



# At a glance

Autumn Term 2018 News



Welcome back to another new school year! We hope you all had a lovely summer break and enjoyed some of the sunshine! As always, we have a busy and exciting term planned!

We would like to welcome several new (and returning!) children and their families to our school. Tacey in Year 4 and Jackson in Year 1 have returned to us from America and we are delighted that they are back with us. We would also like to welcome another new family; Claire joins us in Year 5, Abigail in Year 4 and James in Year 2. We hope that you enjoy your time with us and we look forward to getting to know you too.

We would also like to formally welcome Miss Elliot and Mrs Macleod to our school family.

## Newsletters

Effective communication between home and school is vital and to this end we would like to remind all families that we send a school newsletter on alternate Fridays throughout the year. We also send an 'At a Glance' newsletter, like this one, at the start of each term or when there is lots going on but we don't have a newsletter due to go out. We invest a great deal of time in pulling together important information into these newsletters and we share as many dates as we can for the term. It is really disheartening to hear some parents say that they don't read the newsletter - it also means that parents are telephoning the school for information which has already been shared. Please support us in ensuring that communication is as effective as it can be by making the time to have a quick read!! THANK YOU!

## Pupil details

It is important for the safety of your child/children that we have up to date contact details as well as medical information held in school. We will be sending home your child's 'Data Collection' form which has the current information that we hold. We would like all parents to check, amend and return these by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Even if there are no amendments to be made, we still need all parents to return the signed form.



## Class information meetings

You will see from the diary dates that each class teacher will be running an informal meeting for parents next week (with the exception of Van Gogh class). The aim of this meeting is to give parents an opportunity to meet teachers and for teachers to share their expectations and explain key routines such as home learning. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.



### Collective Worship Values

The Values which we focus on during our Collective Worship are an important part of sustaining and developing our school ethos. Children are able to explain why these values and learning about how to live our lives following these values, is important.

Each half term, we will focus on a different value and this will be shared with you, along with an overview about how you can reflect on this value at home together as a family.

Our Value for this half term is FRIENDSHIP. We will think about what makes a good friend, how we can be good friends and also how to resolve conflict between friends.

### Dinner Money

The cost of a school meal each day has increased by 5p to £2.35. We feel that the hot meal provided by Jo is great value as she continues to cook on site with fresh ingredients each day. There is also a selection of fruit and vegetables each day in addition to the set meal. The Government are still acknowledging the huge benefits of having a hot meal at school are therefore are still funding the free school meals for KS1. If your child is in Van Gogh or Monet class, there is therefore no charge for their meal.



If your child is having a school meal and they are in KS2 (Years 3-6) the cost of meals this half term will be £77.55 (33 days @ £2.35). If you wish to pay weekly the cost is £11.75.

Please forward payment to the school office in a **sealed and named envelope**. Cheques made payable to Abbots Ripton CE Primary School.

A polite reminder that meals **must be paid for in advance** as we do not have the cash flow to manage debts in school.



### Cool Milk registration

Don't forget to register if you wish your child to receive milk each day at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) (with the exception of the Foundation children as this has already been done.) It takes up to two weeks from registration to milk being allocated due to delivery times.

### Clubs (including before school club)

Clubs start again next Monday (10<sup>th</sup>) and all the information regarding clubs has been sent home today either via email or in hard copy with your child. Please ensure that booking forms have been completed and returned to relevant people as no child will be able to stay if they are not on the list.

### Curriculum Maps

The curriculum maps for your children will be coming home next week. Do have a look at what your child's class is focussing on this half term and if you can support in any way please do let us know.

We are also in the process of updating the Curriculum pages on our website and we will let you know when this work has been completed.

### Governors info

As you may recall, we informed parents that Sarah Richardson would no longer be a Governor as she had been employed by the school to cover a maternity leave for Mrs Mead. However, we have since been informed that she can remain on our Governing Body as her term of office runs for 4 years regardless of changes which may occur during this time. We are delighted therefore that she remains a parent governor!

## GDPR privacy statement

We have recently updated our Privacy Notice in line with GDPR regulations and this is now available on our website on the data protection tab.

## School play equipment

Please remember that children should not be using school play equipment outside of school hours. A polite request therefore that all parents and carers support us at the start and end of the school day by not allowing their children to play on school equipment such as the trim trail. Also to remind you that the climbing frame is no longer in use. Your support with this is appreciated.

## Diary Dates



Please find below the diary dates for the Autumn term 2018. We do try to set as many dates as we can well in advance to support parents so please do make a note of these events so that you do not miss something! A reminder that new dates added in all future newsletters will be in italics to make it easier for you to identify anything new.

We do ask that younger siblings do not attend meetings/workshops that are held throughout the school day as this can be disruptive to the children's learning. Many thanks in advance.

## Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Autumn term 2018

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

Date	Event
W/C 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Clubs start
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Class information meeting for Picasso class – 2:50pm
10 <sup>th</sup> / 11 <sup>th</sup> September	New Foundation children start – 8:50am – 12:00noon
12 <sup>th</sup> September	Class information meeting for Kandinsky class – 2:50pm
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Class information meeting for Monet class – 2:50pm
17 <sup>th</sup> September	New Foundation children stay for lunch – 8:50am – 1:10pm
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Reading Workshop for Parents of Monet Class – 2:30pm
24 <sup>th</sup> September	New Foundation children stay all day – 8:50am – 3:15pm
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Picasso and Kandinsky trip to Queens Park, Bedford
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Class information meeting for Van Gogh class – 2:50pm
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Morning – NON-UNIFORM DAY and CUPCAKE (children invited to wear something green/purple or white)
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Harvest Service 2.30pm
W/C 8 <sup>th</sup> October	WOW week
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Phonics workshop – more details to follow
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Kandinsky class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Football festival – St Ives all day
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations – 3:30pm – 7:30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations – 3:30pm – 5:30pm
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Training day – school closed
30 <sup>th</sup> October	School starts again

31 <sup>st</sup> October	Deadline for Year 6 parents to apply for a Year 7 school place
W/C 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Bikeability – Year 6
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Monet class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations for Foundation and Years 1-4
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day – Whole School
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-bullying Week
13 <sup>th</sup> November	9:30 – 10:30am Open Session for Prospective Foundation intake 2019
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Open door to all – 2pm – 3pm. Everyone welcome
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Football festival – St Ives all day
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Day
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Picasso class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	1:15 – 2:15pm Open Session for Prospective Foundation intake 2019
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Van Gogh class sharing assembly followed by invitation to see Learning journeys in class– 2:30pm. Everyone welcome
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning
8 <sup>th</sup> December	STARS Carol Singing – Morrisons St Ives. Everyone welcome
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance – 9:30am and 2:15pm
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance – 9:30am
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Lunch
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service – 2.30pm in the church
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Dec to 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Training days – School Closed
7 <sup>th</sup> January	School Starts

*All STARS dates will be added in our next newsletter*