



End of Spring 2019 Term News

Spring has sprung!

School has once again had a busy term. We were delighted with the outcome of our OFSTED inspection which was conducted this term and the children made us all so proud with their positive comments about their learning and how much they love coming to school.

We have continued to focus on the development of our curriculum and ensuring that children have broad experiences beyond reading, writing and maths. Our topics/themes are now starting with a key question to answer or a problem to solve and this term we have reflected on questions such as, 'When is a mountain a mountain?' and 'What came first, bronze, stone or iron age and why?' Each topic also starts with key knowledge and skills that we want the children to know and understand and they are then assessed on this in the form of a quiz at the end of the unit. Some curriculum areas have been enhanced through trips and/or visitors this term including a visit to Flag Fen where the children learned about the past through real hands on experiences, a visit from a representative of Marshalls seeds, paramedics and a healthy eating session hosted by Morrisons.

Our focus on improving writing continues and I am sure that you saw many examples of high quality writing in many subject areas such as RE and Science when you looked at books at the recent parent consultations. We continue to have high expectations of children's writing regardless of which subject area they are writing in.

In Maths we are currently taking part in a project about 'mastery' and we are looking at ensuring that children master their maths before moving on and so practice and consolidation play a central role.

The staff team have worked incredibly hard this term and I am delighted that Mrs Wilcock and Miss Slater have both agreed to step into a leadership role at the school next term. I am sure that you will support them with this.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Governors here at the school. They work tirelessly in many ways and are so supportive. They know the school incredibly well and their formal visits to check on our progress enable them to support us in setting the strategic direction of the school as well as our development priorities.

Celebration Token reward



Easter Fun!

The Celebration token system is a way of rewarding children for hard work and behaviour, whilst teaching them about being part of a community. A child's individual token is put to a whole school treat. The winner for this half term was 'Easter Fun Activities' which the children have enjoyed this week.

PE kits

Please can we remind you that your child's PE kit should be a plain white t-shirt with black shorts or jogging bottoms. We have seen other items worn over the last term. Also their kit should be in school every day, especially in the summer term as we do fit in extra physical activity when we can. If your child is not taking part in a PE lesson for a medical reason then the school office should be notified.

Dinner money

The cost of dinners for the first half of the summer term will be £51.70 (22 days) Please ensure payment is received promptly.

Bottle tops

We are taking part in an art project next term which requires a large number of plastic bottle tops. We would be most grateful if families could rinse and collect plastic bottle tops of all colours and sizes and send them into school. We will let you know when we have enough!!! Many thanks.



Playtime snack



Please may we remind you that children may only bring fruit and/or vegetable snacks for morning play time. Children in Van Gogh and Monet are given a piece of fruit or vegetable every day through the Government's School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. However, children in Kandinsky and Picasso may bring a snack from home but this must be a fruit or vegetable. Your support with this is appreciated.

Clubs list

We have sent home today the new clubs list for next term. We are delighted to announce that Heidi will be back with us running Musical Theatre but through Premier Sport and not Next Step Entertainment. Please do read the form as the starting dates for clubs do vary.

Attendance % for W/E 05/04/19

Van Gogh ~ 10%

Monet ~ 98%

Kandinsky ~ 97%

Picasso ~ 100%



Lent Challenge

Please pass on a huge thanks to all of the grandparents or elderly relatives who replied to the children's letters. We have really enjoyed sharing them and the children have learned a great deal.

Please do keep knitting the little hats as we will continue to collect these at the start of next term. Thank you!

In addition to the Lent Challenge, AgeUK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have an additional challenge for us, entitled '**Sharing Time**'. At the moment, in our Diocese, there are 197 elderly people who have requested a volunteer to come and visit them for one hour a week, for a chat, some company and contact with another adult. Whilst we know that children would not be able to participate in this scheme, perhaps some parents, grandparents, church members or governors might consider engaging in this courageous advocacy, offering the gift of their time once a week to benefit an elderly member of the community. See below for the list of areas, towns and villages, where elderly have registered an interest in a volunteer coming to visit.

Perhaps through the Lent Challenge, we can also reduce this number of people. Just one volunteer from each school in the Diocese of Ely would reduce the list by 43%! Full training is provided alongside the usual DBS checks. For more information, please also contact Andrew Morris andrew.morris@ageukcap.org.uk

Please let us know if you have volunteered in any way.



SHARING TIME WAITING LIST

<u>Hunts Area – 16 on the waiting list</u>	<u>Fenland Area – 37 on the waiting list</u>	<u>East Cambs Area – 23 on the waiting list</u>	<u>Cambridge City – 62 on the waiting list</u>	<u>South Cambs – 59 on the waiting list</u>	<u>South Cambs – cont...</u>
Huntingdon – 7 Ramsey – 1 Eynesbury – 1 Eaton Ford – 1 Earith – 1 Sawtry – 2 St Neots 2	March – 4 Wisbech – 7 Chatteris – 3 Coates – 2 Leverington – 4 Friday Bridge – 3 Tydd St Giles – 5	Sutton – 1 Ely – 8 Witchford – 1 Isleham – 1 Soham – 7 Bottisham – 2	North – CB4 – 29 Central – CBI – 17 Cherry Hinton – 9 Trumpington – 3	Sawston 11 Hardwick 2 Bar Hill 3 Cambourne 2 Linton 2 Fulbourn 3 Ickleton 2	Comberton 1 Caldecot 1 Impington 4 Histon 1 Willingham 2 Over 3 Waterbeach 1 Melbourn 2
Great Paxton – 1	Elm – 1 Doddington – 1 Wimblington – 1 Whittlesey – 5 Parson Drove – 1	Littleport – 3	West – CB3 – 2 East – CB5 – 2	West Wickham 1 Whittlesford 3 Foxton 1 Duxford 2	Grantchester 1 Gamlingay 1 Swavesey 2 Elsworth – 1 Cottenham – 2 Meldreth – 1 Arrington – 1 Papworth Everard – 1 Stapleford – 1 Haslingfield – 1

For more information about Sharing Time, visit:

www.ageuk.org.uk/cambridgeshireandpeterborough/our-services/sharingtime/



Make do and Mend

A HUGE thank you to everyone who came along to help on Saturday 23rd March for our Make do and Mend day. We got so much done; from painted sheds, to hole filling in the field, to shed fixing and planting the grounds look so much better!

Attendance Cup



Every week the Attendance Cup is awarded to the class with the highest percentage attendance for the week. The cup is prized by that class and the competition is fierce!

Overall the Spring Term Winners are: **Van Gogh Class**

100% attendance certificates were awarded to the following pupils for their attendance for the Spring term.

Van Gogh Class

Elsie
Oliver C
Robin
Charlie
Henry
William S
Joshua

Monet Class

Lani
Tommy
Alice
Kristofer
Charlotte

Kandinsky Class

Pearl
Eloise
Edie May
Ethan
Hannah O
George P
James
Luke

Picasso Class

Primrose
Georgie Mae
Isabel
Leela
Faith
Russell
Izaak
Lucas
Mia
Matthew
Corbin
Austin
Bradley

Residential trip

Here at Abbots Ripton we plan a 2 night residential trip every other year so that children either go when they are in Year 5 or when they are in Year 6. We have begun preparations for the next residential trip which will be for children currently in Years 4 and 5. This will take place on the 10th June 2020 for 2 nights to Condover Hall in Shropshire. A letter will be sent early next term to ask for deposits to secure this booking.



Our very busy Spring Term 2019



Kandinsky Class went to Flag Fen





Paramedic visit to Van Gogh Class



Morrison's Food Tasting



**Comic relief
£116.10**



**Lent Challenge
Learning new skills**



**Lent Challenge
Invite to Rose Cottage
for lunch**





**Mother's Day Lunch
Thank you for coming.**



World Book day 2019



**Marshall's Seeds visited
Monet Class to plant seeds**



**HAPP
Football
Events for
Year 3 - 6**



Abbots Ripton CE Primary School ~ Our Easter Trail Day

On Thursday we spent part of the day looking at the Easter story. There were six stations, each with a visual display that the children visited in turn throughout the day. Each station was led by an adult who started the discussion with a question then told the relevant part of the Easter story.

Hope and Dreams

The story of Palm Sunday was told around a 'road' and 'palm leaves' created in the hall. The children sat around the edges and heard about the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The children were all given a stone which they placed at the foot of the cross and they thought about their hopes and dreams for the future.



Palm Sunday
Hopes and
Dreams

"My dream is to grow each day to be a better person - Corbin"

The Last Supper
Servant King



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The children sat round on cushions and listened to the part of the story about Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. The children were invited to dip their fingers in a bowl of water and make the sign of the cross on the palm of each hand as they said a silent prayer that God will help them serve others in a special way this Easter.

The Last Supper
Remember Me

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The children were invited to sit in front of the altar and they

discussed the Last Supper. They were all given the chance to share in a small piece of bread and think about something they know about Jesus.



Remember the true reason of Easter is the sacrifice that Jesus made for all of us - Lily

In the garden of
Gethsemane
Alone

Alone

In the garden of Gethsemane, the children were invited to sit next to the 'Garden Area'. They were given the opportunity to create a shape, figure or object out of plasticine that reminded them of a time when they were lonely or afraid. Then they placed the shapes around the garden.



Good Friday
Sharing our
Suffering



The word alone has 'one' in it but you are never truly alone because you always have Jesus with you - Lucas

Sharing our Suffering

We talked about the people in our world who might be suffering and said our own prayers for them.

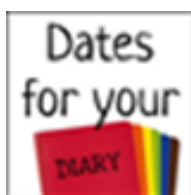
Resurrection

A tent was used to recreate the tomb where Jesus was laid. The children were told the last part of the Easter story and then given the chance to write down words that described how people felt on hearing that Jesus had risen.

Easter Sunday
Resurrection

Shocked
Excited
Confused
Blessed
Astounded





Diary dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Summer/Autumn term 2019

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

Date	Event
6 th to 22 nd April	HOLIDAYS
23 rd April	Teacher Training Day – school closed
24 th April	School starts
6th May	<i>Bank Holiday – school closed</i>
9th May	<i>Year 2 St Ives Football Festival</i>
13th May	<i>Year 6 SATS Week</i>
22nd May	<i>NSPCC visit – more information to follow</i>
27th – 31st May	<i>Half Term</i>
6th June	<i>Year 6 and Foundation Height and Weight</i>
6th July	<i>STARS Summer Fair</i>
24th July	<i>Last day of the summer term</i>
3rd September	<i>Teacher training day – school closed</i>
4th September	<i>Teacher training day – school closed</i>
5th September	<i>Autumn Term 2019 begins</i>
10th – 12th June	<i>Year 5/6 residential</i>



We have had a very busy term!
We hope you have enjoyed looking back at
some of the things we have done.
Have a lovely Easter.