



22nd January

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.

Week 3!

We hope you have had a positive week this week and that families have been able to spend some positive time together in the business that is family life at home. Staff have spent some time this week on training delivered by our link Emotional Health and Well-being practitioners, with a focus on resilience. One quote really struck me, *"Resilient children can resist adversity, cope with uncertainty and recover more successfully from traumatic events or episodes."* This highlighted for me the importance of proactively building resilience in young people, not just to support them at a time like the current one, but as learning for life. There is a fantastic resource called Young Minds which has a set of resources specifically for parents which is really worth looking at and can be found [here](#).

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Leading Learners and Headteacher's Awards

Just a reminder that we have created a Celebration Assembly presentation which reveals all of our award winners for the week. The link to this has been shared with the children via their STARZ accounts. Please do take a look as we have again included examples of the learning that we are celebrating too. Well done to all of you!



Zoom contact with children

We hope that your children enjoyed their Zoom calls with their teachers this week. The focus for these calls is for staff to connect with the children at home and we hope that your child has liked being part of this. We would be really grateful if parents could let us know if their child is not going to join so that we can join smaller groups together. We had some very small groups this week for example a group of 10, from which only 2 children joined. If we had known in advance, they could have joined a different group with other children from their class. Zoom invites for the next calls will be sent on Monday.

My thanks too to one parent who captured a delightful picture of his son on his Zoom call – his face really makes the time taken so worthwhile!



Reminder about timings for children in school.

Please can we remind families who are in school that the children are to be dropped off at school at 8:50am in the morning and collected at 3.15pm in the afternoon. Therefore, if you are running late, please report to the front gate as the gates to the car park will be locked after these times.

Fruit Snacks

We have been informed that the free fruit delivery we receive for Van Gogh and Monet classes will be resuming. We will have enough fruit to share with all classes so you no longer need to send in a snack for your children to have a break times.

COVID-19 testing of school staff

You may have heard that from next week all staff working in school will conduct a rapid COVID-test twice a week in order to identify any asymptomatic staff (those carrying COVID-19 but with no symptoms). If a member of staff tests positive we will follow test and trace procedures and will inform parents by telephone if their child needs to isolate as they have been in close contact with this member of staff. This is a big step forward and we are delighted to be taking part in this important next step in controlling the spread of the virus.

E-safety

We sent an email to the parents of children in Picasso class about their next unit of Computing learning. Please could I politely remind parents to read this. Thank you.

Our School Prayer

As part of their regular routine in school, children are used to saying aloud our school prayer. They may like to do this at home, so please do share this with them or if you are able to print it and have it displayed somewhere for your children, that would be wonderful.

Dear Lord,

All together we are Abbots Ripton School
Bless each one of us this day
Bring joy to our lives
Open our hearts to peace
Together we pray to you our Father
Stand by us as we grow

May we

Reflect your goodness
In all that we do
Protect the world around us and
Take care of your creation
Our family and friends we trust to your care
Now and forever we say

Amen