



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents

Parent E Safety Session – Monday 28th January 6pm

As we think about the New Year ahead, the governors and I felt this was a pertinent time to make contact with you surrounding the matter of E Safety and responsible use of technologies both at school and at home.

We are committed to ensuring that students are safe when using the internet at Abbey School. Within the curriculum at school students are educated about appropriate use of technologies, the dangers of misuse and how to report concerns. We make use of time in Computing lessons and assemblies to ensure that the most up to date and relevant content is delivered to our students. Nonetheless, much of a child's internet usage occurs outside of school, and we ask parents/carers to be interested, supportive and vigilant to their children's usage.

I am pleased to announce that on Monday 28th January 2019 we have secured an Online Safety Specialist from a company called Connected Minds to deliver workshops for children in Years 5 and 6. Teaching staff will have a session after school and there will be an information session for parents/carers. This event will commence at 6pm in the school hall and end at 7.30pm.

We are offering it as a free session to encourage as many parents as possible to attend. We would welcome parents from any year group to attend. This is a parent only session, and will not be run annually. Please email the School Office if you wish to attend.

Hertfordshire County Council's School Closure Notification system

With Christmas fast approaching, in the event of severe weather, a public emergency or unforeseen circumstances, it may be necessary for a school to close or partially close.

In order to ensure parents and guardians are informed as quickly as possible of anything that may have an impact on a normal school day, this notification system is in place to enable messages from schools to be sent immediately via text message and email.

Parents must sign up to this system in order to access the immediate updates. Please right click on the following link and then click on 'sign up' in the top right corner:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

Please take 5 minutes to register your details for any Hertfordshire school your child attends so that you can receive immediate information and updates.

Abbey School website has a dedicated page to assist in these conditions:
www.abbey.herts.sch.uk/parent-information/key-information/extreme-weather-conditions/



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Carol Service – Wednesday 12th December

Our very special whole school Carol Service will be held in the Nave of the Cathedral on Wednesday 12th December from 1.30-2.30pm. This is an event not to be missed. Mrs Baker and the children have been working very hard in preparation for this event and will showcase their collective talents.

This is a non-ticket event and parents and friends and family are warmly welcome. **All children will return to school as normal at 2.30pm and be collected at 3.20pm.**

Children must wear smart black school shoes – no boots. Children must wear a cardigan or jumper – no fleece. Long hair must be tied up with school appropriate hair ties.

We politely request that parents allow the school children to remain in their class line and order as they process in and out of the Cathedral, especially Reception, to ensure that the staff can supervise the children easily. We do ask parents not to take photographs during the Cathedral services.

Abbey Service -Thursday 13th December

Thursday's weekly service will be held in the Crossing, not the Lady Chapel. Seating will be by the altar for parents.

Important Dates for the remainder of the term

Friday 14 th December	'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day-Wear a Christmas jumper and bring in £1 donation
Friday 14 th December	Class Christmas parties in the afternoon (children bring party clothes to school in a carrier bag, party food provided by the school)
Monday 17 th December	'Peter Pan' Theatre Production to whole school
Monday 17 th December	Final orchestra rehearsal with informal performance for parents at 4pm.
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Lunch 11.30am-1pm and Talent Show in pm (children only)
Friday 21 st December	Key Stage 2 House Point Winner non-uniform day

Supporting RNLI

Mr Silver (teacher) has asked me to remind you to save your used stamps for the Royal National Lifeboats Institute this Christmas period. We have supported the RNLI for a number of years and there is a used stamp collection box in the entrance of school, below the School Office window.



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Odyssey Cinema Visit

Friday was a wonderful day, our own private visit to The Odyssey Cinema, St Albans. I think this will now have to be an annual event! Despite the weather, the children had a wonderful time and were true ambassadors for Abbey School.



Sibling Application Reception 2019-2020

The online application system for a Reception place from September 2019 is open. If you already have a child here at school and you would like to make an application for a Reception 2019-2020 place for a sibling, please submit a Supplementary Information Form, and hand this to the School Office as well as making an online application by 15th January 2019. A sibling application would fall under Category 3.

A Supplementary Information Form (SIF) can be downloaded from the school website where it can be found under the tab 'Admissions' or alternatively, one can be obtained from the School Office. With sibling applications, there is no requirement for a Cathedral Form to be signed by Mother Abi Thompson. Allocation day will be 16th April 2019.

Kind regards

Miss Emma Fenn
Headteacher