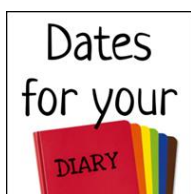




3rd September

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.



Diary Dates

We have put together the diary dates for the coming term – please see below. We are delighted that we have been able to include some events for you to be able to join us in school. However, this will be dependent on local Covid rates and the information we receive from the local authority. Please help us to keep the school open by continuing to be mindful of any guidance available to help stop the spread of the virus as much as possible. We do appreciate your support.

Daisies Montessori Nursery update

As you will see, the building has sprung up over the summer and work is on schedule to be completed on time. We are aware some of the school site is looking a little 'worn' but this will be rectified on completion. It is unlikely that any nursery children will start on our site until Christmas but we will let you know when we have a date.

Home Learning

Next week we will be seeking your views on our Home Learning before we make a final decision on the format that this will take for the coming year. In the past we have set 'project' type learning, as well as online learning and also weekly tasks. We haven't made a decision for this year as we felt that it was important to ask you for your views. Therefore, please do respond to the questionnaire when sent so we can gain as many views as possible. The link will be sent via email.

Clubs

Clubs start again next week for Monet, Kandinsky and Picasso. They will be run by Mr Clarke and his team. This term we are offering a Multi-Skills club where the children will be able to try a selection of different sports and sports skills. We will continue to subsidise these clubs from our Sports Premium funding which enables us to offer them at £1.50 a week per child. Please see the attached booking form for the day your child's class has been allocated. Places are booked on a first come first served basis so please ensure your booking form is returned promptly. Children will not be able to stay if we have not received the form and payment.

New menu and dinner money

We have sent home a new menu today, which will run until October half term. The cost of a school meal each day has stayed the same as last year at £2.40. We feel that the hot meal provided by Jo is great value as she continues to cook on site with fresh ingredients each day. The Government are still acknowledging the huge benefits of having a hot meal at school and are



therefore still funding the free school meals for KS1. If your child is in Van Gogh or Monet class there is therefore no charge for their meal.

If your child is having a school meal and they are in KS2 (Kandinsky or Picasso Class) the cost of meals this half term will be £88.80 (37 days @ £2.40). If you wish to pay weekly the cost is £12.00. Your child does not need to have a hot meal every day and can have a mix of packed and school lunches – just let us know which days they plan to stay. Similarly, if your child usually has a packed lunch but they would like an adhoc meal, simply send them with the £2.40 on the day and a meal can be ordered by them in the morning.

Please forward payment, **via your child or hand to the adult on duty at the gate, in a sealed and named envelope**. Cheques made payable to Abbots Ripton CE Primary School. A polite reminder that meals **must be paid for in advance** as we do not have the cash flow to manage debts in school.

No Nuts Please



Just a reminder for the new term that we are a **nut free school**. Please do not send your child into school with any nut based products in their packed lunch. Thank you for your support.

Break time snacks

All children in Reception and KS1 are offered a free piece of fruit or vegetable every day, however, any child in KS2 may bring a fresh fruit or vegetable snack to eat at play time. No other snacks are allowed.



Email communication

Information is sent home via email by an **outgoing email account only** and although this email account does accept incoming mail **it is not checked**. If you wish to contact the office or to pass a message to a class teacher, please email office@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk

Pupil details

It is important for the safety of your child/children that we have up to date contact details as well as medical information, held in school. Please email the school office with any changes we need to be made aware of so we can update our records.

Our School Prayer

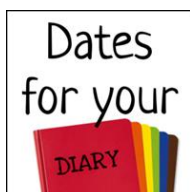
Dear Lord,

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

Date	Event
6 th – 8 th September	New Foundation children start ~ 8:50am – 12:00 noon
7 th September	Multi Skills after school club start for Monet Class ~ see booking form
8 th September	Multi Skills after school club start for Picasso Class ~ see booking form
9 th - 10 th September	New Foundation children stay for lunch~ 8:50am – 1:15pm
9 th September	Multi Skills after school club start for Kandinsky Class ~ see booking form
13 th September	New Foundation children stay all day ~ 8:50am – 3:15pm
21 st September	Reading Workshop for Parents of Year 1 and 2 ~ 1:30pm via Zoom
29 th September	Phonics Workshop for Foundation Parents ~ 1:30pm via Zoom
30 th September	Outdoor Learning Day ~ Parents invited. More information to follow.
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
25th – 29th 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
18th Dec 2021 to 3rd Jan 2022	Christmas Holiday
4 th January	Training day ~ School Closed
5 th January	Spring term 2022 begins