



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents

St Albans Cathedral Live Broadcast

This Sunday, BBC Radio will be live broadcasting services on Easter Sunday from St Albans Cathedral. Services to be broadcast are the 8.10am Eucharist, to be broadcast live on BBC Radio 4, followed in the afternoon by Evensong on BBC Radio 3 where many Abbey Primary School children will be singing. Please see <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/worship/easter/easter-day> for more information.

8.10am: Easter Sunday Worship

To be broadcast live on BBC Radio 4. Please be seated by 7.55am. Sung by the Abbey Singers and men of the Cathedral Choir.

3pm: Choral Evensong

To be broadcast live on BBC Radio 3. Please be seated by 2.45pm. **Sung by the Cathedral Choir and Abbey Girls' Choir.**

Songs of Praise Palm Sunday Broadcast

For those of you that missed six Abbey Primary School children meeting Harry the Palm Sunday donkey with Mother Sally on Palm Sunday's Songs of Praise broadcast this can be watched on iPlayer: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b09xsxzh/songs-of-praise-palm-sunday>

It was also lovely to see several of our children singing in some of the congregational hymns, although this was filmed two years ago unlike the filming with Harry the donkey. Photographs of the filming are on the school website: <http://www.abbey.herts.sch.uk/songs-of-praise/>

Book Week 2018

Recently, the whole school enjoyed a fabulous Book Week. Thank you to all the staff, parents and children for making the week such a memorable occasion. Some of the highlights included the two day visit by performance poet, Professor Pango Mango, and Hilary Greatorex. The Bible themed dressing up day was truly wonderful and the children had put so much effort into their costumes.

The decision on the winning costume for each year group was very hard as the children all looked amazing. The chosen costumes are below, although as all the children had made such





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an effort, all the children were awarded with an extended playtime that week as all children deserved recognition for their efforts. The Friends' Association awarded each winning child a £5 book voucher. Parent Andy Collin took some wonderful photographs of the children which will be put on the school website shortly.

Book Week Costume Winners		
Year	Child's Name	Dressed as:
Reception	Elizabeth Burgess	Rainbow with Noah's Ark
Year 1	Stanley Anderson Beaman	10 Commandments
Year 2	Ben Gillin	Light of the World
Year 3	Henry Burgess	Pharaoh on a Chariot
Year 4	Ben Gardner	Jonah caught in a Net
Year 5	Peggy Cartwright	Jesus
Year 6	Sam Prestianni	Mary

As part of Book Week, we ran a poetry competition and English Coordinator, Mrs Clerc, had the difficult job of judging the entries.

We were so thrilled with the quality of the entries we awarded £5 book vouchers to the winners and runners up and presented these in assembly today along with certificates for the children for both competitions.



Book Week Poetry Competition	
Year Group	Child's Name
Key Stage 1 Runner Up	James Stewart
Key Stage 1 Winner	Annabel McEvoy
Year 3 and 4 Runner Up	Isabella Ward
Year 3 and 4 Winner	Oscar Dembek
Year 5 and 6 Runner Up	Sophia Bennett-Velasco
Year 5 and 6 Winner	Sam Prestianni

E-Safety Week

This half term has held E-Safety week here in school including Safer Internet Day across the country. We want to help keep children safe when they are online or when using technology. To help parents, we have made an E-Safety booklet for parents with the most up to date information we have gathered. All children have received paper copies of this booklet in their bag today. This booklet can also be found on the E-Safety page of the school website.



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Swimming Success



The above pictured Year 5 and 6 Abbey School girls swimming squad had a fun evening recently coming 6th in the freestyle final and 7th in the mixed medley final of all Hertfordshire small schools. Well done girls, we are really proud of you.

Staffing Update

It is with very mixed feelings that I inform you that two key Abbey School staff members will be saying goodbye to us on the last day of the summer term, 24th July 2018. Mrs Price, our talented and inspirational Music Teacher, and Mrs Kelly our very special Teaching Assistant who is so highly thought of and remembered by pupils past and present. Both ladies will leave very big shoes to fill at Abbey School and will be sorely missed.

Mrs Price has worked at Abbey School for 12 Years delivering the music curriculum across the school alongside extracurricular music activities and peripatetic teaching. Mrs Price will continue to work for St Albans Music Service and we are fortunate that she will continue to teach woodwind lessons within Abbey School from September 2018. An advert for Mrs Price's successor will be advertised shortly and Mrs Price will be actively involved in the appointment. The recent Year 6 Royal Albert Hall performance and Key Stage 2 Alban Arena performances showcased her talent and dedication in a fantastic way.

Mrs Kelly has worked at Abbey School for a staggering 19 years supporting children's learning from Reception to Year 6. Mrs Kelly has a very big heart and nothing is ever too much. She cares and shows true love for the children and staff and supports the parents willingly. Mrs Kelly will enjoy her final term with Year 5 and 6 where she can look forward to the Year 6 School Journey for the last time which will be a special occasion.

Both ladies commitment to Abbey School has been unquestionable and their legacy will live on. We will thank them in style at the end of the summer term for all they have done for our school.

Kind regards

Miss Emma Fenn
Headteacher