



9th March

School news Update

Our School Mission Statement: Together with God's help we: Grow in Faith, Learn for Life and Achieve our best.

Next week is our **WOW week**!

We are really excited to share further details of our **WOW week** for this term which started today with an Engineering Workshop for all children. As it coincides with National Science week we have decided to focus on all STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). The children will participate in a wide range of activities which will help them to learn about these important areas, developing skills, problem solving and making links between the subjects. The children will be challenged to think like engineers, scientists and mathematicians and will learn about coding with micro-bits and the world of technology. We have several visitors during the week including an astronomer and an engineer. We are also delighted that Suzie Imber, the winner of the BBC 2 programme "Astronauts: Do you have what it takes?" will be visiting us to talk about her training as an astronaut!



We hope that this week will be an inspirational experience as well as an opportunity to learn many new skills.

Please do ask your children throughout the week what they have been doing and we will update the website with regular updates.

As part of WOW week we have a parent coming in to put together a video for us which we will hopefully be able to upload to the school website. If you do not wish your child to be filmed then please contact the school office by email

office@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk by 10am Monday 12th March.

You are invited to a sharing assembly **on Friday 16th March at 9:15am** so we can show you what we have been learning.

We would like to thank both Louisa Jones and Sarah Richardson for their huge amount of support in planning this week – we are very fortunate to have had their support and inspiration. Also, our thanks to you all as parents who support STARS as they have funded the engineering workshop for your children as well as some resources for technology teaching – **MANY THANKS!**

Wood Green Animal Charity Visit



Wood Green are coming to Abbots Ripton! On the 20th March, we have a visit from Wood Green to link with our present KS1 topic of 'All creatures Great and Small'. They are running two workshops for Van Gogh and Monet, and also doing an assembly for the whole school. Although there is no cost involved, we would like to make a donation for their time and cause. If you would like to donate, then please send money in an envelope marked 'Donation for Wood Green'.

Parking in Rectory Farm Close

We have been informed by a resident of Rectory Farm Close, opposite the school, that this area is being used for parking while some parents pick up and drop off their children at school. This is a private road and therefore we would politely ask that you do not use it for parking. We know that our car park becomes congested but by parking sensibly and safely we can maximise the parking space available. Many thanks for your support with this.



**Please do
not park
here**

Attendance % for W/E 09/03/18

Van Gogh ~ 95%
Monet ~ 97.1%
Kandinsky ~ 97.4%
Picasso ~ 96%

Absence requests

If you are taking your child out of school please complete and hand into school an Application for Leave of Absence form prior to the absence. This is available to download from our school website or alternatively you can request a hard copy from the school office. This form is then handed to Mrs Matthews to complete and you will be informed in writing whether your absence is authorised or not.

Parent Consultations

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our parent consultations next week. Slips with your allocated time were sent home yesterday with your child. We have decided to reduce the written information which we send home at this consultation as we felt that everything that was said to you was also being written by teachers. Given that parents receive a written report next term, we have decided to reduce the written information this term to just include your child's targets and whether they are on track to meet these targets and also some key areas of development specific to your child in reading, writing, maths and science. We hope that you find this useful.

STARS Family Bingo Friday 16th March from 4:30 – 6:30pm.

Tickets cost £3:50 or £10 for 4. Child tickets will include food and tea, coffee and biscuits will also be available for the grown-ups! Do come along and join in the fun. Please but your ticket before the event to give us an idea of numbers.

Tickets are available from Liz, Scarlett and Sarah or the school office.





Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Spring 2018 term
Any new dates added in the future will be in bold and italics

Date	Event
12 th – 16 th March	WOW Week – STEM week
14 th March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 7.30pm
15 th March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm
16th March	<i>WOW week sharing assembly - 9:15am Everyone welcome</i>
20 th March	Wood Green Visit for Van Gogh and Monet Classes
21 st March	Picasso Class assembly at 2.45pm - Everyone welcome
26 th March	Residential Information meeting for Picasso class - 3:20pm
27 th March	Monet Class assembly at 2.45pm - Everyone welcome
28 th March	Communion service – 2.40pm – Everyone welcome
29 th March	Easter Church Service at 2.30pm - Everyone welcome
29 th March	STARS Cake Sale after school
30 th March to 15 th April	HOLIDAYS
16 th April	Teacher Training Day – school closed
17 th April	School starts
20 th April	STARS meeting - 9am
20th April	<i>Celebration farewell to Rev'd Rosemary – 2:40pm – all welcome</i>