



12th October

School news Update

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

School attendance



We would just like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the importance of regular school attendance. If your child does need to be absent from school please contact the school office on each day of absence. If this is due to illness, we will need to log the nature of the illness as we do analyse this information with our Education Welfare Officer.

All requests for leave of absence during term time must be requested in writing prior to the absence and an application for leave of absence form can be obtained from the school office or the school website.

Governors have set a whole school attendance target of 98% and it would be really fantastic if we could meet or exceed this as we did last year!

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.

Attendance % for W/E 12/10/18

Van Gogh ~ 98%
Monet ~ 99.7%
Kandinsky ~ 99.4%
Picasso ~ 97%



Young Voices 2019

We are delighted to announce that we will be taking part in the Young Voices concert 2019 this year at the O2 on the 5th February. Letters will be sent home next week to Picasso and Kandinsky which give more details including a t-shirt and parental ticket order form.

School Uniform

We already have a huge pile of unnamed items in lost property. **PLEASE** write your child's name in their clothes. We cannot return items if they are unnamed.

Also please can you check the items you have at home belong to you. We have had several parents' contact us regarding lost items which are named that are not in the lost property box. If you have, by mistake, an item belonging to someone else, then please return it to school. This sometimes happens after PE.



Harvest donations



Thank you to everyone who brought in a donation for our Harvest service. The produce was taken to Coneygear Court in Huntingdon and we received the following email from them;

"Thank you today for the delivery of 8 bags full of different food items to Coneygear Court for our residents. On behalf of my colleagues we say thank you for your wonderful donation, support and show of love to our residents. We appreciate your giving to our residents today."

A new after school club – Pottery

After half term we have the opportunity to offer a new after school club. Pottery will run on Tuesday's starting 30th October and is available for all students in Year 1 to Year 6 and will run for 7 weeks.



It's such good fun to just get out a bag of clay and let kids mould and create while getting their hands dirty (all washable). Pottery kids often laugh and express joy at the feelings, smells, and sounds that clay can make. Manipulating the clay can also be a simple first lesson for children, to help them understand that their actions influence the outside world and the art which they create. Each child will take their creations home.

This club will run from 3:15pm - 4:15pm at a cost of £45.50 (£6.50 a week). The club will only run if we get enough interest and we will inform parents if it is not going ahead. Please complete the booking form by Wednesday next week and return to the school office if you wish your child to take part. Unfortunately if we don't get enough children interested the club will not be viable to run.

No Judo

There will be no Judo club after school on Wednesday next week due to Parent Consultations.



STARS Film night

Next Friday is the STARS film night. Please see attached poster for more information and how to buy tickets.

Dinner money debts

If you have any outstanding dinner money for this half term please ensure that it is given to the school office 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 DVD and popcorn. This will be held on Friday 19th October.

STARS news

STARS held their AGM this morning in school and I'm delighted that Louisa Jones and Jane Salter were elected as joint chairs and Anoushka Tonks was elected as secretary.

A **HUGE** thank you to Liz, Scarlett and Philippa for their hard work as Chairs/Vice Chair over the last few years as well as Sarah for her role as secretary.

Unfortunately no-one at the meeting felt able to step into the role of Treasurer so Mrs Nixon has agreed to do this in the short term. If anyone feels that this could be a role for them and would like further information please do talk to Louisa who has been in this role over the last year.

Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Autumn term 2018

*Any new dates added in the future will be in **bold italics***

Date	Event
16 th October	Communion service 2:30pm – all welcome
16 th October	Parent Consultations – 3:30pm – 7:30pm
17 th October	Parent Consultations – 3:30pm – 5:30pm (NO JUDO)
19 th October	STARS Movie Night – 3:15 – 5:30pm
22nd – 26th October	HALF TERM
29 th October	Training day – school closed
30 th October	School starts again
31 st October	Deadline for Year 6 parents to apply for a Year 7 school place
31 st October	Van Cols School Photos
2 nd November	STARS meeting at 9am school hall – everyone welcome
2 nd November	STARS Camp Fire Cookout – 5.30pm – 7pm on the school field
W/C 5 th November	Bikeability – Year 6
5 th November	Monet class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
6 th November	Flu Vaccinations for Foundation and Years 1-5
9 th November	Remembrance Day – Whole School
12 th – 16 th Nov	Anti-bullying Week
13 th November	9:30 – 10:30am Open Session for Prospective Foundation intake 2019
14 th November	Whole School Open door to all – 2pm – 3pm. Everyone welcome
15 th November	Year 5 Football festival – St Ives all day
16 th November	Children In Need Day
21 st November	Picasso class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
23 rd November	STARS Black Friday Toy Sale – more details to follow
23 rd November	1:15 – 2:15pm Open Session for Prospective Foundation intake 2019
28 th November	Van Gogh class sharing assembly followed by invitation to see Learning journeys in class– 2:30pm. Everyone welcome
30 th November	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning
4 th December	STARS Wreath Making workshops – 1:30pm and 7pm
8 th December	STARS Carol Singing – Morrison's St Ives. Everyone welcome
10 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance – 9:30am and 2:15pm
11 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance – 9:30am
12 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch
14 th December	STARS breakfast with Santa
14 th December	STARS Christmas Shop
17 th December	Christingle
19 th December	Christmas Service – 2.30pm in the church
20th Dec to 3rd Jan 2018	Christmas Holiday
3 rd and 4 th January	Training days – School Closed
7 th January	School Starts