



# End of Autumn Term 2018 News

## **We have loved this term!**

Once again I have enjoyed taking the time to reflect on just how much we have achieved this term! Staff have introduced a number of new curriculum developments and we are delighted with the positive impact that we have seen. The children have been extremely busy and many of them have commented on the broad curriculum that they are experiencing; they have loved the very in depth design and technology projects as well as opportunities for developing their artistic skills.

In the core subjects we continue to focus on 'reading as writers' so that as we read a text, we recognise what authors are doing in both the content of the writing as well as the structure, and we try to replicate this in our own writing. We are also continuing to develop our writing across the curriculum and giving children opportunities to apply their skills in subjects such as Science and History.

In Maths we have continued our focus on using a range of hands-on material and images to ensure that mathematical concepts are clearly understood before being applied to solving problems. We are also having a big push on ensuring that children know their times tables facts!

The Governors have also been extremely busy this term and their monitoring of the school continues to support us in our drive for continued improvements. The school has once again hosted many visitors who come from other schools to observe good practise here and to learn from what we are doing. I am always so thrilled and proud to share our work with others.

We were very proud of our older children who became school 'tour guides' during our recent open afternoons. Parents commented on how articulate our children are as well as how overwhelmingly positive they are about their time at school.

Once again, my sincere thanks to everyone who has supported us this term, whether by volunteering your time, by sharing resources or by attending events – thank you! The staff team remain resolutely focussed on providing outstanding provision for your children and I am so grateful for their hard work and dedication.



### **Celebration Token reward**

The Celebration token system is a way of rewarding children for hard work and effort, whilst teaching them about being part of a community. A child's individual token is put to a whole school treat.

With an overwhelming majority the winner for this half term is:

### **Onesie/PJ Day**

We invite all children to come to school in their Pyjamas or Onesie on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December! Please be aware that the weather is chilly at the moment so if you wish to send in a sweatshirt and trousers to wear during playtime then please do so.

### **End of Term service**

Our end of term service is on Wednesday at 2.30pm in the church. Everyone is welcome to join us.

### **Attendance Cup**

Every week the Attendance Cup is awarded to the class with the highest Percentage attendance for the week. The cup is prized by that class and the competition is fierce!

Overall the Autumn Term Winners are: **Picasso Class**



### **KS2 Swimming**

Year 5/6 start swimming on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January which is the first day of school after Christmas. Please ensure that your child comes to school with their swimming kit. If you have not returned their permission slip please do so as soon as possible, with any payment required.

### **Pupil Premium**

The link below is a really quick way to check to see if your child may eligible for pupil premium funding.

<https://pps.lqfl.org.uk/>



### **Road closure**

We have been informed by Anglian Water that due to necessary works the road between Abbots Ripton and the Tesco roundabout will be closed from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January for approximately 8 weeks. We are aware that this will cause disruption to the roads around our area so please allow extra time for your journey to and from school during this time.

### **School clubs**

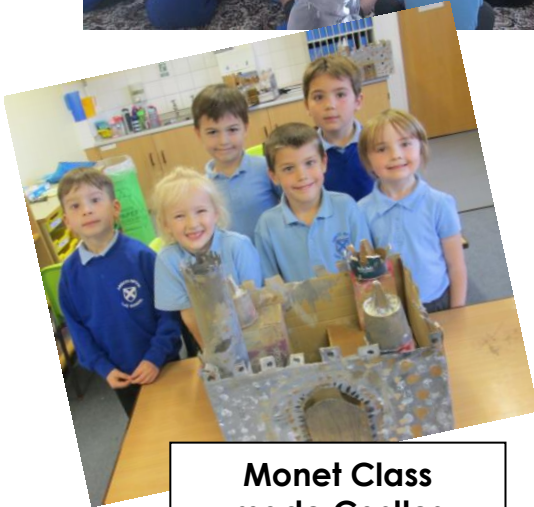
As we are returning to school on a Monday, after school clubs will start straight away. Therefore, we are sending information home with this newsletter so that you can sign up for clubs before we finish this term. Many thanks for your support with this as it will mean that we can get started straight away! We are still waiting for the link to book onto the STEM club so this will follow as soon as we receive it.



# Our very busy Autumn Term 2018



Kandinsky and Picasso  
Classes went on a  
Faith Tour in Bedford's  
Queens Park.



Monet Class  
made Castles

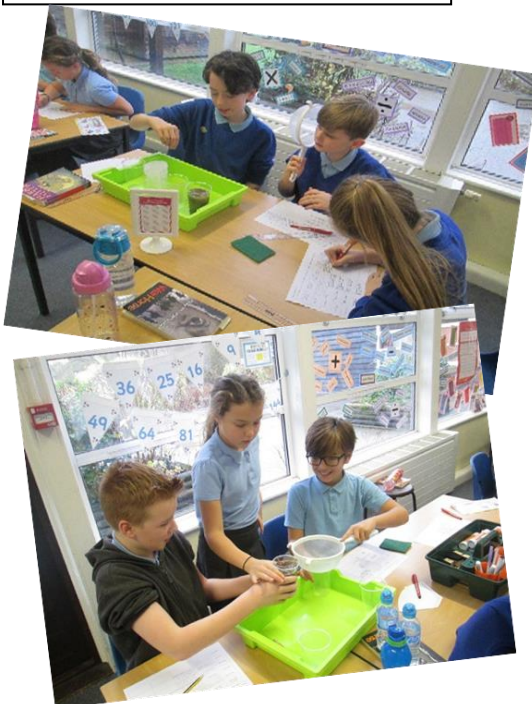


Build a Burger and  
Ice Cream Parlour



Annual Macmillan Cake  
Sale raised £205

Picasso – Science  
separation and filtration of  
dirty water.



Van Gogh Class explored  
the Wild Wood



Kandinsky Class helped the  
Rotary Club plant trees







The Whole School learnt about Remembrance Day and why we remember.

Christmas Decorating Day



Christingle Service



Christmas Lunch

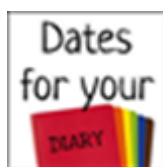






# We Three Kings 2018





## Diary dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Autumn/Spring term 2018/2019

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

Date	Event
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Aladdin Pantomime in school (pm)
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Whole School Reward - Onesie/Pyjama day</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service – 2.30pm in the church
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018	Christmas Holiday
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Training days – School Closed
7 <sup>th</sup> January	School Starts
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Picasso Class start swimming lessons
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Young Voices concert at the O2 in London – Kandinsky and Picasso
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Half Term
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
5 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Spring Term
8 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Holidays
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Teacher Training Day – School Closed
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term starts

We have had a very busy term!  
We hope you have enjoyed looking back at some of the  
things we have done.

Everyone at Abbots Ripton School would like to wish you all a  
very Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year.

