



28th 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 **£180!**



KS2 Faith Tour

On Tuesday this week Kandinsky and Picasso classes took part in a Faith Tour in Bedford. They visited the Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Jamia Masjid Gulshane Baghdad Mosque and All Saints Parish Church. They learned a great deal about Sikhism and Islam and also consolidated their knowledge of Christianity. The focus for their RE work will be to make links between the faiths and reflect on what is different and what is the same about them.



Harvest Service – Monday 1st October

We will once again be supporting a local charity, Coneygear Court in Huntingdon who offer temporary housing, between 4 weeks and a year, to single homeless people and homeless families who are from the local area. Some of our Year 6 children will take the collection to Coneygear Court and they will hear about the important work that this charity does. **Please send in any tinned and/or dried food donations with your child on Monday.**

We are also delighted that Rev'd Sue Simpson from the Somersham Parish will be leading our service in Abbots Ripton Church. Please do come and join us at 2:30pm at the church if you are able to.

English Challenge Y6

On Thursday 4th October Miss Slater and Mrs Jackson are taking a team of pupils from our school to take part in the Year 6 English Challenge. We are sure that they will try their very best and represent the school extremely well. We will report back on how they get on!

Celebration of our attainment and progress

At the start of term we shared with you our progress and attainment data which was really positive and something to celebrate. I am delighted to let you know that we have also received a letter from the Director of Education for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, congratulating us on our results. The Governors were keen to share this with you as the letter celebrates all; *'We would like to congratulate all staff, governors and pupils for their hard work and success and to thank you for your excellent leadership in continuing the drive towards the highest standards of educational achievement.'*

A huge well done all!



School photos – Change of date

After receiving feedback from several parents about the quality of the photos received from Tempest Photography we have booked this year's individual photo session with Van Cols. The date is now booked for 31st October.

As in previous years we will organise sibling photos in school, however if you have younger pre-school siblings and wish to have a family group photo taken please come to the school office at 2.45pm and we will organise this for you. These photos make ideal Christmas presents!



Back to School Lunch

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

Do you have or know someone who has a child due to start school in September 2019?

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:

Tuesday 13th November: 9:30am – 10:30am

Friday 23rd November: 1:15pm – 2:15pm

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.

Phonics Workshop – Thursday 11th October



This workshop is for parents of our Reception children and any Monet parents who would like a refresher! Mrs Wilcock will share the resource that we use for teaching phonics, 'Storytime Phonics' and she will go over what we teach in each phase. She will also share the ways in which you can support your child at home with this important skill in learning read.

**Attendance % for
W/E 28/09/18**

Van Gogh – 100%

Monet – 98%

Kandinsky – 98%

Picasso – 100%

Football Festivals



As a cluster of schools we have been busy organising a calendar of Football Festivals for our keen footballers from Year 1 to Year 6. Each half term, a selection of children from the respective year group will spend the day at St Ives Football Club, where they will spend the morning practising skills and learning drills and in the afternoon they will compete against 7 other local schools in a tournament. The event will host 100 children from the 8 schools and this term our Year 5 and 6 children will take part (see diary

dates). A selection of our Year 3 and 4 children will take part in the Spring term and in the Summer term it will be the turn of our Year 1s and 2s.

Parking

We are very aware that parking in the car park has become a real concern for many parents. Some parents have discussed this with us and we come up with a list of possible ways to alleviate the congestion:

- 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.
- We have contacted the Abbots Elm Pub who are happy for parents to use their car park for drop up and pick up but they have requested that parents are as prompt as possible. I have agreed to review this with them in a couple of weeks to see if it has caused any issues for them – we are extremely grateful to them for this offer!
- 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.
- 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.



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.

STARS news

For those families who are new to the school, STARS is our Parent Teacher Association. (Support Team for Abbots Ripton School). They are busy at work already with ideas and events coming up for the year but please see below events/fundraisers that are already happening:

- Please do come along and join the Annual General Meeting on Friday 6th October at 9am in the school hall to find out more.
- Your children will be designing their own Christmas card

over the next week. Their art work will be sent off to a company who will produce printed Christmas cards for you to buy. Your child's designed card template will be sent home in due course for you to order from.



See the school diary for all other STARS events this term.



Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Autumn term 2018

Any new dates are added in bold italics

Date	Event
1 st October	Harvest Service 2.30pm
4th October	Build a burger lunch
4th October	Year 6 English challenge
W/C 8 th October	WOW week
10 th October	Kandinsky class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
11 th October	Phonics workshop – more details to follow
11 th October	Year 6 Football festival – St Ives all day
12th October	STARS AGM in the school hall 9am – Everyone welcome
16th October	Communion service 2:30pm – all welcome
16 th October	Parent Consultations – 3:30pm – 7:30pm
17 th October	Parent Consultations – 3:30pm – 5:30pm
19 th October	STARS Movie Night – 3:15 – 5:30pm
22nd – 26th October	HALF TERM
29 th October	Training day – school closed
30 th October	School starts again
31 st October	Deadline for Year 6 parents to apply for a Year 7 school place
31st October	Van Cols School Photos
2nd November	STARS meeting at 9am school hall – everyone welcome
2nd November	STARS Camp Fire Cookout – 5.30pm – 7pm on the school field
W/C 5 th November	Bikeability – Year 6
5 th November	Monet class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
6 th November	Flu Vaccinations for Foundation and Years 1-5
9 th November	Remembrance Day – Whole School
12 th – 16 th Nov	Anti-bullying Week
13 th November	9:30 – 10:30am Open Session for Prospective Foundation intake 2019
14 th November	Whole School Open door to all – 2pm – 3pm. Everyone welcome
15 th November	Year 5 Football festival – St Ives all day
16 th November	Children In Need Day
21 st November	Picasso class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
23 rd November	1:15 – 2:15pm Open Session for Prospective Foundation intake 2019
28 th November	Van Gogh class sharing assembly followed by invitation to see Learning journeys in class– 2:30pm. Everyone welcome
30 th November	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning
4th December	STARS Wreath Making workshops – 1:30pm and 7pm
8 th December	STARS Carol Singing – Morrison's St Ives. Everyone welcome
10 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance – 9:30am and 2:15pm
11 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance – 9:30am
12 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch
14th December	STARS breakfast with Santa
14th December	STARS Christmas Shop
17 th December	Christingle
19 th December	Christmas Service – 2.30pm in the church
20th Dec to 3rd Jan 2018	Christmas Holiday
3 rd and 4 th January	Training days – School Closed
7 th January	School Starts