



# The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents,

## Key Stage 1 Nativity

This years 'Manger Mouse' Nativity was a huge success and the 90 children who took part were all stars! Photographs of the dress rehearsal can be found on the school website in the gallery. We await the DVD eagerly! <http://www.abbey.herts.sch.uk/key-stage-ones-christmas-production-manger-mouse/>

## School Choir

The school choir were truly magnificent when they performed at the Abbey twice this week. The children sang so beautifully that I was brimming with pride on both occasions. The children were invited to sing at remembrance services, one of which was the Marie Curie 'Lights to Remember' service.

## End of Term Arrangements:

- **Monday:** Christmas Lunch 11.30am followed by the Talent Show for children and staff
- **Tuesday am:** Rehearse in the Nave for the Carol Service
- **Tuesday pm:** Class parties (party clothes brought to school in a carrier bag)
- **Wednesday:** Helpers Tea at 10am
- **Thursday:** No 9.15am Service. Carol Service 1.30-2.30pm in the Nave
- **Friday:** 2pm Finish. **The new term begins on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**





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## **School Carol Service - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Our whole school Carol Service will be held in the Nave of the Cathedral on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 1.30-2.30pm. This is a non-ticket event and parents and friends and family are warmly welcome.

**Abbey School will begin to set up in the Nave from 12.30pm, following The High School's Carol Service which finishes at 12pm. We politely ask parents to allow Mrs Price and myself to organise the seating from 12.30pm in the front 1 or 2 rows for staff to supervise and encourage all 210 children. At the end of the service, the children will return to school promptly in their class lines to be collected at 3.20pm as normal. There will be a retiring collection. Please note that there will not be a 9.15am service in the Lady Chapel that day.**

## **Recent School Charity Fundraising:**

- Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day today raised £129.10.
- The retiring collection from the KS1 Nativity raised £410.50 this week. £205 will be donated to The Children's Society.
- Children in Need dress in spots or as a super hero raised £215.30.
- We supported Armistice Day by having poppies available to children and adults. We await to hear the total donation collected.

## **Christmas Fair Fundraising**

Steve Samols and I are delighted to announce the record breaking grand total of £4,000 was raised at our Christmas Fair! Wow! Well done and thank you to all the parents, children and staff involved. Many thanks for everything you do for the children at Abbey School.

## **Future Friends' Events For Your 2015 Diary**

- **Quiz Night:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015 in the School Hall 7.30pm onwards (tickets only)
- **School Ball:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at St Albans School (tickets only)

## **Healthy Snacks**

For your information, I have included the School Rule regarding **Healthy Snacks** at school which can be found in the School Prospectus and in your Home School Agreement, sent home in the summer term: **Fruit, healthy cereal bars or prepared vegetables may be eaten during morning break.**



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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.

### **Cool Milk for Key Stage 2 Children**

From January 2015, parents who wish to purchase milk for their Key Stage 2 child to drink at morning break, can register and pay with Coolmilk. They can be contacted by telephone on 0844 8542913 or online [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com). Parents need to register by a Tuesday in order for their child to start receiving milk the following week.

### **New Register System**

Thank you for your efforts this week to ensure that your child/children are at school on time to allow a prompt start to the school day. The results are very noticeable within the quality teaching and learning starting

### **Mrs Kendall Baby News**

Mr and Mrs Kendall are delighted to announce the birth of their second son, Harry Arthur Kendal born at 6.57pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Mrs Kendall and her eldest son Thomas attended the Nativity dress rehearsal on Monday afternoon and we were all on standby in case Baby Kendall wanted to make an appearance for the manger scene!

### **Pathways**

Can I politely remind parents to keep the pathways as clear as possible at the start and the end of the day? The pathways from the Reception Area wooden gate can become heavily congested and we must ensure that children and parents can walk safely up and down the steps and along pathways. Our complex site does not lend itself to buggies sadly and we ask that parents are mindful to not block pathways.

### **Abbey School Pupil Band Performance**

"Magician's Nephew" will be performing at Relish Burgers (next to St Albans Arena) on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December after school, starting at 3pm. The band features students of Abbey School: Joshua and Euan from Year 6 and Noah from Year 4. The band will be performing songs written by Joshua and Noah. All our children and parents are invited to come along and support.



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### **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.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend and a Merry Christmas.

Kind regards,

Miss Emma Fenn

Headteacher