

Our church school creates a firm foundation where together, with God's help and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith.

#### Welcome

Welcome back after our Easter holidays – we do hope everyone has had a lovely time and enjoyed some of the amazing sunshine! We are delighted to welcome Pixie who joins Kandinsky in Year 4.



#### **Collective Worship**

Our Collective Worship Value this half term is, 'Respect'. We are learning about the importance of treating others with respect even if we sometimes do not agree with the way they behave or the things that they say. We will also be thinking about how we should treat the world around

us with respect as well as reflecting on what the Bible teaches us about respect. With this newsletter we have sent home our Home School Values link letter which we hope you will find useful in reflecting on this important value at home.

#### **Diary Dates**

We have added some new dates to the diary; do please have a look at what is coming up this term.

#### **Class photos**

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April we are having the class photographs taken for you to purchase if you so wish. Details on how to order will be sent home on the day. Note for Kandinsky Class – please can children come to school dressed in their normal school uniform and bring their PE kit with them in a named bag to change into.



#### **School Day**



The school day runs from 8:50am – 3:20pm. Please ensure that your child has arrived by 8:50am at the latest so they can start the day promptly and on time; it can be very unsettling for children when they arrive after their peers.

#### **Clubs information**

Clubs information and all booking links were sent home before Easter on the clubs available.

# A few new term reminders



#### Contacting members of staff

When contacting a member of staff, whether it is to make an appointment, or just with a query, please ensure that you do so through the main office and not directly to a member of staff's email. This is so we can make sure that if an appointment etc. needs to be organised/changed we are aware of it.

Also, please can we remind you again that the email account that the newsletters are sent from is **not** checked. The **ONLY** email address to contact us on is: <u>office@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk</u>

#### PE kits

Please see below for the days this term that your child will need to come into school in their PE kit. Some lessons will be gymnastics or dance so will require indoor kit e.g. t-shirt and shorts but please ensure that your child wears tracksuit bottoms too so they can stay warm enough for the day.

Van Gogh: Monday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor) Monet: Monday (indoor) and Wednesday (indoor) Kandinsky: Tuesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor) Picasso: Thursday (outdoor)

### Monies sent into school

Please ensure that any monies sent into the school have the name of child and reason for the money clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. Similarly, any money paid directly by bank transfer should have your child's name as the payment reference.



#### Lunches

For the first half of the Summer 2024 term the cost will be  $\pounds$ 70.00. A polite reminder that lunches must be paid for in advance as the school does not have the cash flow to allow debts to accrue. If you are paying direct into the bank account then please follow

this up with an email to school with the amount paid and for whom. Also, please put your child's name on the bank transfer for reference.

## Update of contact details

Please let us know via email if you have changed any of your contact details e.g. mobile telephone number, just so we can update our records. Thank you.

#### Uniform

Please can you check that ALL uniform, including coats and hats are labelled with your child's full name, not initials, especially any new items that you have bought. This is particularly important for cardigans and sweatshirts as children tend to remove these regularly.



We have noticed that some children are frequently not adhering to our uniform policy. Please support us with ensuring that your child has the correct uniform including black school shoes on non PE days. This includes not wearing jewellery with the exception of small stud earring and also nail varnish. Many thanks.

#### **STARS** news



Please bring your bags to school on the morning of **30<sup>th</sup> April ONLY**. We will not be storing the bags so they should be dropped on the grass at the front of the school in the morning at school drop off. If you have filled the bag sent home then black bin bags are also acceptable. Thank you in advance.

Events that are coming up - do join and book via the QR code, to support your school.





<u>Diary Dates</u> Please see below the diary dates for the Summer 2024 term **Any new dates added in the future will be in bold and italics** 

Date	Event
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term begins
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Phonic workshop for Year 1 Parents – 2.45pm
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Meet the STARS team
30 <sup>th</sup> April	STARS Bags 2 school collection
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Class Group Photos
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	STARS Pottery Event
6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday – school closed
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Maths Challenge – details to follow
10 <sup>th</sup> May	STARS School Disco 6pm-8pm
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Tri-golf taster – Kandinsky class
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Tennis Competition – Kandinsky class
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Picasso class Vaping and Smoking workshop
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Summer Term begins
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Athletics competition – Year 5
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 and Year 5 parents meeting for Residential Trip
	planned in September 2024 2:45pm
10 <sup>th</sup> June	STARS Donut Day
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Bikeability
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Vision Screening – Van Gogh class
13 <sup>th</sup> June	New Foundation Parents meeting 7:00pm
14 <sup>th</sup> June	STARS Fathers Day shop
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sports Day afternoon – 1:00pm. Everyone invited.
6 <sup>th</sup> July	STARS Summer Fair
9th and 11th July	KS2 Production – more details to follow
12 <sup>th</sup> July	STARS Tuck shop
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day afternoon (reserve) – 1:00pm. Everyone invited
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school trip to Warwick Castle
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 9:15am
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Church Service 9:30am – everyone welcome
19th July	End of summer term