



# 11th November

## Autumn Term B 2022 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.**



### Operation Christmas Child

Thank you so much for your generous donations for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal. We have put together 36 boxes and have several bags of other donations to pass on too.

### School photos

Your children's photos were taken this morning and ordering information has come home with them. Please do make sure you place your order online **by 21<sup>st</sup> November** to ensure there is time for delivery before the end of term.

### Christmas Cards as designed by your children

During the week, your children brought home a Christmas card design that they produced. Ordering details are on the card, including the codes required to place your orders. The system is a bit confusing, as you need to **place your order online but pay for your items into school office** (cash or cheque only). Your order will be confirmed once payment has been received. To ensure that items are received in time for the end of term, the final deadline for placing your orders and payment to be received is **18<sup>th</sup> November**.

### The School Office

Our capacity to chase for payments, reply slips etc. is increasingly limited and as such it is really appreciated when parents meet deadlines. We will not be chasing parents for the school photo orders or Christmas card orders but have added the deadline dates to the diary dates on this newsletter to support parents.



### Remembrance Day

As a whole school we collectively observed the 1 minute silence at 11am this morning. The children also heard about the reason for Remembrance Day and some also wrote prayers on the theme of remembering.

### Dick Whittington Panto

We are delighted to say that we have confirmed the Pantomime booking now so we are off to Cambridge on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. More details will follow nearer the time. As the tickets have now been confirmed they are non-refundable.

## Flu Vaccinations

The vaccination team were able to complete all the children listed in one visit therefore they will not be returning in December. Information on clinics to attend if your child missed their vaccine will be sent out soon.



## Children in Need day – 18th November

Next Friday is Children in Need day. We would like the children to come to school dressed as something that begins with the letter of their name. This can be first name or surname. There is no limit to what you can come as although please be aware that the costume has to be suitable for your child to wear all day!! For those who have purchased 'Pudsey' clothing, please also feel free to come dressed in this!

We are asking for a suggested donation of £1 to come to school in fancy dress/non-uniform (although do please donate more if you wish). We have set up a Just Giving page for your donations which can be accessed [here](#). Alternatively, please use the QR code to direct you straight to our page.



## Year 5 and 6 Football festival - WE WON!!

Picasso class went along to the Football festival in St Ives yesterday. Mrs Jackson was very proud of them all, showing good sportsmanship and support for their team. We played Stukeley Meadows in the final and won 1:0 to bring home the trophy!

*On the 10<sup>th</sup> November, Picasso class went on a mini bus to the St. Ives Football Festival. We*

*trained hard in the morning, preparing for the matches in the afternoon. Out of the six teams, Abbots Ripton was number 1! WE played multiple matches and won most of them even though they were challenging. In the final, we played Stukeley Meadows and beat them 1:0! Overall, we had a great time and had lots of fun playing football all through the day. Written by Jackson Year 5*

## Year 4 Football Festival

The Year 4 Football festival is on 1<sup>st</sup> December. A letter to give your child permission has been sent home today. Please return the slip to let us know if you wish your child to take part so that we can confirm the transport required.



## STARS news

*Mrs North has decided to step down from her role as Chair of STARS, with effect from this Saturday. I'm sure you will agree that she has led STARS through a brilliant year of events, including a very successful Summer Fayre. Sam has invested a lot of time and given freely of her boundless energy and enthusiasm. We are all grateful to her for all her efforts. Thank you, Sam.*

*We are now searching for a new person to fill the position. It is an enjoyable and fulfilling role and you'll have the support of an eager and passionate committee. We will be holding a meeting on MS Teams to elect a new Chair on 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7pm. If you would like to stand for election, have any questions about the role, or would like to attend the meeting, please contact Kags Alexander-Cahill ([kags@mac.com](mailto:kags@mac.com)) or any other STARS committee member at the end of the school day on the playground. You don't need to have Microsoft Teams to join as you can click the [link here](#) to direct you to the meeting.*

## Silent Auction

Last year, STARS ran a hugely successful silent auction and we are hoping to repeat it again this year. If any of you have any gifts or vouchers for services that you are able to donate as a prize, they would be very much appreciated.

We would also love to auction some "promises", so, if you have a skill or can spare some time we would love a donation of a promise. Perhaps you're a keen gardener or take beautiful photographs or can offer a babysitting voucher....we'd love to hear your promises! Please speak to a member of the committee about any donation. Thank you.



Diary Dates Autumn 2022 / Spring 2023

**All new dates are added in bold and italic.**

Date	Event
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Van Gogh Nursery Rhyme Time ~ 9.15am. Parents invited.
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day
<b>18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Deadline for ordering and paying for Christmas cards</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Deadline for school photo orders</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>STARS meeting via Microsoft Teams – 7pm</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Kandinsky and Picasso Classes ~ Multi-Faith tour
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 4 Football festival
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning. Parents invited.
5 <sup>th</sup> December	STARS Wreath Making ~ 1:30pm and 7:00pm in the school hall
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Open Session to view for Foundation intake 2023 ~ 1:30pm – 2:30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Rose Cottage Care Home residents joining us for lunch
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 2:15pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 9:30am and 2:15pm
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School trip to Dick Whittington Panto
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Christingle Service ~ 9:30am in the church
21 <sup>st</sup> December	End of term
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 2022 to 5 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023	Christmas Holiday
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Training day ~ School Closed
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term 2023 begins
11 <sup>th</sup> January – 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Picasso Class swimming 1:30pm – 2:30pm
<b>12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Family worker meeting for Van Gogh parents 2:30pm</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices concert at the O2
<b>24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 3 Football festival</b>
W/C 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Picasso Bikeability