



# At a glance

## Autumn Term 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.*



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 staff; Mrs Crossan who joins Monet Class as a Teaching Assistant and Mrs Bloom who is joining us as midday supervisor and cleaner. Mrs Wilson stepped down from these roles but will be joining Mrs Richardson in Rise and Shine Club

each morning.

### Collective Worship Values

The Values which we focus on during our Collective Worship are an important part of sustaining and developing our school's Christian 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. Our Value for this half term is Faithfulness.



### Picasso Residential to Grafham

We are very excited about the Picasso trip to Grafham next week. Just a reminder that if you have outstanding payments these need to be received asap. Similarly, if you have any medical forms and medications, please bring these to the office by Tuesday at the end of school at the latest.

### PE kits

We will continue to ask the children to wear PE kits on their PE days. PE will start the first week back for all classes except Van Gogh who will only need PE kit once they start in school full time.

This term these are as follows:

Van Gogh ~ Thursday (starting on the first full week in school)

Monet ~ Monday indoor PE kit and Wednesday outdoor PE kit

Kandinsky ~ Indoor PE kit on Mondays and outdoor PE kit on Fridays

Picasso ~ Outdoor PE kit on Thursdays (their other PE unit this term is covered at Grafham)

## 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 and your support with reinforcing this message is very much appreciated.

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 (including trim trail) is not to be used at the end of the day. Again, your support in reinforcing this message is very much appreciated.

## Dinner Money

The Governors have reviewed the cost of providing school meals and have increased the cost of school meals from £2.40 to £2.50 per day. This is due to the huge cost increase that we have incurred over the last few years. This is the first price increase in meals for over 4 years and meals are still great value at this price given the quality of the food served by Jo. 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 Van Gogh or Monet, 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 £87.50 (35 days @ £2.50 for Kandinsky Class) and £80.00 (32 days @ £2.50 for Picasso Class due to the residential trip). If you wish to pay weekly the cost is £12.50.

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

The menu will continue as before until October half term. Therefore the choice made by parents of children in Reception and Year 1 last year, will continue unless you let us know of any changes needed. Parents of children in Reception (Van Gogh) starting with us next week have received a link to a Google Form to complete the menu choices for their child. Please complete this by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

If your child has moved from Year 2 into Year 3, they will now have the opportunity to choose their meal each day at morning registration.

Attached with this newsletter is a copy of the menu with updated dates – please note that we will be starting the menu on week 2.

## 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

All children can have milk at school each day and this is provided by 'Cool Milk'. You will need to register and pay online if wish your child to receive milk each day (with the exception of the Reception children as this has already been done.) [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

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

## Rise and Shine Club

If your child is joining our morning club, **Rise and Shine**, please could we ask that they arrive no earlier than 8am but before 8:10am. Any previous bookings will be kept the same for this year, unless parents have informed us of any change.

If your child does not currently attend and you would like them to join, then please contact Mrs Nixon in the school office who can book them in for a regular slot or just on an ad hoc basis if spaces allow. Payment is by invoice and is charged at £3.00 per session.

## Morning Mile

The **Morning Mile** will start again on Monday at 8:30am. However, this will not run if the weather is wet. Please wait with your child until a member of staff has opened the gate before entering the school grounds via the car park gates.

## Fizzy Club

We are currently reviewing the impact of **Fizzy Club** and will be contacting parents of children who we feel would benefit from this provision. If contacted, this will not start until week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> September.

## Clubs

Clubs will start week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> September. Please see below details:

| Day       | Provider             | Focus               | Years       | How to book   |
|-----------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------|---|
| Monday    | Primary Sports Stars | Athletics/Dodgeball | Years 2 - 6 | £5 per week<br>Flyer to follow                      |
|           | Edubox               | Singing             | Years 1 - 6 | £3.50 per week –<br>email the school office to book |
| Tuesday   | Mrs Wilson           | Lego                | Years 2 - 6 | £4 per week –<br>email the school office to book    |
| Wednesday | Primary Sports Stars | Multi-sports        | Years 1 - 4 | £5 per week<br>Flyer to follow                      |

We are also able to offer Gymnastics on Thursday at a cost of £9.50 a session but we only had 2 children sign up for this last term; if you would be interested in gymnastics please email the office to let us know.

## Diary Dates



Please find attached the diary dates for the Autumn term 2023. 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,

**A**ll together we are Abbots Ripton School

**B**less each one of us this day

**B**ring joy to our lives

**O**pen our hearts to peace

**T**ogether we pray to you our Father

**S**tand by us as we grow.

May we

**R**eflect your goodness

**I**n all that we do

**P**rotect the world around us and

**T**ake care of your creation,

**O**ur family and friends we trust to your care

**N** and forever we say

Amen.