



9th 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.

Phonic workshop

We have a phonic workshop led by Mrs Wilcock on Thursday 15th October at 1:30pm. This is aimed at our new Reception parents but if your child is in Year 1 you may also find this useful, particularly if you didn't attend last year. You will find out about how we teach phonics, what a typical phonics lesson looks like for your child as well as how you can support.

The meeting will be via Zoom using the links below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75650055493?pwd=UGhLeGVkYzlyc3QwSHRkSTJ6Sk5vQT09>

Meeting ID: 756 5005 5493

Passcode: 1WV0Eq

Rise and Shine before school club



We are now able to offer our before school club to all children, not just those who need child care. Therefore, if you would like your child to take part in physical activity before school, they may join the club from 8am. As the hall is a large space and we limit to 12 children, we are able to keep the children in their class groups in the hall. The cost is £3 per morning and bookings can be made via Mrs Nixon in the school office.

Information from Public Health



Public Health
England

Apologies but we were sent, and shared, some information regarding the flu vaccine and differentiating between Covid symptoms and possible flu vaccine side effects. Public Health colleagues have updated this guidance to the following;

We have been made aware that some parents are concerned that if their child develops a high temperature after having the vaccine, they won't know whether to isolate and book a test or not for Covid-19. [This poster](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/) emphasises why it is important to get the flu vaccine and this link <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/> may be useful too. The nasal spray flu vaccine can cause a mild fever which should respond to paracetamol. This does make it difficult to distinguish from Covid. However, the important thing is the timing - does it occur soon after the vaccination, in which case it is more likely to be due to the vaccine. Giving the child a flu vaccine means that the family is less likely to get flu so less likely to need testing and self-isolation.

Uniform

We were made aware at the start of term that our uniform providers had a back log in orders. We have been informed that this is now no longer the case so uniform orders should arrive as normal. Therefore, all children should now be wearing school uniform on the top half (blue polo top, school jumper/cardigan) and PE kit (either black shorts and trainers or black tracksuit bottoms and trainers) on the bottom half. The classrooms remain well-ventilated when the children are outside but windows are closed when the weather is cold so the room temperatures in school are near normal. There is therefore no need to send additional/different clothing to be worn inside. The children will be going outside even in damp weather so please do also send a coat.

Reception 2021

Do you have or know someone who has a child due to start school in September 2021? Please help us to promote our school! We are holding virtual open sessions for prospective parents of next year's Reception intake on the following days:

Wednesday 14th October: 9:30am – 10:30am

Tuesday 3rd November: 9:30am – 10:30am

We will be sending information to lots of the 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, please contact the office and speak to Mrs Nixon. Booking is required this year, again via Mrs Nixon in the office.

Term Time magazine

Every half term we normally send a magazine called Term Times. The October edition has been created in a digital format. Please follow the link to read the magazine [here](#).



Thank you!

**THANK
YOU!**

As you aware, our harvest donations were taken to Kings Ripton Court, a hostel in Huntingdon for homeless people, aged 16-25, with support needs. The manager at the hostel was absolutely blown away by your generosity and asked that we pass on their **huge** thanks.

We are now wondering whether, as a community, we could make up some Christmas food boxes to share with them for the festive period. If any parent, or a small group of parents, would like to coordinate this, on behalf of the school, we'd be really grateful. Please email the school office if you would be interested in this. Many thanks.

**Attendance % for
W/E 09/10/2020**

Van Gogh – 100%

Monet – 99%

Kandinsky – 98%

Picasso – 99%



Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Autumn term 2020

Any new dates are added in bold italics

Date	Event
14 th October	Virtual Open Session for prospective parents: 9.30am – 10.30am
15 th October	Online Phonics Workshop – <i>link above – 1:30pm</i>
23 rd October	STARS Cupcake raffle – more details to follow
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
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
2 nd December	Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm
18 th December	End of Term
19th Dec to 3rd Jan 2021	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