



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents

Key Stage 1 Nativity Final Arrangements

All Key Stage 1 children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children) will perform in both Nativity performances of 'Born in a Barn' on Tuesday 4th December at 6pm and during school hours on Wednesday 5th December. Should you have a ticket for either performance you no longer require, please can we ask for this to be returned to the school office.

Children in Years Reception, 1 and 2 will need to be **at school at 5.30pm** for the evening performance on Tuesday 4th December when the doors open for the audience for the **prompt 6pm start**. After the matinee performance on Wednesday 5th December, the children will return to class and be collected at 3.20pm as per normal.

Tuesday 4th December performance will **end at approximately 6.30pm**. Key Stage 1 children will then return to their class. **New this year, at the end of the performance we are asking:**

- One Reception parent to enter Reception class via internal stairs to assist their own child getting dressed. Additional parents are welcome to wait in the hall. Reception parents and children can exit via the internal or external door of Reception.
- Year 1 and 2 parents will collect their child via the external classroom doors via the wooden gate outside Reception.
- Both performances will hold a retiring collection that will be shared between Great Ormond Street Hospital and Abbey School resources.

Christmas Fair

Saturday's Christmas Fair was a fabulous occasion. Thank you to all those parents who supported, attended, donated or organised the event. There was a lovely atmosphere in school on a very wet and miserable afternoon outside.

Thank you to Shirley Anderson for all her hard work as Chair of the Friends Association for this event and events since September 2016. As Chair, Shirley has overseen record-breaking fundraising events and we thank her wholeheartedly for her hard work and commitment to Abbey School. She will hand the Friends' Chair baton to Astrid Rees, parent in Year 1. Both Shirley and I welcome Astrid Rees as the new Chair from January 2019.

Christmas Post-Box – From Thursday 6th December

Our very special bespoke Abbey School Christmas Post-Box will be ready for use from Thursday 6th December. Children are invited to post their Christmas cards at convenient times when in school (not during lesson time!) and our Year 6 children will act as postmen and postwomen each lunchtime. Children can post their cards at break-time and lunch-time. The children should not come into school via the front door of school to do this at the start of the day as this is a very busy time in school.



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Please ensure Christmas cards identify:

- child's full name on the envelope
- child's year group on the envelope
- name of the child who wrote the card on the inside!

Advent Eucharist

The Advent Eucharist will be on **Thursday 6th December** from 9.15-10.15am in the Crossing. The children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will sit in the choir stalls. Parents are invited to sit by the High Altar.

We thank you in your advance for being sensitive of the school children's needs whilst they are sitting silently in the service. Please be mindful if you are planning to bring pre-school children that they are quiet and close to you during the service. If your child is distressed at any time, we ask that you comfort your child until they are settled.

Odyssey Visit

We will be having a whole school trip to The Odyssey Cinema London Road, St Albans on **Friday 7th December**.

Children must come to school in/with:

- Children must arrive on time for 8.55am (no snack needed)
- Children arriving late may miss the opportunity to attend as Abbey School will be locked closed from 9.15am-1pm
- Children must wear full Abbey School uniform
- Come to school with a named water bottle
- Wear a warm waterproof coat and have optional hat and gloves
- Trainers may be worn rather than school shoes for the walk to and from the cinema
- Year 4 will swim as per normal in the afternoon and will need their swimming kit. Only Year 5 and 6 will have a PE lesson that afternoon and will need PE kit

All families have already given permission for local visits, however, we ask parents to make a voluntary contribution of £4 to cover the cost of their child's ticket. If insufficient contributions are received, unfortunately we will have to cancel the visit.

Please login to your Schoolcomms Gateway account by Wednesday 5th December to provide permission for your child to attend to watch the PG film and to make the payment. If you do not wish to make a voluntary contribution, please email the School Office to give your consent for your child to go on this trip.

If parents want to join us:

There are 100 upstairs seats available if parents and their children, not attending Abbey School, wish to join with us. You can indicate and make payment on Schoolcomms by Wednesday 5th December.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Fenn', written in a cursive style.

Miss Emma Fenn
Headteacher