



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Harvest Festival

Yesterday, we celebrated our Harvest Festival in the Crossing at the Abbey. The theme this year was 'Learning for Life' in support of the Bishop's appeal to raise funds for vital literacy classes for women in Egypt to help them support their families. The children made us very proud as they performed songs, read poetry and gave us facts about Egypt followed by an Egyptian dance! Thank you to everyone who attended and who helped make it a truly wonderful service.

Thank you also for your generous gifts of non-perishable items which were delivered to 'Open Door'. They were gratefully received and 'Open Door' was as always grateful for the generosity of the Abbey families here at school. All donations will come in great use and will continue to make a huge difference in all the good this wonderful charity does.

School Photographs

Individual and family photos will be taken on Monday 20th October. Family photos are scheduled to start at 8.30 am; this is where pre-school children can have a picture taken on their own or with their sibling. Children with a sibling at the school will have a sibling picture taken in addition to an individual one during school hours.

Please make sure the children have clean and suitable socks/tights which comply with our school uniform regulations, as they will remove their shoes for the pictures. Clean white socks for the girls and grey or black socks for the boys. Please also make sure your child has a clean school sweatshirt, with the Abbey School logo.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening this term will be on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October. This is an opportunity for parents to have a ten minute appointment with their child's class teacher and if you wish, our SENCO Mrs Tully in the School Hall. These meetings are for parents only. There will be no supervision for school age or pre-school children on site.





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Appointments will run strictly to time to allow parents to organise child care arrangements off-site, potentially with other parents. We politely ask that children do not come into the hall as seven appointments will run simultaneously and children may affect the quality of the discussions taking place. We are confident that Parents' Evening will provide sufficient space with regard to confidentiality and privacy for the seven teachers and the respective parents in the School Hall. Mrs Tully will conduct her meetings just off the hall in the Practical Room.

How the evening will run

The evenings will take the same format as the previous years. Teacher's time keeping will be precise to assist parents with out of school child care arrangements. We ask that all parents enter and exit via the main entrance of school where the Grove Road pedestrian gate will be open. After school football, netball and dance club will take place as normal, although children will have to be collected from the external door by Year 5 and there will be no entrance via the hall. Dance club will take place in the Year 6 classroom.

The consultation meetings will take place for all classes in the hall with the children's books available to browse in the KS1 classrooms:

Reception classroom: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Year 1 classroom: Year 3 and Year 4

Year 2 classroom: Year 5 and Year 6

We politely ask that all the children's books/trays are left in the classroom. Please ensure that you are waiting in the Library in advance of your appointment time by a few minutes. From here the Headteacher will collect you to allow all appointments to start not only promptly, but collectively in the hall to eliminate disruption. To keep to time, a bell will be rung to indicate the last minute of appointment time. (If at this point you feel further time is needed, please contact the School Office who will be happy to assist you in making an additional appointment straight after school in the following half term.) The next set of parents will then be escorted into the hall ready to start their meeting on time.

I wish you all a nice weekend.

Kind regards

Miss Fenn

Headteacher