



14th October

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.

SIAMS Inspection

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our SIAMS inspection last week; particularly those parents that the inspector spoke to in the car park and those who came in to school to meet with her. The report should be available to us in the next 2 weeks and we will share this with you as soon as we can.

Parent Consultations

Slips have been sent home with your child today confirming your appointment time. We look forward to seeing you all next week and sharing with you your child's progress.

Trips

We are delighted to have organised several different opportunities over the coming weeks for our children.

Faith Tour – Bedford

This is for Kandinsky and Picasso classes on Tuesday 29th November. The information letter and permission form has been sent home today. Please return by Monday 7th November.

Year 5/6 Football festival

Picasso class has brought home a letter and permission slip for this today. Please return by Monday 7th November.

Dick Whittington Pantomime – **please note that we are aware that the letter has been printed with 2 prices – the cost for this is £24.50**

We are delighted to have been able to secure tickets to take the whole school to the Dick Whittington pantomime on Tuesday 20th December at 2pm. The performance is at the Arts Theatre in Cambridge and this is instead of the visiting theatre company who usually come in to school. A letter and permission slip has been sent home with your child today. Please return by Monday 7th November.



Young Voices 2023

We are delighted to announce that we will be taking part in the Young Voices concert at the O2 on the 19th January 2023. Letters will be sent home next week to Picasso and Kandinsky which give more details including a t-shirt and parental ticket order form.

Break time snacks

Please can we remind parents of Kandinsky and Picasso children that they may bring a piece of fruit or vegetable as a snack for morning break times. We have recently noticed some children bringing in cereal bars and crisps.

Also, children in Monet and Van Gogh do not need to bring a snack as this is provided each day at school. This is important in Van Gogh class as snack time is part of the classroom time and it is difficult if children bring their own snack. Many thanks for your support with this.



Admissions Information

Reception 2023

Do you have or know someone who has a child due to start school in September 2023? The booking portal for a place in our Reception Class in September 2023 is now open. Please click [here](#) to visit the Cambridgeshire County Council School Admissions page.

Please help us to promote our school! We are holding open sessions for prospective parents for Reception intake 2023 on: Tuesday 8th November and Monday 5th December. Please contact the school for more information. Booking is required.

Transition to Secondary School

The closing date for 'on time' applications for transferring from Primary to Secondary school closes on the 31st October 2021 and is fast approaching.

Secondary 2023-2024 applications must be submitted by the 31st October and all on time applications will receive a school allocation on the National Offer date of the 1st March 2022. Parents who do not submit their application on time will need to complete a late application form.

Goodbyes

We have said goodbye to three children this week. Polina from Picasso and Nikita from Kandinsky have been rehoused and this sadly means a school move for them. We wish them well for the future and their family would like to offer their sincere thanks for the support that was shown to them during their time here. Patrick from Van Gogh class has relocated to his catchment school and again we wish him every success.

Sadly, Siobhan, our Midday supervisor and cleaner is leaving us next month to move onto a new exciting opportunity. Siobhan has worked at Abbots Ripton for the past 9 years and will be greatly missed. We will be advertising these posts next week and if you are interested then please do contact the school for more details.

Covid and other winter viruses

With this newsletter we have included a letter to parents from Jonathan Lewis regarding Covid-19 and other winter illnesses.

Dinner money debts

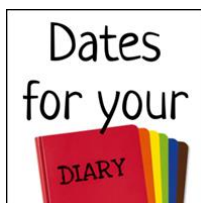
If you have any outstanding dinner money for this half term please ensure that it is given to the school/ paid into the bank by Tuesday. We are a small school and as such we find it difficult to carry debts with our caterers.

Token reward

The winning celebration token reward for this half term is a disco! This will be held on Friday 21st October. Well done to everyone who has earned a token this half term – altogether the children received 714 tokens!

Special lunches

Just a reminder that the menu for next Thursday will be the Diwali lunch and not the chicken and sweetcorn/vegetarian pie. In addition, we have attached a flyer for Bonfire lunch on Friday 4th November. This will be a hot dog with wedges followed by a rocket lolly. If your child does not normally have a school lunch and you wish to book one then please complete and return the flyer by next Friday and if your child is in Kandinsky or Picasso class, please include payment too.



Diary Dates Autumn 2022/Spring 2023

Date	Event
19 th October	Parent Consultations ~ 3:30pm – 7:30pm
20 th October	Diwali lunch
20 th October	Parent Consultations ~ 3:30pm – 5:30pm
21st October	STARS Tuck Shop after school – see attached flyer
24 th – 28 th October	HALF TERM
2nd November	STARS meeting 7:30pm
4 th November	Bonfire lunch
8 th November	Flu Vaccinations for all children. Opt out details will follow.
8 th November	Open Session to view for Foundation intake 2023 ~ 1:30pm – 2.30pm.
10 th November	Year 5/6 Football festival
11 th November	Individual Pupil Photos – am
11th November	STARS Camp fire cookout – see attached flyer
11 th November	Invite to join us for Remembrance Day. More details to follow.
14 th – 18 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
16 th November	Van Gogh Nursery Rhyme Time ~ 9.15am. Parents invited.
18 th November	Children in Need Day
29 th November	Kandinsky and Picasso Classes ~ Multi-Faith tour
1 st December	Year 4 Football festival
2 nd December	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning. Parents invited.
5 th December	Open Session to view for Foundation intake 2023 ~ 1:30pm – 2:30pm
12 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 2:15pm
13 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 9:30am and 2:15pm
14 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day
20th 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
19th January	Young Voices concert at the O2
W/C 20th February	Picasso Bikeability



Newsletter

October 2022

Dates for the Diary!

21st October at 3:20pm
Half Term Tuck Shop

2nd November at 7:30pm
STARS Meeting

11th November
Camp Fire Cook Out!

Welcome Picnic

Thank you to everyone who came to our Welcome Picnic. The weather was not in our favour however, it was lovely to see you all in the school hall. We hope the Reception children enjoyed their goodie bags and new book!

Make Do and Mend

WOW! What a fantastic turnout we had at the weekend! It was our best turn out yet! We managed to get some great jobs done. It was wonderful to see you all there and giving a helping hand to the school - it is truly appreciated.

Preloved Uniform

Hayley Wilcox has done an amazing job on sorting out our preloved uniform. She has created a list of the items we have in stock and the uniform is in good condition. This is listed on our Facebook Stars Page. All donations go to STARS! If you do not have access to Facebook feel free to find Hayley, Sam or Holly on the school run!

Ways to get involved:

Join our school lottery! You have the chance of winning £25,000!

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/abbots-ripton-primary-school

Buy your items online through Easy Fundraising and support "STARS - Abbots Ripton C of E Primary School, Huntingdon"

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Purchase your Amazon goods through Amazon Smile and support "Stars" Donating your old or unwanted foreign coins and used stamps to the School Most event ticket sales are made through PTA Events. There is also an app - you can download this and enter the code STARS. We have a donation button if you feel that you wish to make a contribution to STARS at any point.

www.pta-events.co.uk