



# 17th November

## School News Update

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.

### Children in Need day – 17th November

Thank you so much for your donations. We've collected £172 so far which is an amazing amount! If you haven't donated yet (suggested donation of £1 to come to school in fancy dress/non-uniform) our Just Giving page for your donations can be accessed [here](#).



### School Council

#### Sponsored walk/run

Our Voice counts...



Next week is the School Council Sponsored walk. Each class will be completing their walk at some point next week. We hope that everyone has now received their sponsorship form and we are keeping our fingers crossed for some dry weather to complete the challenge. Please send in sponsor forms and all money collected

by 1<sup>st</sup> December. The school council will then let everyone know what they purchase with these funds. Many thanks.

#### Art Competition

The School Council have launched a Christmas Art competition which is open to all pupils. There is a prize for each class and the designs will be displayed in St Andrews Church for their Christmas festive period. Please do encourage your child to enter – all entries to be completed at home and brought in to school by the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> December.



#### Christmas Lunch booking

Please find attached the booking form for this year's Christmas lunch on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. If your child does not normally have a school meal, please can you complete the attached form and send into school with £2.50 (Kandinsky and Picasso Class) by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

## School absence

A reminder that if your child is absent from school to please let the school office know. This can be via telephone (please leave a message on the answerphone if no one is available) or by emailing the school office on [office@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk). Emails and the answerphone are checked regularly throughout the school day. Many thanks.

## Mornings

Please could we also remind parents that all children should be encouraged to walk to their classrooms as independently as possible. We do understand that some children may need you to walk with them occasionally but this should not involve coming into the school building. If your child needs you to bring them into the building please could we ask that this is done at the front door of school. This ensures that we know who is in our building. Our thanks for your support with this.

## Free Tennis Trial

Calling anyone that fancies giving tennis a go. Huntingdon Tennis Club have some spaces still on their coaching programme and they would like to invite **YOU along for a FREE trial.**

Their coaching programme runs all year round with the majority of the sessions taking place on the indoor courts. There are groups for tots through to adult intermediate. They are looking for anyone that would like to come along and give it a go. You don't need a racket or balls as everything is provided, all you'd need to do is email [admin@huntingdontennis.org.uk](mailto:admin@huntingdontennis.org.uk) with details of playing age and which groups you'd be interested in trying.

After the trial if you'd like to join us then they will send you an email on how to go about this and to look at becoming a member of their our lovely tennis club. Spaces are limited to please look to book ASAP so not to miss out.

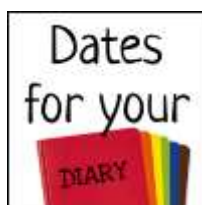


## STARS news

Thank you so much to everyone who came along and joined in the Camp Fire Cookout last Friday. We hope you all enjoyed your evening. A special thank you to all the helpers who made the event run so well.

Please see the attached STARS newsletter with all the information you require for the exciting events coming up towards Christmas. Do get involved if you can and support our school.





*Diary Dates Autumn 2023/Spring 2024*

*Dates highlighted in grey are local Church services and not school church services.*

| <b>Date</b>   | <b>Event</b>  |
|---|---|
| 19 <sup>th</sup> November                             | Abbots Ripton Church Service – Morning Praise 11:30am             |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> November                             | School Council Sponsored run/walk this week                       |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> November                             | STARS Movie night 3.20pm – 5.30pm                                 |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> November                             | STARS Christmas Wreath Making Workshop                            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> December                              | Kings Ripton Church Service – Morning Praise 11:30am              |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> December                              | Open Session to view for Foundation intake 2024 ~ 1:30pm – 2:30pm |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> December                              | Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning. Parents invited.       |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> December                              | STARS Christmas Fair  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December                             | Woodwalton Church Service ~ Carol service 2:30pm                  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> December                             | Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 2:15pm                      |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December                             | Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 9:30am and 2:15pm           |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> December                             | Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day.      |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December                             | STARS Santa's Breakfast 8am<br>STARS Elfridges Christmas Shop     |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> December                             | Abbots Ripton Church Service – Carol Service 6:00pm               |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> December                             | Christmas Christingle Service ~ 9:30am in the church              |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> December                             | End of term   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2023 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2024 | Christmas Holiday   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> December                             | Kings Ripton Church Service – Carol Service 5:00pm                |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> December                             | Abbots Ripton Church service – Christmas Praise 11:30am           |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> January           | Training day ~ School Closed                                      |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> January                               | Spring term 2024 begins   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> January - 13 <sup>th</sup> February   | Picasso Class swimming 1:30pm – 2:30pm                            |