



16th December

Autumn Term B 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.

Staffing Update

Many of you will have seen that Mrs MacLeod has returned to school earlier than the end of term and we are delighted to see her back. Over the last few weeks she has been supporting in Van Gogh class in the mornings and she will continue in this role for the remainder of the academic year. In the afternoons, she will take on an element of the SENDCo role alongside me as she is highly skilled in this area.

Monet class will therefore continue to be taught by Mrs Grover and Miss Slater, however, Mrs Grover will extend her role to 4 days a week and Miss Slater will teach on a Friday only.

We have also decided that we will no longer use the sports coaches for our PE teaching but this will now be delivered by our own teaching staff. Van Gogh PE will be delivered by Mrs MacLeod, Monet's PE will be delivered by Mrs Whales, Kandinsky's will be delivered by Mrs Hawthorne and Picasso PE will be delivered by Miss Slater.

We are also thrilled that Mrs Wilson who has recently taken on the role of cleaner, will be taking on the kitchen assistant role in January too.

Note for the Christingle Service for parents in Van Gogh



Our Christingle service is on the last day of term across in the church at 9.30am. We would like to ask parents of Van Gogh children to come to school at **9:10am** so that they can walk across to the church with their own children. They will also have reserved seating, close to their children in the church. If you have not yet let the office know whether you are able to attend, please do let us know as soon as possible as we would like to allocate an adult with each child.

Dick Whittington Pantomime info and timings

We are really looking forward to the panto next week. We will leave school approx. 1pm to travel to Cambridge. The performance is due to finish at 4.25pm so we expect to arrive back at school for 5.30pm. If we are delayed at all, we will post this on the top banner of the school website. If your child is being collected by someone who is not on their usual pattern then please email the office by end of the school day on Monday.

Thank you

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Morgan who spent an entire morning clearing paths and spreading grit in order to keep us all safe around our site. It has made a huge difference and we are very grateful.

Change to menu for next week

There is a change to the menu for Wednesday next week so instead of Roast Gammon it will be:

- Fish Fingers, chips and spaghetti hoops
- Quorn nuggets, chips and spaghetti hoops
- Jacket Potato

Token reward

We have been busy counting tokens today and the results are as follows:

- Christmas quiz – just 25 votes!
- Christmas cookie decorating – 382
- Christmas film and popcorn – 445.

We will therefore all watch a film at some point next week – this will be in individual class groups so that the film can be chosen by each class.



It always amazes us when we count the tokens as it means that there have been 852 reasons to celebrate a child during the last half term. This is a huge achievement and well done to all children who have received tokens.

Local Churches information

The St Andrews Church, Abbots Ripton Carol Service is on Sunday at 6pm. Unfortunately we have not had enough volunteers to join us to make a school choir so we won't be taking part in the service.

There is a Christmas tree festival being held at Kings Ripton Church this weekend. Please see the attached flyer for more details. The children made decorations to put on a tree during our decorating morning so the school could take part in the festival. Thank you to Martha, William and family for arranging our tree.



A BIG thank you for all your support with our Christmas events. We will update you with our raised totals in January - early indicators are that we have raised an amazing amount of money to support our school. Our thanks to everyone who has offered their support to make these events so successful. We hope you and your children have enjoyed the events.



Diary Dates Autumn 2022 / Spring 2023

All new dates are added in bold and italic.

Date	Event
20 th December	Whole School trip to Dick Whittington Panto
21 st December	Christmas Christingle Service ~ 9:30am in the church
21 st December	End of term
22 nd Dec 2022 to 5 rd Jan 2023	Christmas Holiday
4 th January	Training day ~ School Closed
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
W/C 20 th February	Picasso Bikeability
26 th May	Kandinsky Bikeability