



15th November

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.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Children In Need fundraiser today. We raised £143! Thank you so much!



Remembrance

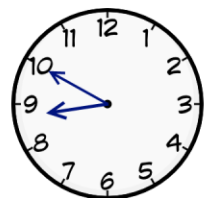
Our thanks to those of you who attended our Remembrance Service. We came together as a whole school to on Monday for a 2 minute silence which was very moving. We will let you know how much we raised for the Royal British Legion through the sale of their goods and poppies when they have let us know.

Hair bands

Please can we remind you that if your child has long hair it must be tied back while they are in school. The band must also be in keeping with school colours i.e. blue or black.

Late arrival at school

We have noticed again that too many children are not arriving onto the playground before the bell rings at 8.50am. Please ensure that you arrive in time for your child to line up with their class as starting the day late is unsettling for the children and some really struggle to settle in class when they are arriving after their friends. Also, we start learning promptly first thing in the morning so your children are missing valuable learning time. Your support with this is really appreciated.



Dinner money

As you are aware, we find it very challenging to hold debt on any accounts. However, we do have quite a number of families for whom we have not received any dinner money yet this half term. Please could this be sent into school on Monday and if you have concerns about clearing this debt please do speak to either Mrs Nixon or Mrs Matthews.

**Attendance % for
W/E 15/11/19**

Van Gogh ~ 97%

Monet ~ 97%

Kandinsky ~ 99%

Picasso ~ 98%

Class assemblies

Just a quick reminder that Van Gogh Class sharing assembly is on Wednesday at 2.50pm in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to come along but please be prepared to take an active role!!!

Picasso sharing assembly is on Thursday 28th November, again at 2.50pm. Do come along.

Our school site

Please can we politely ask parents to leave our site promptly with their children at the end of the school day. It is a safeguarding concern when we have children playing on site unsupervised by parents. Also, when clubs are happening on the field it is difficult for club leaders to know which children they are responsible for and which children are the responsibility of their parents. If you are staying on site to wait for a club to finish, and you have siblings who are also waiting, please keep them with you at all times. This has become an increasing concern as the term has progressed and therefore your support is vital and appreciated.

Christmas hamper donations



We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 29th November in exchange for a donation for our Christmas hampers. As in previous years, these hampers will then become the prizes in our Christmas raffle!

The classes have picked their hamper themes which are as follows:

Van Gogh class – Red

Monet class – Gold

Kandinsky class – Silver

Picasso class - Green



STARS reminders



Christmas Fayre - Friday 6th December @ 3.30pm – 5.30pm at Abbots Ripton Village Hall - Entrance free!

Visit Santa in his grotto (£2.50) to receive your Christmas gift. There will be lots of stalls and festive activities for the children and adults.

Raffle tickets have been sent home today. There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 29th November in exchange for a donation for the hamper. Each class has been given a theme in assembly today from the following; **Green, Gold, Silver, and Red**. Ask your child which colour their class picked. The donation can be anything of that colour for example red crackers, gold decorations or silver wrapped chocolate!



Christmas Wreath Making – Monday 2nd Dec @ 1pm and 7.30pm at

Abbots Ripton Village Hall - £28.00 each

Ticket link can be found on the STARS Facebook event page. Alternatively, tickets can be purchased from the school office or from Sam in the Post office. Please do tell all of your friends about it!!

Price includes all wreath making materials and light festive nibbles and refreshments. Please bring your own secateurs and gardening gloves

Breakfast with Santa – Friday 13th December @ 8am in the school hall

£4.00 per child, breakfast will be pancakes/cereal with a small gift from Santa when he joins us.

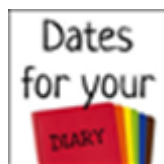
‘Elfridges’ Christmas Shop – Friday 13th December @ 9.30 – 11am at school.

Gifts will be priced ranging from 50p to £3. All children will have the chance to visit the Christmas shop to purchase a present for a loved one.



Carol Singing – Saturday 14th December @ 10 – 11.30am at Morrison, St Ives.

Everyone welcome – the more the merrier!!



Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Autumn/Spring term 2019/2020

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

Date	Event
W/C 18 th November	Whole School Open Door – day to be confirmed
18 th – 22 nd November	Nursery Rhyme week
20 th November	Van Gogh class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
25 th November	Flu Vaccinations for all children
28 th November	Picasso class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
29 th November	Non-Uniform day in exchange for a Christmas Hamper donation
2 nd December	STARS Wreath Making event – DATE and VENUE CHANGE
6 th December	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning. Everyone welcome
6 th December	STARS Annual Christmas Fair from 3:30pm at the Village Hall
9 th December	Van Gogh and Monet Nativity Performance – 9:30am and 2:00pm
10 th December	Van Gogh and Monet Nativity Performance – 9:30am
12 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day-change of date
13 th December	STARS Breakfast with Santa followed by the 'Elfridges' the Christmas Shop
14 th December	STARS Carol Singing
16 th December	Panto visit – Sleeping Beauty
18 th December	Christmas Christingle Service – 2.30pm in the church
19th Dec to 6th Jan 2019	Christmas Holiday
6 th January	Training day – School Closed
7 th January	Spring term begins