



At A Glance

Spring Term A 2023 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.

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the Spring Term 2023. We hope that you all had a lovely break over Christmas. We are looking forward to another busy term.

Collective Worship Theme - Thankfulness



During our Collective Worship this half term we will think about the Christian value of Thankfulness. Christians believe that God loves and cares for them in many different ways in all aspects of their life. Christians know that their response to this should be one of thankfulness and praise. We will reflect on the meaning of the words in Thessalonians 5:18 *Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

New Term Reminders

Swimming:

The permission slip for Picasso Class swimming starting next Wednesday is due into school by Friday 6th January

Bikeability:

If you haven't returned the bikeability slip for Kandinsky Class to take part in May, please do so by Friday 6th January. If your child does not wish to take part then please email the school office if you have not already done so.

Menus:

Thursday 5th January the meal choice will be macaroni cheese, vegetable pasta or jacket potato and the Friday choice will be fish fingers/quorn nuggets and chips or a jacket potato. We will give the children this choice on the day and our menu will resume on week 1 from Monday 9th January. We have decided to continue with our current menu until February half term when we plan to introduce a spring/summer menu.

If your child is in Van Gogh or Monet we will continue with the choices that you made for them unless you let us know of any changes by Monday 9th January.



Dinner Money – Payment required for any children in Year 3- 6



The menu for this half term with the new dates is attached. 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 **£64.80 (27 days @ £2.40)**. If you wish to pay weekly the cost is £12.00. Cash or cheque payments made payable to Abbots Ripton CE Primary School. Direct payments can now be made for dinner money. Please contact

the school office for more details. Please email the school office to let us know if you pay into the school bank account.

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, nutella etc.

Building Confidence in your child workshop

Please see attached a flier for a new 4 week online workshop aimed at parents to support them with children who are anxious or who worry a great deal. Please speak to school if you would like a referral for this.

Family Worker meeting for Van Gogh Parents

Our family Worker will be in school on Thursday 12th January at 2:30pm to meet with parents of Reception children. She will outline support available and listen to the types of support that parents would like from her. Please do feel free to drop in.

PE Days for this coming term

For the Spring term please can your children come to school in their PE kits on the following days:

Van Gogh: Monday and Thursday

Monet: Wednesday and Friday

Kandinsky: Tuesday and Friday

Picasso: Wednesday (bring swimming kit to school too) and Thursday

PE for **Van Gogh and Picasso starts tomorrow** so children will need to be in their kit please.

Application to Primary School for 2023

Do you have a child, or do you know of someone, who has a child due to start school in September? The application process is live online and all applications need to be submitted to the admissions team at Cambridgeshire County Council by **January 15th 2023**. Further information is available from our website.



Contact details

Please let us know if you have changed any of your contact details e.g. telephone numbers etc. It is very important that we have the correct information on file for your child in case of emergency.



Thank you!!

A huge thankyou to everyone who generously gave us a gift at Christmas. From the individual personal gifts to the staffroom goodies – they were all wonderful!

Mornings

If your child is joining **Rise and Shine**, please could we ask that they arrive no earlier than 8am but before 10 past. Mrs Richardson is hoping to introduce a range of new games and resources and this is difficult if children arrive after instructions have been given and games have started.

From tomorrow, we will be restarting our **Morning Mile** at 8:30am. However, this will not run if the weather is wet. Please wait for a member of staff to be out on the gate before entering the school grounds via the car park gates.

If your child attends **Fizzy Club** with Mrs McCabe, this will resume on Monday 9th and we ask that children arrive promptly at 8:30am via the car park gates or if wet via the main entrance.

Young Voices

We are on our countdown to the Young Voices concert on 19th January. We have been informed that all parent tickets have been allocated but we are yet to receive them. Tickets and t-shirts will be sent home as soon as we receive them. Please please please do encourage your children to learn the songs and actions as much as possible!



Diary Dates Spring / Summer 2023

All new dates are added in bold and italic.

Date	Event
5 th January	Spring term 2023 begins
11 th January – 8 th February	Picasso Class swimming 1:30pm – 2:30pm
12 th January	Family worker meeting for Van Gogh parents 2:30pm
19 th January	Young Voices concert at the O2
24 th January	Year 3 Football festival
13 th – 17 th February	Half Term
W/C 20 th February	Picasso Bikeability
23rd February	Year 6 Rotary Quiz 7pm
2nd March	World Book Day – more details to follow
7th March	Year 2 Football Festival
8th March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 7.30pm
9th March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm
17th March	Comic Relief Day
20th – 24th March	Book Fair in school
31st March	End of Term
17th April	Teacher Training Day – School closed
18th April	Summer Term begins
1st May	May Bank Holiday – school closed
2nd May	Class Group Photographs
4th May	Year 1 Football Festival
8th May	Extra Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles 111 – school closed
9th – 12th May	Year 6 SATS week
26 th May	Kandinsky Bikeability
29th May – 2nd June	Half Term
5th June	Teacher Training Day – school closed
6th June	Summer Term begins
19th July	End of summer term