



# 27th September

## Autumn Term 2018 News

### Macmillan Cancer Care

Thank you so much to everyone who joined in with today's fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Care. We are delighted to announce that we have raised **£160!**



### Harvest Service

Thank you so much for the donations you sent into school for our Harvest Festival. Representatives from Year 6 accompanied Mrs Matthews and Revd. Mandy to Conegear court on Tuesday to deliver the items. They were extremely grateful and told the children about the impact of homelessness on families which was very moving. The children have since shared their visit with the whole school in Collective Worship.



### School photos

The individual school photos are booked for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. After receiving feedback from several parents about the quality of the photos received from Tempest Photography and trialling Van Cols last year we have booked The School Photography Company this time.



As in previous years we will organise sibling photos in school although due to timings we are unable to offer preschool photos this time.

### **Ely Cathedral Visit for Picasso Class**

Letters have come home today with the children for the Ely Cathedral visit on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Please send the reply slip back by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Many thanks.

### **Football Festivals**

Year 6 took part in the first of the Football Festivals this year at St Ives Town FC. They participated in the skills and matches with enthusiasm and good spirit.



### **Do you have or know someone who has a child due to start school in September 2020?**

Please help us to promote our school! We are holding open sessions for prospective parents of next year's Foundation intake on the following days:

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October: 9:30am – 10:30am**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 or have a pile of flyers then please pop into the office and speak to Mrs Nixon. Booking is required this year.



### **Data Protection – Updated Privacy Notice**

In line with the updated Data Protection guidelines we have reviewed our Privacy Notices. If you wish to see a copy of the new notice it can be found on our school website on the Data Protection tab.

### **Pupil Details Forms**

We normally send home a sheet showing the details we hold on file for your child so you can check that the information we have is up to date. However due to the new data protection guidelines we have decided to hand these to parents at parent consultations. Please check and leave in school whilst you are here. Many thanks.

**Attendance % for  
W/E 27/09/19**

**Van Gogh – 97%**  
Monet – 90%  
Kandinsky – 96%  
Picasso – 95%

### **Secondary School applications**

We have been asked to remind parents that if your child is in Year 6 then your application to Secondary School must be completed online or sent to Cambridgeshire County Council by 21<sup>st</sup> October.



### **Parking**

We have been contacted by a distressed resident of Abbots Ripton who was very upset about the parking outside the school at pick up and drop off. His partner was very nearly involved in an accident due to the congestion.

Please can we remind you all that we are very aware that parking in the car park is tight but please work together to park sensibly in the spaces provided. Some suggestions to help:

- Car share as much as possible – parents could take it in turns to bring a small group of friends.
- If you have a child who is happy for you to 'drop and go' it means that you can enter and leave the car park swiftly, freeing a space for someone else.
- St Andrews Church are happy for parents to use the church car park but again request that parents are prompt as they may have something such as a funeral happening in the church.
- The Abbots Elm are happy for you to use their car park as long as you are prompt on dropping off and collecting.
- As always, please park with care e.g. as close to the edge and as close to other cars as possible to maximise the space.
- Please **do not park along** the road as this space is for the school transport only.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that children should be well supervised in the car park as lots of vehicles are moving and reversing.

### **Special Lunch next Thursday**

Just a reminder that there will be a change of menu next Thursday for our Tasty Thursday lunch.



### **STARS news**

Thank you to everyone who came along on Wednesday evening to the STARS AGM.

We are very excited that a new committee has been elected and they are already forging ahead with plans for events this term.

The new committee is made up of all parents who attended and those who were nominated and voted in to take specific roles are:

Mrs Anoushka Levant-Tonks - Chair

Ms Paula Carr – Vice Chair

Mrs Ashleigh Griggs – Secretary

Mrs Susie Ward – Treasurer

Mrs Caroline Bridge and Mrs Becki Carmody - Communications

A decision was taken to use the money raised last year to fund the following:

- A new play tower to replace the current structure, in conjunction with sports funding from the school
- Equipment for the Early Years area
- Wooden sleepers to replace the flower borders

New money raised will be for science and IT equipment – more details to follow!

STARS also have a Facebook page. This is a closed group but if you wish to join see the link below which will guide you to the page so you can request to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1489422241352109/>

Please note that **this is not the main notification site for school information** but a site set up by parents for parents. Please continue to read the newsletter and flyers sent from school.

Don't forget our wonderful walkers who are taking part in their sponsored walk tomorrow. Do please send in any donations to the school office clearly marked "Sponsored Walk".

Do please join in events throughout the year to help to continue to be able to support school funds.



## Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Autumn term 2019

***Any new dates are added in bold italics***

Date	Event
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	School photos – individual and siblings
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Ely Cathedral day
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Session for Foundation intake 2020 - 9:30am -10:30am
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Eucharist lessons and service at 2.30pm.
W/C 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Focus Week – Thanksgiving
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations – 3:30pm – 7:30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations – 3:30pm – 5:30pm
<b>18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>STARS Cake Sale after school</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> October	School starts again
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Football festival
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Kandinsky class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Special lunch – Divali - Booking form to follow
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>STARS Make do and Mend day</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Monet class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Football festival
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day – Church service 2:30pm. Everyone welcome.
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying Week
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Session for Foundation intake 2020 - 2:00pm – 3:00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Day
W/C 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Open Door – day to be confirmed
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Nursery Rhyme week
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Van Gogh class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations for all children
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Picasso class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>STARS Wreath Making event</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning. Everyone welcome
<b>6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>STARS Annual Christmas Fair from 3:30pm at the Village Hall</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Van Gogh and Monet Nativity Performance – 9:30am and 2:00pm
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Van Gogh and Monet Nativity Performance – 9:30am
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day
<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>STARS Breakfast with Santa followed by the Christmas Shop</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>STARS Carol Singing</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto visit – Sleeping Beauty
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Christingle Service – 2.30pm in the church
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Dec to 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Training day – School Closed
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term begins