



14th September

Autumn Term 2018 News

Welcome to our new Foundation children

All the children have made a brilliant start to the new year and this week we welcomed our new foundation children to our school family.

Elsie	Penny	Eliza	William
Ethan	Ethan	William	Isla
Freddy	Myla	Charlie	Annabel
Oliver	Robin	Henry	Joshua
Oliver	Sophie	Oscar	

They have had a great first week and we look forward to getting to know you and your families over the coming weeks.

Welcome picnic party

Our STARS (PTA) are organising a welcome picnic party for all of our new families after school on Friday 28th September. This is an opportunity to meet families from across the school so we hope as many of current families as possible will stay too. Please bring a picnic and a blanket with you!



Macmillan Cancer Care

Every year Macmillan Cancer Care holds Coffee mornings up and down the country to raise much needed funds for this wonderful charity.

Again this year we are going to have a non-uniform day and for this we are asking for a £1.00 donation to come to school dressed in the colours of this year's Macmillan campaign – purple, green and white. We will also have a cupcake for

each child to buy at break time at the cost of 50p.

If you wish to send in any further donation for this wonderful charity then we will be happy to send it on for you. Please send in monies in a named envelope.

Everyone is touched by cancer at some point in their lives, whether it is a family member, a friend, neighbour or a loved one. Please help us to raise funds to support this worthy charity.

Abbots Ripton School Toddlers

Every Wednesday from 9am until 11am there is an Under 5s group in the school hall. This is a very informal group run by parents. Do come along and join us. For more information you can request to join the Facebook page, "Abbots Ripton School Toddlers".

Special meal flyers

Booking forms for the Build a Burger and Ice Cream Parlour day have been sent home today. If your child does not normally have a school meal on a Thursday, and you wish your child to join us on Thursday 4th October for this special meal, then please ensure that your form is returned by **Friday 21st September**.



No Nuts Please

Just a reminder for the new term that we are a **nut free school**. Please do not send your child into school with any nut based products in their packed lunch. Thank you for your support. All children in Foundation and KS1 are offered a piece of fruit or vegetable every day, however, any child in KS2 may bring a fruit or vegetable snack to eat at play time.

STARS Christmas cards

Last year the STARS team organised the opportunity for your child to design their own Christmas card in school which was then printed and made available for you to purchase. These proved to be very popular and as such we are going to do this again this year. The design will be available for you to see and order by October half term. If you have a pre schooler and would like to design a card with them at home, please collect a form from the school office.



Spanish Club

Louise Stacey sent home information for a Spanish club last week. Unfortunately she did not get the numbers required to run both a lunchtime and after school club. Therefore she has asked us to let you know that she will be running a lunchtime club on Wednesdays for Years 2-6. If you wish your child to join the club please email her directly on louise.a.stacey@sky.com to book a place and confirm costs.

Handy man / woman



Some of you may be aware that we do not have a school caretaker and this means that some of our DIY type maintenance jobs are difficult to do. Over the last few years we have relied on a couple of very capable parents but sadly their children have moved on to secondary school! The kinds of jobs that they have done over the last year have been; putting up shelves, fixing some broken fence panels, building flat pack furniture and so on. We are therefore looking for a willing volunteer (or 2!) who could offer their support. We would be extremely grateful and could work around suitable timings for example unlocking at weekends if week days were difficult. Please, please do let us know if you are able to help!

Queens Park Faith Tour

A polite reminder to our families with children in Picasso and/or Kandinsky classes that the reply slips and payment for the Queens park trip need to be in school by Monday. We have also had some queries about head coverings – this is for boys and girls and can simply be a neck scarf or pashmina worn over the head.



Attendance

As you know we monitor attendance at school very closely and as such we are delighted to inform you that our whole year attendance has continued to rise and has remained about local and national figures for the last 3 years – rising to 97.4% last academic year which is fantastic. Our thanks to all families for your support with this great effort.

2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017	2017 -2018
96.7%	96.8%	97.4%

STARS Movie Night



All children are invited to the STARS Movie Night after school on Friday 19th October from 3:15pm until 5:30pm. We will be watching Peter Rabbit and serving hot dogs, popcorn and a drink! The cost is £3.50. Please see a member of the STARS Committee on the playground from next week with payment and they will add your child to the list. Many thanks

Attendance % for W/E 14/09/18

Monet~ 98.3%
Kandinsky ~ 97.1%
Picasso ~ 99.7

New Term Reminders

The next section is a list of reminders which we hope you will find helpful.

School uniform – it was lovely to see everyone looking so neat and tidy on their first day back. Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform at all times including shoes. I know this can sometimes be a problem as the shops can run out of stock during the holidays but please ensure that we are made aware of any delay so that we don't keep asking your child about their footwear which can be embarrassing for them. There is a clear guide on the school website of what is expected.

Hair- all shoulder length hair and longer should be tied up at all times not just in PE. This is part of our Health and Safety risk assessment to ensure that everyone is kept safe. Hair adornments should be kept to a minimum and should be in school colours.

Earrings – If your child has pierced ears they need to remove their earrings for PE lessons. If they cannot remove them then please provide some micro pore tape that they can apply to cover them during the lesson. This is required for health and safety reasons. The school no longer provides tape for this purpose.

Lost Property – please label all of your children's clothes including shoes. It is extremely time consuming for staff and costly for you when items go missing! The name stickers seem to be very good (and the most time efficient).

Sickness absence – If your child is sick then please telephone the school office before 9.30am so we can ensure that they are marked on the register correctly.

Please ensure that your child arrives in school before the bell at 8:50am as lateness can be upsetting for a child particularly if their class mates have already settled to learning. They will be marked late on the registers if they arrive after 8.50am and they will be marked absent for the morning session if they arrive after registers close at 9am.

Car Park – Please ensure that you park sensibly in the car park. Due to the nature of the car park flooring we cannot paint lines to section spaces but please do consider other users by ensuring that you pull forward against the edges, that gaps between cars are not too big and that you are parked straight!!! **Please do not park on the main road at any time.** This area is for the bus and emergency vehicles only.

Collection at the end of the day – Your child can be collected, with your permission, by anyone listed on your contact sheet. If someone else is taking them home then please contact the school office by 2.30pm to give your permission for us to release them at the end of the day. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you would like them to walk home without an adult, please come into the school office to sign a permission slip.

Bus users - If your child has a bus pass we assume that they will use the transport every day. If they have a regular pattern of being collected on other days then please let the office know.

Email communication – Information is sent home via email by an **outgoing** email account only. If you wish to contact the office please email to Office@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk

Monies into the office – Please send in dinner money promptly as if you have a debt on your account of more than £10 we will ask that you provide a packed lunch until this payment is cleared. All money should be sent into the school office in a **named envelope stating who and what the money is for**. Dinner money and other payments need to be made on separate cheques as they are paid into separate accounts and with cash, the correct change is always appreciated! Cheques made payable to Abbots Ripton CE Primary School.

Packed lunches - We encourage all children to eat healthily and whilst we appreciate a small treat is nice to have in their lunch box, please do try to send your child with a balanced meal.

Water bottles - Please ensure you send in a named water bottle every day with your child. Please do not fill bottles with anything but water to consume in the classroom.

Arriving late at school - Please can we remind you that our school day starts at 8.50am. If you arrive after this time then please bring your child into school via the main office. We need to know they have arrived on site as they may not have been marked into the register in the classroom.

Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Autumn term 2018

*Any new dates added in the future will be in **bold italics***

Date	Event
17 th September	New Foundation children stay for lunch – 8:50am – 1:10pm
18 th September	Reading Workshop for Parents of Monet Class – 2:30pm
24 th September	New Foundation children stay all day – 8:50am – 3:15pm
25 th September	Picasso and Kandinsky trip to Queens Park, Bedford
26 th September	Class information meeting for Van Gogh class – 2:50pm
28 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning – NON-UNIFORM DAY and CUPCAKE (children invited to wear something green/purple or white)
1 st October	Harvest Service 2.30pm
W/C 8 th October	WOW week
11 th October	Phonics workshop – more details to follow
10 th October	Kandinsky class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
11 th October	Year 6 Football festival – St Ives all day
16 th October	Parent Consultations – 3:30pm – 7:30pm
17 th October	Parent Consultations – 3:30pm – 5:30pm
19th October	STARS Movie Night – 3:15 – 5:30pm
22nd – 26th October	HALF TERM
29 th October	Training day – school closed
30 th October	School starts again
31 st October	Deadline for Year 6 parents to apply for a Year 7 school place
W/C 5 th November	Bikeability – Year 6
5 th November	Monet class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
6 th November	Flu Vaccinations for Foundation and Years 1-4
9 th November	Remembrance Day – Whole School
12 th – 16 th Nov	Anti-bullying Week
13 th November	9:30 – 10:30am Open Session for Prospective Foundation intake 2019
14 th November	Whole School Open door to all – 2pm – 3pm. Everyone welcome
15 th November	Year 5 Football festival – St Ives all day
16 th November	Children In Need Day
21 st November	Picasso class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
23 rd November	1:15 – 2:15pm Open Session for Prospective Foundation intake 2019
28 th November	Van Gogh class sharing assembly followed by invitation to see Learning journeys in class– 2:30pm. Everyone welcome
30 th November	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning
8 th December	STARS Carol Singing – Morrison's St Ives. Everyone welcome
10 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance – 9:30am and 2:15pm
11 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance – 9:30am
12 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch
17 th December	Christingle
19 th December	Christmas Service – 2.30pm in the church
20th Dec to 3rd Jan 2018	Christmas Holiday
3 rd and 4 th January	Training days – School Closed
7 th January	School Starts