



At a glance

Autumn Term 2019 News



Welcome back to another new school year! We hope you all had a lovely summer break and are now ready for what will be an exciting and busy Autumn term.

We would like to warmly welcome our new teacher Mrs Whales who joins Miss Slater in Kandinsky class. I know that she is very excited about joining us!

Class information meetings

You will see from the diary dates that each class teacher will be running an informal meeting for parents over the next couple of weeks. The aim of this meeting is to give parents an opportunity to meet teachers. Teachers will also set out their expectations, explain key routines such as home learning and go over some of the ways in which you can support learning at home. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you there.



Curriculum Maps

Every half term each class teacher writes and sends home a Curriculum Map which gives you an overview of what your child is learning during the half term. This half term's map will be given out at the Class Information meetings (please see diary dates).

Accelerated Reader

We have made the decision not to continue with the Accelerated Reader program this year. We have reviewed how we have been using this over the last academic year and do not feel that it is value for money at almost £1800. How we teach reading and how we develop reading for pleasure is a key priority on our development plan for this year and we feel that this money would be better spent on new reading books.



Collective Worship Values

The Values which we focus on during our Collective Worship are an important part of sustaining and developing our school's Christian ethos. Children are able to explain why these values and learning about how to live our lives following these values, is important.

Each half term, we will focus on a different value. Our Value for this half term is Faithfulness.

Collecting children at the end of the school day

In order to encourage independence, we will continue to allow our KS2 (Year 3-6) children to leave their classroom at the end of the school day without their teacher. They will be responsible for finding the person who is collecting them and they will be expected to go to the teacher on the playground if the person who is collecting them is not there. Children will know that they should NOT leave the school grounds without an adult. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you would like them to be allowed to leave the site unaccompanied i.e. they are allowed to walk home from school, please do let the office know so that you can sign the permission form.



We would also like to remind parents that they should wait for their child in the last 2 thirds of the playground so it is easier for staff to make sure the children get to the correct adult.

Can we also remind you that the school grounds must be vacated by **3.30pm at the latest** and that the field and playground equipment is not to be used at the end of the day.

Can you help?

Firstly, Mrs Wilcock has asked whether anyone has any of the following items that they would be happy to donate for her classroom:

- a globe - one on a stand if possible
- toy cars, especially emergency vehicles
- a toy baby buggy.

Also do you own a trailer or van? We have lots of items that need taking to the tip which are too large for a staff car. If you can help please let the office know by next Friday so we can get this organised.

Thank you!

Pupil details

It is important for the safety of your child/children that we have up to date contact details as well as medical information, held in school. We will be sending home your child's 'Data Collection' form which has the current information that we hold. We would like all parents to check, amend and return these by Friday 14th September. Even if there are no amendments to be made, we still need all parents to return the signed form.

Dinner Money

The cost of a school meal each day has increased by 5p to £2.40. We feel that the hot meal provided by Jo is great value as she continues to cook on site with fresh ingredients each day. There is also a selection of fruit and vegetables each day in addition to the set meal. The Government are still acknowledging the huge benefits of having a hot meal at school and are therefore still funding the free school meals for KS1. If your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or 2 there is therefore no charge for their meal.



If your child is having a school meal and they are in KS2 (Years 3-6) the cost of meals this half term will be £76.80 (32 days @ £2.40). If you wish to pay weekly the cost is £12.00.

Please forward payment to the school office in a **sealed and named envelope**. Cheques made payable to Abbots Ripton CE Primary School. We continue to look into direct payments for dinner money but currently this is not available due to running costs of the systems required.

A polite reminder that meals **must be paid for in advance** as we do not have the cash flow to manage debts in school.



Cool Milk registration

Don't forget to register if you wish your child to receive milk each day (with the exception of the Foundation children as this has already been done.)

www.coolmilk.com

It takes up to two weeks from registration to milk being allocated due to delivery times.

Clubs

Clubs start again next Monday (9th) and all the information regarding clubs has been sent home today via email. Booking forms are not yet ready but will be emailed to you tomorrow to complete.

A reminder that we have organised a '**Rise and Shine**' club to allow parents to drop children at school from 8am each day. This is being run by St Ives Football club and a different sport will be on offer each morning. This can be done in school uniform and is a great way to increase physical activity. Please see further details on the booking form being sent tomorrow.

Diary Dates



Please find below the diary dates for the Autumn term 2019. We do try to set as many dates as we can well in advance to support parents so please do make a note of these events so that you do not miss something!

A reminder that new dates added in future newsletters are in ***bold italics*** to make it easier for you to identify anything new.

We do ask that younger siblings do not attend meetings/workshops that are held throughout the school day as this can be disruptive to the children's learning.
Many thanks in advance.

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Any new dates added will be in bold italics

Diary Dates Autumn 2019

Date	Event
W/C 8 th September	Clubs start
9 th September	New Foundation children start – 8:50am – 12:00 noon
10 th September	Class information meeting for Picasso class – 2:50pm
12 th September	Class information meeting for Monet class – 2:50pm
13 th September	Class information meeting for Kandinsky class – 2:50pm
13 th September	New Foundation children stay for lunch – 8:50am – 1:10pm
16 th September	New Foundation children stay all day from now – 8:50am – 3:15pm
17 th September	Class information meeting for Van Gogh class – 2:50pm
18 th September	Reading Workshop for Parents of Year 1 and 2 – 2:40pm
23 rd September	Harvest Service – everyone welcome.
26 th September	Phonics Workshop for Foundation Parents – 2.40pm
27 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning – NON-UNIFORM DAY and CUPCAKE (children invited to wear something green/purple or white)
3 rd October	School photos – individual and siblings
7 th October	Year 6 Ely Cathedral day
9 th October	Open Session for Foundation intake 2020 - 9:30am -10:30am
9 th October	Eucharist lessons and service at 2.30pm.
W/C 14 th October	Focus Week - Thanksgiving
16 th October	Parent Consultations – 3:30pm – 7:30pm
17 th October	Parent Consultations – 3:30pm – 5:30pm
21st – 25th October	HALF TERM

28 th October	School starts again
31 st October	Kandinsky class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
1 st November	Special lunch – Divali - Booking form to follow
4 th November	Monet class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
8 th November	Remembrance Day – Church service 2:30pm. Everyone welcome.
11 th – 15 th November	Anti-bullying Week
13 th November	Open Session for Foundation intake 2020 - 2:00pm – 3:00pm
15 th November	Children In Need Day
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
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
13 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day
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