



# 26th June

## 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.*

### **Week 4!**

Well this time a week ago I wrote, 'we're not sure where the summer has gone'! I think we've certainly found it this week!! Children in school have enjoyed ice pops and I'm sure that some children at home have enjoyed gardens and paddling pools! Once again this week we have loved seeing many of the children on Zoom calls – I particularly enjoyed observing the activity in Monet class where they read about 'Ruby's Worries' and then thought about dealing with their own possible worries. I look forward to seeing the children again next week – details below. If your child has not engaged in a Zoom call yet and you are happy to share the reasons for this, I'd be pleased to receive this feedback in case there is anything further that we can do to support you.

### **Leading Learners**

This week our worthy winners are:



### **Picasso class**

We now have all of our Year 6 learners back at school and they have decided to celebrate their learning as a group in school.

### **Kandinsky class**

Will (Yr4) – For presenting all of his work so carefully and for paying such careful attention to neatly joined handwriting. Super work Will!

Pollyanna – (Yr4) - For demonstrating such hard work and huge effort with the maths tasks this week. Keep up the good work!

### **Monet class**

Juliana (Yr2) - For stunning sentences in English and great work on movement and direction in Maths. We are celebrating you not just for this week but because we are really impressed with your commitment to learning in whatever you do. Well done!

Liam (Yr2) - For your regular commitment to learning your spellings and also for your fabulous Human Health poster. It was bold, bright and beautiful and gave us an important message on how to stay healthy. Great work Liam!

## Van Gogh class

Tudor (YrR) – For continuing to complete his home learning to a very high standard. This week he produced a beautiful, labelled story map and during his evening walks he has taken the opportunity to include exercises from National Sports Week. Great! Charlie (YrR) – For working really hard this week on his letter formation and his writing. He also has made a great prediction for the coin in coke experiment!!

## Financial support

With this newsletter we have shared a letter regarding applying for Free School Meals. We have had confirmation that eligible families will receive a voucher for £90 per child to support with food shopping during the Summer holidays. If you are eligible to apply, please do (see the attached letter and information below) as there is still time for you to apply and become eligible to receive the supermarket voucher this summer. To find out if you are eligible please fill out the simple online application form at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) where you will receive an instant response as to your eligibility status. If you are eligible we will be informed within 3 days and can then apply for the vouchers on your behalf.



### Are you entitled?

Families who are already in receipt of Free School Meals do not need to reapply and your vouchers will be emailed to you as soon as I receive them; hopefully before the end of term!

## Zoom calls for learners at home

Please see details below about the calls next week.

Please ask your children to message their teachers with ideas for things to do during their Zoom call next week. Teachers will add this to their class page so your child knows what to expect! Mrs Wilcock has asked that the children be prepared to show or talk about something that is important to them or that they are interested in. Please support them with preparing for this. The **Zoom calls** will be as follows:

Reception & Year 1 children	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	1:00pm
Year 2 children	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	1:40pm
Year 3 children	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	2:20pm
Year 4 children	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	1pm
Year 5 children	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	1:30pm

Please do look out for the email to be sent on Monday with details of how to join. If you do not wish your child to take part, please do let us know and if you're happy to share the reasons why, that would be useful feedback as we may be able to support in different ways. Many thanks

## End of Year reports

We are in the process of writing the end of year reports for the children and are making arrangements for how parents will receive these. Our aim is to email the reports to both parents who have parental responsibility and it is therefore vital that the email addresses that we have are correct. We also need your permission to send the report in this way as we are aware that they contain personal information about your child/children. Next week, we will send an email to each parent asking you to confirm that the email address is correct and that you are happy to receive the report via the email address.



If any details (email addresses, mobile phone numbers etc.) have changed since school closure, please do let us know as soon as possible.

## Summer holiday

We know that many families have been working really hard with Home Learning over the last term and for that we are extremely grateful. For some families this has been a real challenge and for others it has been a delight! Here at school we are aware of the need to have a well-deserved break in the Summer holidays, however, some families may prefer to keep some kind of learning routine during this time.

With this in mind, we have created a survey to ask parents about their preferences regarding Home Learning over the Summer. If there is a need, we are happy to put together some learning resources and/or continue to upload learning on our STARZ platform. Staff will be busy preparing the school for the wider return of pupils in September and of course will also be having a well deserved break. Therefore, this learning won't be checked by teachers and they won't be giving feedback to children but it could be used by parents to give a structure if they wish.

Your feedback on the survey is really important as we won't invest time in doing this if there really isn't a need! The survey can be found [here](#) and we ask for responses by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at the latest.

Many thanks

## Reminders/new information for families with children in school

- A polite reminder that parents should use their child's bubble entrance for pick up and not cross the field to collect children from different bubbles.
- Please send in a fresh bottle of water on Monday and a break time fruit snack each day even if your child is having a school lunch.



**Department  
for Education**

### Department for Education

As mentioned previously, the DfE has continued to update its guidance document for parents and carers. The most recent version is still the one from the 18<sup>th</sup> June and can be found [here](#).

## 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