



# At A Glance

## 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.*

### **Covid-19 risk assessment update**

Despite the further easing of lockdown this week with shops etc. reopening, schools have been advised to keep their protective measures in place for at least this first half term. We will therefore continue to keep children in their class groups and all routines for dropping and collecting children will remain the same. If we review this situation and anything needs to change we will ensure that families are notified of this in advance.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their continued support in keeping the whole school community safe and a reminder that you are all eligible to collect or order lateral flow tests for adults in your household – details of how to access these were in the last newsletter.

### **Painted pebbles**

Some children have brought in their beautifully painted pebbles today and we are delighted with how lovely they are; the picture shows some from Monet class which are just lovely.

If you still have your pebble at home, please return it to school this week as any children who have not been able to do this at home may have an opportunity in school if the pebble is returned.

If any parents or other family members would like to paint a pebble, please do let us know as we would like this to be a community effort in painting as many as possible. We are also looking for volunteers to varnish them once they have been returned so please do let us know if you are able to support with this. Many thanks.



### **Car park**

We would like to thank the parents who have spent some time marking 'parking bays' in the school car park. This is in an effort to utilise the space as best we can and therefore we would encourage all parents to use these bays and avoid parking on the verge at the entrance and on the road outside school. Many thanks.

### **Early Intervention Family worker**

With this newsletter we have sent a flyer from Zoe Hope, our lovely family worker, who is available to all families for advice and support. Her contact details are on the flyer or alternative please do talk to us if you would like us to make a referral on your behalf.

## Clubs

We are delighted to be able to offer our before and after school clubs this term as we know many families have missed these.

'Rise and Shine' is a fun, active before school club which allows children to be physically active before the school day starts. The club starts at 8am and children then leave this club to join their class for the start of the day. The cost of this club is £3.50 per session which can be paid in advance (cheques payable to St Ives Football Club) or on each day directly to Mr Clarke. There are a maximum of 12 spaces each morning so this club needs to be booked in advance via the school office. If your child attended this club last term, we have already reserved your place but please do let us know if your needs have changed.

In order to keep children in their class groups we will be offering the following; 'Amy's Acro' gymnastic club for children in our Monet class every Monday and 'St Ives football club' multi-skills for Picasso on a Tuesday and Kandinsky on a Wednesday. Further details can be found on our Clubs booking information form which has been sent home today.



## His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh, 1921 – 2021



Following the sad news of the death of His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh, we are now in a period of national mourning. As a whole school we learned more about His Royal Highness in our Collective Worship today and shared together a prayer, both of which have been shared with schools by The Church of England and Ely Diocese. Families may wish to join us in using this prayer at this time:

Dear God, We pray for the Royal family in their sadness that you would be close to them at this difficult time. We ask especially for our Queen, that you would be with her as you promised: be her strength and her companion today, and in all days that lie ahead. Help us to follow their example in serving you, through serving others. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## Dinner money

The cost for the first half of the summer term will be £79.20 (33 days at £2.40) if you wish to pay for the half term, alternatively the weekly charge is £12.00. Please ensure payment is received promptly. Cash or cheques made payable to Abbots Ripton CE Primary School. A polite reminder that it is really difficult for us to hold debts for families so prompt payment is really appreciated!

## Contact details

Please let us know if you have changed any of your contact details e.g. telephone numbers etc. Many thanks.





### Diary Dates

We have attached an updated diary date's list. Please do take the time to note these down in your diary so you don't miss anything.

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***Please see below the diary dates for the Summer term 2021***

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

13 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term begins
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School closed
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photographs
31 <sup>st</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Term
<b><i>10<sup>th</sup> June</i></b>	<b><i>Swimming for Picasso class starts (6 weeks)</i></b>
<b><i>10<sup>th</sup> June</i></b>	<b><i>New Foundation Parents meeting - 7pm</i></b>
<b><i>20<sup>th</sup> July</i></b>	<b><i>Y6 leavers assembly - 1.30pm</i></b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of Summer Term
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Teacher Training Day – School closed