



# 11th September

## Autumn Term 2020 News

### **Welcome to our new Reception children**

This week we have had our taster sessions for the new Reception children who are joining us from Monday. We look forward to welcoming them to our school family.

Amelie  
Olivia  
Maxwell  
William  
Teddy

Heidi  
Charlotte  
Edith  
Emily

Lance  
Hunter  
Bailey  
Florence

Leo  
Wren  
Maddison  
Scarlett

### **Class information meetings**

Sadly, we won't be holding our class information sessions this year but each teacher will produce a PowerPoint which would have accompanied this session. We will share these with you, along with our Curriculum Maps at the end of next week. The Curriculum Map gives you an overview of what your child is learning during this half term and the PowerPoint will set out some class routines/expectations, an overview of learning, how you can support etc.

### **Collective Worship**



We are not able to hold Collective Worship as a whole school at present so this will be held each day in each classroom, led by the class teacher. Once a week, Rev'd Mandy is delivering our worship in a recorded service which we watch together in class. This half term our focus is on re-establishing our school vision and Christian values and reflecting on the importance of these for our school. The Values which we focus on during our Collective Worship are an important part of sustaining and developing our school's Christian ethos.

### **Some polite reminders**

Drop off and pick up

- Please remember the 2 metre distance rule when around other families – this may mean waiting to enter the gate or stepping out of the path of others.
- Given the upcoming changes to rules about only socialising in groups of no more than 6, (the Rule of 6!) parents shouldn't be tempted to gather in groups with other families.
- When you have collected your child/children, please keep them with you – they shouldn't be running around or playing on the field.
- Please leave our site promptly after dropping/collecting. This is to try to keep families from mixing together as well as to clear the car park for other parents.

## Uniform

- We would encourage parents to send their children in PE kit bottoms (black shorts/joggers and trainers) and full uniform tops (polo top and school sweatshirt/cardigan). The children are taking part in some form of physical activity every day as well as a PE lesson at least once a week. We are not changing for these sessions so having PE kit bottoms and trainers is really useful.
- As the grass gets wetter we would discourage leather school shoes. Trainers really are better! We will continue to use the field in order to distance the classes from each other, even when the field is wet. It would be helpful for children to have a pair of wellington boots or an old pair of trainers that can get wet/muddy to change into. Please send these in a named plastic bag to keep at school if you haven't already.
- We know that one of our uniform suppliers has a delay in fulfilling orders so if you need to send children in a different jumper, we do understand. However, if possible please try to send them in blue!



As a school, we really do value the importance of school uniform and usually we would have high expectations about our uniform. However, at present, we feel that being able to stay active without changing and to use our whole school grounds is important for the children. They can still look smart!

## Menu

Just a reminder that the menu for next week will continue to be the temporary menu set last term and the new menu starts week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> September.

## Dinner money

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 £84.00 (35 days @ £2.40). If you wish to pay weekly the cost is £12.00.



However due to the closure of school early in the spring term, some families do have credit on account from meals not taken. Mrs Nixon will contact everyone who has credit on their account via email next week so please do deduct this from your payment.

Please forward payment, **via your child and not in person to the school office in a sealed and named envelope**. Cheques made payable to Abbots Ripton CE Primary School. We continue to look into direct payments for dinner money but currently this is not available due to running costs of the systems required.

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.



### Home to School Transport and Travel

The Local Authority have released a survey for parents with children who are eligible for school transport. They are hoping to understand changes to school travel patterns as a result of COVID-19, and to inform their response to any new problems or barriers that families may be facing travelling to school. The following is the link to the Smart Survey:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/XPJ0SD/> The survey is live now and will close at midnight on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> September.

### 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](mailto: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.

### Breakfast and after school club

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, The Anchor Nursery and Pre-School are offering a breakfast and after school club for children in our school. They have a minibus which will drop and collect each day from/to school. If you would like to find out more they have information on their website which can be found [here](#) or to book a visit please call 01487 773136 or email [theanchor@goldenapples.co.uk](mailto:theanchor@goldenapples.co.uk).

### 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

Please see below the diary dates for the Autumn term 2020

Any new dates added in the future will be in ***bold italics***

Date	Event
14 <sup>th</sup> September	New Reception children stay till 12:30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> September	New Reception children stay all day
1 <sup>st</sup> October	School photos – individual and siblings
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Van Gogh Parent Consultations via telephone: 2:30pm – 5:30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Online Phonics Workshop for Foundation parents – more details to follow
<b>26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	School starts again
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Monet Parent Consultations via telephone: 2:30pm – 5:30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Monet Parent Consultations via telephone: 2:30pm – 5:30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Kandinsky Parent Consultations via telephone: 3:30pm – 5:30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Kandinsky Parent Consultations via telephone: 3:30pm – 5:30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Picasso Parent Consultations via telephone: 3:30pm – 5:30pm
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations for all children
18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Dec to 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2021</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Training day – School Closed
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term begins