



At a glance

Autumn Term 2022 News

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 back to another new school year! We hope you all had a lovely summer break and are now ready for what will be an exciting and busy Autumn term.

We would like to warmly welcome our new teacher Mrs Grover who joins Miss Slater in Monet class this term. I know that she is very excited about joining us!

Just a reminder that the school day will now finish at 3:20pm as stated at the end of term.

Wasps

Please be aware that we do have several wasps in and around the willow dome and tunnel areas. We have informed our pest control service who are dealing with the situation. However, please support us by keeping your children well away from these areas at pick up time.

Uniform

We have been informed by some parents that School Trends uniform suppliers still have outstanding orders to fulfil. Please do not worry if the uniform you ordered has yet to arrive. From Monday STARS will have their 'pre-loved' uniform on the playground available for a donation.

PE kits

We will continue to ask the children to wear PE kits on their PE days. This year these are as follows:
Van Gogh ~ Thursday (starting on the first full week in school)
Monet ~ Wednesday
Kandinsky – Tuesday and Friday
Picasso - Thursday

Collecting children at the end of the school day

In order to encourage independence, we will continue to allow our KS2 (Year 3-6) children to leave their classroom at the end of the school day without their teacher. They will be responsible for finding the person who is collecting them and they will be expected to go to a teacher on the playground if the person who is collecting them is not there. Children will know that they should NOT leave the school grounds without an adult. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you would like them to be allowed to leave the site unaccompanied i.e. they are allowed to walk home from school, please do let the office know so that you can sign the permission form.

We would also like to remind parents that they should wait for their child in the last 2 thirds of the playground so it is easier for staff to make sure the children get to the correct adult.

Can we also politely remind you that the school grounds must be vacated by **3.30pm at the latest** and that the field and playground equipment is not to be used at the end of the day.

Dinner Money

The Governors have reviewed the cost of providing school meals and we are delighted to confirm there will be no charge increase this term. Therefore, the cost of a school meal each day will continue to be £2.40. 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 acknowledge the huge benefits of having a hot meal at school and are therefore continuing to fund a free school meal for our younger children. If your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or 2 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 £84.00 (35 days @ £2.40). If you wish to pay weekly the cost is £12.00.

Please forward cash or cheque payment to the school office in a **sealed and named envelope**. Cheques made payable to Abbots Ripton CE Primary School. Direct payments can now be made – please contact the school office for the details.

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

Dinner menu

We have updated our menu for this term following discussions with the children about their favourite meals. We will continue to have 3 meal options each day as well as 3 dessert choices which will include fruit as well as cheese and biscuits. Please find the new menu attached.

No Nuts!

Just a reminder that we are a **Nut Free School**. Please ensure that if you provide a packed lunch it contains no nut based products such as peanut butter or Nutella etc.



Cool Milk registration

Don't forget to register if you wish your child to receive milk each day (with the exception of the Foundation children as this has already been done.)

www.coolmilk.com

It takes up to two weeks from registration to milk being allocated due to delivery times.

Clubs

Clubs will start week beginning 12th September and we have extended our offer so that children in Years 1 to 6 have at least 2 club options each week.

The details and booking form for sports clubs is attached with this newsletter; please complete along with payment as soon as possible as the clubs do have a limit on numbers. If you are unable to print the form to complete at home then please let the office know and we will supply one for you.

You will notice that each club now has 2 sports - one which is played outside and one inside. This is so that the club can run regardless of the weather.

Our new 'Kids with Bricks' club (details shared last term) is now full. We could run an additional club if there is enough interest so please do let us know if your child would like to do this.

A reminder that our **'Rise and Shine'** club will start again on Monday 5th September and parents can drop from 8am. This is being run by St Ives Football club and a different sport will be on offer each morning. This can be done in school uniform and is a great way to increase physical

activity. The booking is handled direct with Mr Clarke at St Ives and he can be contacted on jclarke.stivestownfc@gmail.com.

STARS

The **AGM for STARS** is on 21st September at 7.30pm in school. Do come along and join us. If you are interested in standing for a position on the committee then please let either the school office or Mrs North know by 14th September.

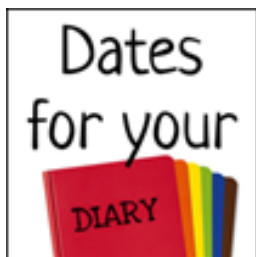
In addition, we have our first **Make Do and Mend** day booked for Saturday 17th September from 10am. If you are able to come along and help, we would really appreciate it. A list of 'jobs' will be published before the day to give you an idea of what we are planning.

Morning Mile

In order to encourage greater physical activity, we are delighted to announce the start of our 'Daily Mile', which will start from Monday 12th September. Children will have the opportunity to walk/run their daily mile at break and/or lunchtime. We will also be offering the opportunity to complete a 'morning mile' and children may arrive from 8:30am. This is only to complete their mile – children will not be able to go straight into school and therefore, if the weather is wet please arrive at the usual time between 8:40am – 8:50am. A mile is 5 laps of our new track around the field and after each lap, children will collect a blue wristband and they can then exchange their 5 wristbands for a tally on their total. Please note that any children arriving at or after 8:40am will go straight into school in the usual way. No kit is needed for this.



Diary Dates



Please find attached the diary dates for the Autumn term 2022. 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 future newsletters are in **bold 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.

School Prayer

Our school prayer is an important part of our worship in school and is a way of demonstrating our togetherness as a family in school.

Dear Lord,

All together we are Abbots Ripton School

Bless each one of us this day

Bring joy to our lives

Open our hearts to peace

Together we pray to you our Father

Stand by us as we grow.

May we

Reflect your goodness

In all that we do

Protect the world around us and

Take care of your creation,

Our family and friends we trust to your care

Now and forever we say

Amen.