



23rd October

Autumn Term 2020

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.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who has replied to the email sent out this week about booking a Parent Consultation appointment. These will be collated and your time will be emailed out to you on the Monday after half term.

Menu and dinner money for next half term.

Please find attached a slightly altered menu for after half term. There are 7 weeks next half term so the cost of dinners will be £84.00 (35 days @ £2.40) if your child has a hot meal every day (Kandinsky and Picasso classes only). Please ensure that payment is received promptly. If you are concerned about your child bringing cash into school with them, please hand to the adult out on duty on the field at the start or end of the day. We continue to look into direct payments but currently this is not available.



If your child has a packed lunch, please can we remind parents that we are a nut free school. Therefore, it is important that parents do not send nut products in to school in packed lunches.

Celebration Token reward

The Celebration token system is a way of rewarding children for hard work and effort, whilst teaching them about being part of a community. A child's individual token is counted towards a whole school treat.

It has been very close this half term but by a small margin, the winning choice was:

Sports Fun

Each class, spent some time today playing physical games, having running races and or playing on ride on toys. Well done to all of the children who have worked so hard this half term.

Admissions to Secondary School – Deadline for applications 31st October

We have been asked to pass on the message below from Cambridgeshire Admissions team. They do acknowledge and apologise that this is late in being shared with regards to choosing a school but hope it will support with the transition:

There is now some extra information available on the website to help parents with making an application for a Year 7 place for September 2021. This is a You Tube video summary of the key points about the admission process for this

year group and some Top Tips for parents about how they can support their child with making the move up from primary to secondary school. These can be found on the [‘Support with choosing a school’](#)

Morning start time

After half term we would like to slightly adjust our start time in the morning. Please could we ask that all children arrive between **8:40am and 8:55am**. We have become increasingly aware of the impact of children arriving at the gate at 9am and not being ready to learn until well after this due to washing hands, putting their things away etc. By arriving promptly before 8:55am we hope that teaching can start for all children at 9am. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.



After school clubs

We have worked hard to be in a position to be able to offer some after school clubs next half term. We know that many children have missed them! With this newsletter is a clubs booking form and as you can see we are offering one club each to Monet, Kandinsky and Picasso (we only ever offer clubs for Reception children later in the year when they are more settled). By offering the clubs to separate classes, we are still able to keep the children in their separate groups. The club providers have shared their Covid Risk Assessments with us and we have shared the relevant parts of our school one with them. The collection arrangements for clubs are slightly different so if your child signs up, we would ask you to wait at the front of school in your car. As each car pulls up to the layby, children will be dismissed to cars. As the car in front of you moves away, move up until you are at the layby.

Hand sanitiser



We are aware that some children are bringing hand sanitiser into school and whilst we think this is instilling good habits in children, we would ask that these sanitisers are kept at home. By using school hand sanitiser we can guarantee the recommended minimum alcohol content and if we have any issues for example with children having a reaction, we know exactly what has been used. This isn't possible if children are using and sharing sanitiser brought in to school from home. Hand sanitiser is freely available in school and children also have access to regular hand washing through the day too. Many thanks.

Children in Need



A reminder about our [Just Giving](#) page for any donations for our PJ day for Children in Need. We are asking for a suggested donation of £1 to come to school in pyjamas on Friday 13th November and this can be donated at the link [here](#). Alternatively, please use the QR code to direct you straight to our page.



And finally...

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a safe and restful half term break. We know that everything around us feels slightly strange at the moment, including the lack of contact between school and families. This feels as strange to us as I'm sure it does to parents; we pride ourselves on being a welcoming, open school yet we have felt at arms length this half term. We are working hard to adapt and hope that parents still do feel that they can let us know about any concerns, queries or important information about their child/children through email or a quick word on the field. We are still here to listen!

Happy half term!



Cupcake Raffle

Our end of half term cupcake raffle was a great success, raising nearly £200! Congratulations to the Alexander-Cahill family (Foundation), the Morris family (Foundation), The Stevens family (Year 1 and 2) and the Blyth family (Foundation and year 3) who won the raffle in our live draw on our Facebook page on Wednesday evening. Enjoy your cupcakes!



Christmas Cards

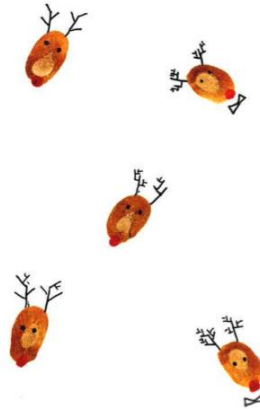
Each child has designed a Christmas card and a copy of their design, along with an order form has been sent home today. Their design can be ordered on Christmas card, mugs, tea towel and more! They make great presents for all the family. Each class has chosen a different design.



Van Gogh Class



Monet Class



Kandinsky Class



Picasso Class

If you wish to place an order then this must arrive in the school office no later than Monday 9th November so that we can ensure swift delivery to you well in advance of Christmas. This is a great fundraiser for our school so all orders are gratefully received.



Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Autumn term 2020

Any new dates are added in bold italics

Date	Event
26th – 30th October	HALF TERM
2 nd November	School starts again
3 rd November	Virtual Open Session for prospective parents: 9.30am – 10.30am
3 rd November	Monet Parent Consultations via telephone: 2:30pm – 5:30pm
4 th November	Monet Parent Consultations via telephone: 2:30pm – 5:30pm
4 th November	Kandinsky Parent Consultations via telephone: 3:30pm – 5:30pm
11 th November	Kandinsky Parent Consultations via telephone: 3:30pm – 5:30pm
12 th November	Picasso Parent Consultations via telephone: 3:30pm – 5:30pm
13 th November	Pyjama/Onesie day for Children in Need
19 th November	Van Gogh Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm
20 th November	Kandinsky Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm
23 rd November	Picasso Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm
25 th November	Monet Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm
30 th November	Flu Vaccinations for all children
18 th December	End of Term
19th Dec to 3rd Jan	Christmas Holiday
4 th January	Training day – School Closed
5 th January	Spring term begins

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

**Attendance % for
W/E 23/10/2020**

Van Gogh – 99%

Monet – 99%

Kandinsky – 96%

Picasso – 98%