



# 18th October

## Autumn Term 2019 News

*Together, with God's help we: Learn for life, Achieve our best and Grow in faith.*

### **Parent Consultations**

Thank you to everyone who came along to Parent Consultation this week. We hope you enjoyed looking at books and hearing about your child's start to their learning this year.



### **Football Festivals**

Year 5 Football festival takes place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at St Ives FC. If your child has expressed an interest in going then a letter has been sent home to gain your permission. Please ensure this is returned by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Do you have or know someone who has a child due to start school in September 2020?**

Please help us to promote our school! We are holding the next open session for prospective parents for Foundation intake 2020 on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November: 2:00pm – 3:00pm. (Please note a change of time to previously published information)

We will be sending information to lots of the local nurseries but if your child attends a club or sporting team outside the school and they will allow you to put up a poster or have a pile of flyers then please pop into the office and speak to Mrs Nixon. Booking is required this year.



### **Parking**

Following our request regarding parking we have been asked by the Post Office to remind you not to park outside the shop as it is for their customers only. You may however park at The Abbots Elm for drop off and pick up.

### **New menu and dinner money**

A new menu will start after half term, please find attached a copy. Dinner money for the next half term is £91.20. (38 days at £2.40.) We have been asked several times by parents regarding the possibility of paying direct to the school through internet banking. This is a service that a lot of schools do through companies such as Parent Pay. As a school we have looked into this on numerous occasions but there is a significant cost to the school to set up and run this system and with budgets so tight it is not something that we feel is viable at the current time.

#### **Attendance % for W/E 18/10/19**

**Van Gogh – 97.7%**  
**Monet – 97.7%**  
Kandinsky – 97.0%  
Picasso – 94%



## **STARS news**

### **Match Funding**

You will hopefully be aware of the fantastic work STARS (PTA) are doing to raise funds for the school. We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about the Match Funding scheme and how a little bit of your time could raise double the funds for STARS.

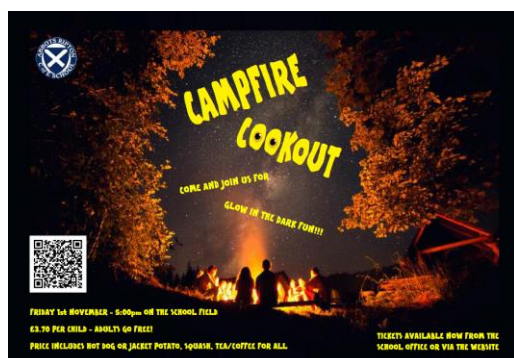
If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from the STARS (PTA) detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised.

We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match funding too.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events. If you can't help at this time, but you know the company you work for has a match funding policy, please let us know. This could be a really large source of income for STARS and help us raise money for **IT resources plus much more!**

If you are able to help us this way, please let Anoushka know and we can discuss your companies' requirements.

Thank you for your support.



### **Camp Fire Cook Out – tickets on sale now**

Do come along to join in the fun. See attached poster for details.

### **Cake Sale today**

Thank you for all donations of cakes and to you for buying them!

### **Wreath Making**

Just to let you everyone know the Wreath Making date has changed to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December as we have now managed to book the Village Hall for this event. More details on times and booking will follow shortly.



## **Diary Dates**

Please see below the diary dates for the Autumn term 2019

***Any new dates are added in bold italics***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> October	School starts again
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Football festival
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Kandinsky class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
<b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b><i>STARS Camp Fire Cook out – tickets on sale now!</i></b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	STARS Make do and Mend day
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Monet class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Football festival
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day – Church service 2:30pm. Everyone welcome.
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying Week
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Session for Foundation intake 2020 - 2:00pm – 3:00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Day
W/C 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Open Door – day to be confirmed
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Nursery Rhyme week
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Van Gogh class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations for all children
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Picasso class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b><i>STARS Wreath Making event – DATE and VENUE CHANGE</i></b>
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning. Everyone welcome
6 <sup>th</sup> December	STARS Annual Christmas Fair from 3:30pm at the Village Hall
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Van Gogh and Monet Nativity Performance – 9:30am and 2:00pm
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Van Gogh and Monet Nativity Performance – 9:30am
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day
13 <sup>th</sup> December	STARS Breakfast with Santa followed by the Christmas Shop
14 <sup>th</sup> December	STARS Carol Singing
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto visit – Sleeping Beauty
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Christingle Service – 2.30pm in the church
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Dec to 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Training day – School Closed
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term begins