



24th September

Autumn Term 2021 News

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.

Reading Workshop

Thank you to everyone who joined Mrs MacLeod for the parent's reading workshop on Tuesday. Feedback has been positive about how helpful this was. The PowerPoint has been uploaded to the Monet Class page for your information if you weren't able to join us and if you have any questions please do ask.

Phonics Workshop – Wednesday 29th September at 1:30pm

This workshop is for parents of our Reception children and any Monet parents who would like a refresher, are new to our school or who missed it last year. Again this will be via Zoom and a link will be sent out to all on Monday 27th September. Mrs Wilcock will share the resource that we use for teaching phonics, 'Storytime Phonics' and she will go over what we teach in each phase. She will also share the ways in which you can support your child at home with this important skill in learning to read.



Flu Vaccinations

Just a reminder to return your form by Friday 1st October to either opt in or out. The School Vaccination Session date is 15th November 2021.

Harvest Donations



We are so thankful for the donations which you have sent in for our Harvest collection. In our Collective Worship we have learned about the importance of saying thank you for all that we have and also remembering those who do not have as much as we do. Key Stage 2 have also learned about harvest around the world. Your donations will be taken to Kings Ripton Court who we know will be incredibly grateful for your generosity.

Reading competition

Well done to the children who entered our Summer Reading Challenge; the winners have been announced today in our Celebration Assembly and they will each be able to choose a book prize – well done to each of you!

Collective worship

This half term our Collective Worship value is '**Faithfulness**'. Faithfulness comes from a place of trust and loyalty and the children will reflect on what it means to be faithful to others and the importance of being a faithful friend. We will reflect on the importance of being faithful to God for Christians and how being faithful to God shapes the way Christians live their lives. Hebrews 11:1 says, *"Now faith is a confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."*



Our reflection area



You may remember that as school returned from lockdown we asked families to reflect on our school values and represent these in a creative way on a stone. We were delighted with family's engagement with this and have had the stones on display in school. Over the summer we have used them to enhance our reflection area in school and the children have been using this space to spend time being quiet and still. They are encouraged to reflect on the prompts or activities in this area, which at the moment are linked to Harvest and the importance of being thankful. We

thought you might like to see a finished picture!

If you know anyone within our community or at a local church, who would like to paint a stone or if you are new to our school, please do ask for a stone to take home. All of our new reception families will be receiving a stone in the next week.

News from STARS



Thank you to everyone who joined the S.T.A.R.S AGM on Wednesday evening. The new Committee is as follows:

Chair: Mrs Moore

Vice Chair: Mr Alexander- Cahill

Secretary: Mrs Alexander-Cahill

Treasurer: Mrs Ward

Communications: Mrs Bygrave.

The new team will be sharing their planned events and details of how you can help as well as what the money being raised is for in their next update. Our **HUGE** thanks to previous committee members for all their hard work and commitment; the money raised truly makes a difference to the children.

Home Learning

Many thanks to those parents who completed our Home Learning questionnaire. We are in the process of reflecting on these and plan to start home learning at half term. The overwhelming majority of parents do feel that children should be engaging in learning at home set by the school. Therefore we will be offering this but need to make a final decision on the format in order that we can best meet the needs of our families based on your responses.

Uniform, PE kits and After School Clubs

At the start of term we asked that children come to school on their PE days dressed in their PE kits. Having reviewed this with staff, we would like to continue to ask that children come in PE kit for their PE day/s:

Van Gogh please wear PE kit on a Thursday

Monet please wear PE kit on a Monday and Wednesday

Kandinsky please wear PE kit on a Tuesday

Picasso please wear PE on a Thursday

This kit should be appropriate for the weather i.e. shorts if warm and tracksuit if cooler.

In addition to this, if your child attends an after school club, please send them in with a pair of trainers to change in to; they do not need their full PE kit.

Lastly, it is really helpful for all children to have a pair of old trainers or wellington boots to leave at school to change into when the field gets muddier; having this change of shoes enables children to enjoy the whole of our outdoor space without ruining their school shoes and our carpets!

Menu changes

I'm sure many of you are aware of the current nationwide challenges with haulage companies and with food manufacturing. Unfortunately, this is beginning to have an impact on some of our deliveries and whilst we will always endeavour to serve the meal on our menu there may be occasions when this is not possible. Many thanks for your understanding with this.



Dinner Money

A polite reminder to those parents who have not paid for meals taken by their children this term; as always we find it difficult to hold debt on accounts and would request that meals are paid for in advance or as they are taken. Many thanks.

Outdoor day – postponed

On our diary dates you may have seen an outdoor learning day with parents invited on 30th September. We have taken the decision to postpone this given the rise in COVID cases locally over the last few weeks. We will endeavour to welcome you into school as soon as we are able to do so safely – again thanks for your understanding with this.

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Our School Prayer

Dear Lord,

All together we are Abbots Ripton School

Bless each one of us this day

Bring joy to our lives

Open our hearts to peace

Together we pray to you our Father

Stand by us as we grow

May we

Reflect your goodness

In all that we do

Protect the world around us and

Take care of your creation

Our family and friends we trust to your care

Now and forever we say

Amen



Diary Dates Autumn 2021

All new dates are added in bold and italic.

Date	Event
21 st September	Reading Workshop for Parents of Year 1 and 2 ~ 1:30pm via Zoom
22nd September	STARS AGM 7:00pm – via zoom
29 th September	Phonics Workshop for Foundation Parents ~ 1:30pm via Zoom
30th September	Outdoor Learning Day ~ Parents invited. Postponed
4 th October	Open Session for Foundation intake 2022 ~ 1:30pm
8 th October	School photos – individual and in school siblings
20 th October	Parent Consultations ~ 3:30pm – 7:30pm
21 st October	Parent Consultations ~ 3:30pm – 5:30pm
25 th – 29 th October	HALF TERM
1 st November	Teacher training day ~ school closed
2 nd November	Term starts again
4 th November	Special lunch for Diwali. Booking form to follow.
8 th November	Open Session for Foundation intake 2022 ~ 1:30pm
11 th November	Parents invited to join us for lunch. More details and booking form to follow.
11 th November	Remembrance Day ~ Church service 2:30pm
15 th November	Flu Vaccinations for all children
18 th November	Van Gogh Nursery Rhyme Time ~ 9.15am. Parents invited.
18 th November	Parents invited to join us for lunch. More details and booking form to follow.
25 th November	Parents invited to join us for lunch. More details and booking form to follow.
3 rd December	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning
6 th December	Open Session for Foundation intake 2022 ~ 1:30pm
8 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 9:30am and 2:00pm
9 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 9:30am
16 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day
17 th December	Christmas Christingle Service ~ 2.30pm in the church.
17 th December	End of term
18 th Dec 2021 to 3 rd Jan 2022	Christmas Holiday
4 th January	Training day ~ School Closed
5 th January	Spring term 2022 begins