Values embedded • British Values underpin the Curriculum • 2013 SIAS church school inspection areas for development actioned • Collective Worship to be driven by more pupil involvement • Faith Council involved in evaluation of RE and Collective Worship in the School
<p>Developing the Governing Body</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to raise the profile of the Governing Body • Monitor Parent View responses and results of questionnaires • Hold two Parent Forums to better understand the results and to improve communication with parents and ways to support parents with their child's learning • Subject governor to liaises with the subject coordinator to discuss the subject action plan, curriculum and policies • Joint class visit with the coordinator and the subject governor • Succession planning for future governing body membership • Statutory duties carried out: the impact of teaching on learning and progress, H&S & monitoring Performance Management systems and safeguarding

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 4th December

In preparation for the Fair, children can wear non-uniform to school on Friday 4th December in return for a donation of a bottle of wine or similar for the bottle tombola or a smart box of sweets/chocolates for tombola prizes.

Christmas Fundraising at the Christmas Fair Saturday 5th December 12-3pm

Our Christmas Fair promises to be a festive fun day for all the family! Please do come along and look out for our Year 6 Young Apprentices and of course Santa Claus is coming to town!

To tempt your taste buds there will be a variety of tasty treats to buy such as cakes and hog roast baps. All of the money raised at the Christmas Fair will go towards the Friend's Association fund raising target to upgrade our school facilities for the children. So far this term the Friends' Association have funded a Soundfield system in the Year 5 and a new set of 16 laptops for the entire school.

The Giving Machine

The giving machine, provides a free way to contribute to our fundraising whilst shopping online. You join for free and choose up to four causes to support. You generate commissions by shopping online (they work with over 1,500 retailers including Amazon, Play.com, John Lewis, eBay, Sainsbury's and Next). They convert your commissions into donations for your chosen causes. You're raising funds for free! <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk>

- **Raffle tickets** have been sent home today with your eldest child and a purple tin is in the school library to deposit any monies in a sealed envelope OR preferably post into the Friends post box in the school entrance. CHEQUE payments are welcome - cheques made out to "**Friends of Abbey JMI School**".
- **Hamper contributions** - money donations by Friday 4th in an envelope in Friends post box or luxury Christmas food item or new toy. (see attached letter)
- **Donations of books and pre owned toys** especially dressing up/dolls and accessories/action men/transformers.
- **Christmas Fair Bake Off** - Cakes - 6 per entrant - 1 to be judged, 5 sold at fair. Prizes for taste, decoration and originality.
- Class reps signing up volunteers - **please help!!**

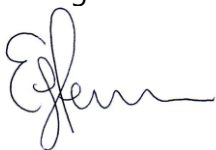
Midday Supervisory Assistant Job Opportunity

Abbey Primary School is looking for an additional midday supervisor to help with the supervision of children during the lunch break. The hours are 11.50 am to 1.05 pm at an hourly rate of around £7.30. We would be delighted to hear from applicants who would be interested in working Tuesday and or Wednesday. 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.

Please see the next page for **a day-by-day account of everything that is happening in school up to Christmas** to assist you at this busy time of year. You will also see classroom alterations due to the pipework. These alterations will have minimum impact to the children.

I wish you all a nice weekend.

Kind regards



Miss Emma Fenn
Headteacher

	Christmas Events in School	Classroom Alterations
Monday 30 th November	Volunteer meeting for parents 11.15am Christmas tree arrives	Year 2 in IT suite Year 2 enter/exit via Yr1
Tuesday 1 st December	Year 4 Carol Service in the Cathedral 10.30am Dress Christmas tree Football match - Mandeville	
Wednesday 2 nd December	No orchestra Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm	
Thursday 3 rd December	Abbey School Advent Eucharist 9.15am Helpers Tea in hall 10.30am Year 5 Chocolate Trade Fair	Year 1 in IT suite Year 1 enter/exit via IT suite door by field
Friday 4 th December	Non-uniform day for Christmas Fair Travelling crib arrives in assembly	Year 1 in IT suite Year 1 enter/exit via IT suite door by field
Saturday 5 th December	Christmas Fair 12-3pm Football Team Penalty Shootout 2.40pm at St Albans City Football Ground	
Monday 7 th December	Christmas Post Box arrives 1.30pm KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal to KS2	Year 1 in IT suite Year 1 enter/exit via IT suite door by field
Tuesday 8 th December	KS1 Nativity 6.30pm performance (arrive at 6pm) Football match - Windermere	Year 4 in IT suite Year 4 enter/exit via IT suite door by field
Wednesday 9 th December	All children having packed lunches in classrooms KS1 Nativity 1.30 pm (filmed). Doors open 1.10pm No orchestra	Year 4 in IT suite Year 4 enter/exit via IT suite door by field
Thursday 10 th December	Whole school Carol Service in Abbey 1.30pm	Year 4 in IT suite Year 4 enter/exit via IT suite door by field
Friday 11 th December	Last swimming for Year 4 XLR8 perform in assembly	
Monday 14 th December	The Snow Queen theatre production to whole school	Year 5 in IT suite Year 5 enter/exit via IT suite door by field
Tuesday 15 th December	Last PE sessions with Mr Morgan	Year 5 in IT suite Year 5 enter/exit via IT suite door by field
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch 11.30-1pm Talent Show to whole school No orchestra	Year 5 in IT suite Year 5 enter/exit via IT suite door by field
Thursday 17 th December	Class parties in the afternoon (children bring party clothes to school in a carrier bag, party food provided by the school)	Year 6 in IT suite Year 6 enter/exit via IT suite door by field
Friday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children Abbey Shield Assembly 1.10-1.30pm 2pm finish	Year 6 in IT suite Year 6 enter/exit via IT suite door by field