



22nd October

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.



Samaritans Purse – Operation Christmas Child

This year we would love to support the wonderful work of Samaritans Purse. In our Collective Worship, the children have heard about the great joy that a shoe box filled with gifts and everyday hygiene items brings to children around the world each Christmas.

Here at school we are able to track our boxes to know where in the world they go and children in school will have an opportunity to write letters to place inside the boxes. Our children will also be responsible for packing the boxes too before we send them off.

We would be delighted if families could support this appeal by donating the items below. Any families who are able to cover a shoe box with Christmas paper (lid and box wrapped separately please) would also be appreciated. To support the charity with transport costs, they also ask for a monetary donation and these can be placed in an envelope labelled 'Samaritans purse' if you would like to make a monetary donation. All donations need to be received in school by Monday 8th November.

Gift Suggestions

Toys – Monet class

A football and pump, cuddly toys, dolls, toy cars, small musical instruments, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, small puzzles etc.

School Supplies – Picasso class

Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

Hygiene Items – Van Gogh class

Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel etc.

Other Items – Kandinsky class

Hat, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, socks, T-shirt, flip-flops, hair accessories, jewellery set, watch, wind-up torch etc.



Fond Farewell

We would like to wish Georgie in Monet class a fond farewell. She is moving to a school closer to her home. We wish you and your family all the best for the future. Do keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on.

STARs

As we say farewell to Georgie, this will mean that we will also be saying a farewell to Mrs Moore who has been an active and integral member of our STARs committee since Georgie joined our school. Mrs Moore had recently taken on the role of Chair so this is now a vacant position. Anyone who is interested in taking on this role should speak to a member of the STARs team who are named (with photographs so you know who they are!) on the attached flyer. STARs will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 3rd November at 7pm (link below to join) to officially elect a new chair and all parents are welcome to join. Our sincere thanks to Mrs Moore for her commitment and passion which has been very much appreciated by us.

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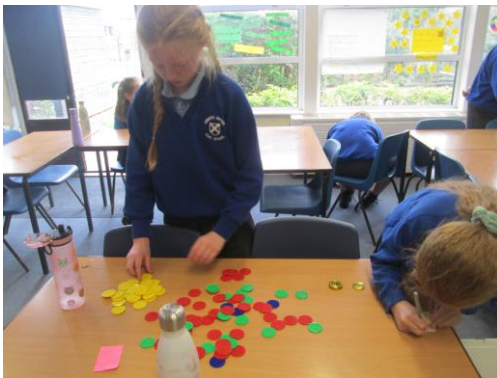
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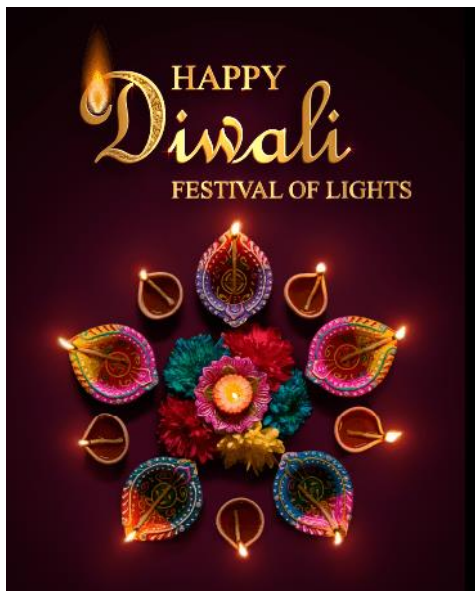
The children have enjoyed coming into school today in their non- uniform following members of Picasso class counting the tokens to check the winner.



The choices for next half term are:

Christmas cookie decorating
Christmas DVD and popcorn
Onesie/PJ Day

Diwali celebration



On Thursday 4th November we will be holding a Diwali Day in school to learn about this important festival which is one of the major festivals celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and some Buddhists.

The children will learn about the story of Rama and Sita as well as some of the ways that the festival is celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs. Some children will create brightly coloured rangoli patterns and others will make lanterns as Diwali is often known as the festival of lights. Our older children will consider the similarities with festivals that they know from other faiths as well as the importance of 'light' for other faiths.

In order to make our Diwali day a true celebration, we would like children to come to school dressed in a brightly coloured top – ideally a plain but brightly coloured t-shirt or jumper would be great.

Our Diwali Day menu flyer is attached with this newsletter.

School photos

We are delighted to have re-booked the photographer for Friday 12th November and they have confirmed that any orders received (online direct) before 22nd November, will arrive before Christmas. This is great news!

Remembrance Day

A reminder about the request for knitted, crocheted or bottle bottom poppies sent home by email on Monday! Huge thanks.



Menu

We have attached an updated menu for next half term. However due to ordering deadlines the first day back will be Tomato Pasta and a biscuit rather than the Chicken Pasta as stated.

Admissions Information

Reception 2022

Do you have or know someone who has a child due to start school in September 2022?

The booking portal for a place in our Reception Class in September 2022 is now open. Please click [here](#) to visit the Cambridgeshire County Council School Admissions page to register your child.

Please help us to promote our school! We are holding open sessions for prospective parents for Reception intake 2022 on Monday 8th November at 1:30 and Monday 6th December. Please contact the school for more information. Booking is required.

We will be sending information to 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 then please email Mrs Nixon in the school office.

Transition to Secondary School

A quick reminder that the closing date for 'on time' applications for transferring from Primary to Secondary school closes on the 31st October 2021. Please ensure that your application has been completed on time by this date.

Harvest Donations



Kings Ripton Court in Huntingdon were delighted to receive our harvest donations. Some residents expressed their thanks directly which was really heart-warming. Once again, a huge thank you to all families who donated as we know that this will make a big difference to the young homeless people who are supported by the shelter.

Covid contact tracing

As many of you are aware, we no longer have responsibility for contacting close contacts of positive COVID cases, however we have taken the decision that we will contact parents if their child has been a close contact of a positive case in school. Therefore, please could we ask that parents of any child who tests positive for COVID after the end of school today (21st) to the end of Monday 24th to please let us know using the office@ email address. We will be monitoring this email over the weekend to ensure that we can contact parents promptly if there is a need. Many thanks for your support with this.

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
25 th – 29 th October	HALF TERM
29 th October	Deadline for ordering STARS Bonfire night kits – see separate flyer
31 st October	Deadline to apply for a secondary school place
1 st November	Teacher training day ~ school closed
2 nd November	Term starts again
3rd November	<i>STARs meeting 7pm via ZOOM</i>
4 th November	Special lunch for Diwali
4th November	<i>Diwali day – come to school dressed in a brightly coloured top</i>
5 th November	STARS Bonfire Night Kits available to collect
8 th November	Open Session for Reception intake 2022 ~ 1:30pm
11 th November	Parents invited to join us for lunch. More details and booking form to follow. Postponed
11 th November	Remembrance Day ~ Church service 2:30pm
12th November	<i>School photographs</i>
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. Postponed
22nd November	<i>Deadline for school photograph orders</i>
25 th November	Parents invited to join us for lunch. More details and booking form to follow. <i>Postponed</i>
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