



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Class Teachers for 2015/2016

I am delighted to announce the teaching staff arrangements for September 2015 in the table below, which the governors and I feel provides an excellent staffing structure for the next academic year.

Year Group	Class Teacher
Reception	Miss Felstead
Year 1	Miss Bennett
Year 2	Mrs Kendall (Mon-Tues) and Mrs Easby (Weds-Fri)
Year 3	Miss Dunn
Year 4	Mrs Yates
Year 5	Mrs Cole
Year 6	Mrs Clerc

Each class will spend an hour with their new teacher next week on Thursday 9th July, as this is the Secondary Transfer day for Year 6 pupils attending State schools. The teachers in every class work hard to ensure a smooth transition into the next year group and have been meeting to discuss the children and to agree assessments in English and Maths so that they are ready to set challenging individual and class targets and to differentiate the learning ready for the start of the autumn term.

School Leadership

Miss Felstead will continue to support me with the leadership of the school and deputise in my absence in her full-time role of Deputy Head Teacher from September. Miss Felstead will continue to lead Key Stage 1 and Mrs Clerc will continue to lead Key Stage 2.

Teaching Staff

We will be sad to say goodbye to Miss Raw, soon to be relocating to Baldock, who is looking forward to joining Hertford St Andrew School, closer to home. We wish her all the very best with her new Year 3 class for September and thank her for all her hard work here at Abbey School.





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We are delighted that Mrs Cole will be returning to work full-time from September as her little boy joins the Reception Class. Mrs Cole is looking forward to returning to Upper Key Stage 2.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Kendall returns from maternity leave next week. Mrs Kendall, an experienced Year 2 teacher here at Abbey School, is looking forward to getting back into her old classroom and working with Mrs Easby, who has been a regular Key Stage 1 supply teacher here at Abbey for the last two years. Both teachers will meet their new class together on Thursday 9th July and are excited to get to know the children and the academic year ahead.

Mr Silver will continue to work on a Tuesday morning with identified children on a one-to-one basis throughout the year and will support Mrs Clerc and Year 6 with Wednesday morning Booster Classes in English and maths, along with Mrs Tully. Mrs Tully (SENCO) will continue to be in school on a Tuesday and Wednesday working with staff and children.

Mrs Berrington will continue to work on a Thursday covering classes to release teachers for planning, preparation and assessment (PPA) duties. Mr Morgan will continue to work on a Tuesday and Friday, delivering the PE curriculum across the whole school to provide teachers with PPA time. Mrs Price will continue to work on a Wednesday and Thursday to teach music across the school to provide teachers with PPA time and to offer a range of musical extra-curricular activities for the children.

Support Staff

We are fortunate to have such strong, skilful and committed support staff here at Abbey School across all roles. Teaching Assistant support to classes is matched to the need in the class each term. New Teaching Assistants joining Key Stage 2 in September include Mrs Curran and Mrs Harris. I know you will make them feel welcome.

We will be saying goodbye to Site Staff Mr Colin Hollick and Mr Andrew Chwalisz at the end of July, both have supported our school ably for the last two terms keeping us running smoothly.

The Open Evening on 16th July 2015 from 6-8pm will allow you and your child to visit all the classrooms in the school and experience a flavour of the topics covered and the work produced, and to introduce yourself to the current teaching staff. Every effort is made to ensure that every class has as much stability and consistency as possible with their class teacher for the entire academic year. However, teacher's health and any maternity arrangements can be unpredictable and out of my control.

As in previous years, there will be a curriculum meeting for parents to meet their new class teacher and to hear about the curriculum, assessments and Age Related Expectations within the first few weeks of the autumn term.

Best wishes

Emma Fenn
Headteacher