



# 10th July

## School news Update

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.

### **Week 6!**

Well a wet and windy week this week which has seen many children spending a great deal of time inside! I hope some families have enjoyed being out, splashing in puddles – we have heard of 1 child who has continued to use their paddling pool this week!!!

### **Brief updates for September**

We have had some time over the last week to reflect on the guidance for schools about opening to all children from September and would like to share an outline of some of the key information which we think will be important to parents.

Firstly, all children, (with the exception of our new Reception children) will start back to school on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September** – we have decided against a phased start as we believe that we can manage all children on our site safely from the start of term.

We have **extended the drop off time in the mornings** to ease congestion and therefore aid social distancing. In September, children may be dropped at any time between **8:40am and 9am**. We will share the procedure for this but it will involve having an allocated entrance onto our site as well as different entrances into the building for each class.

At the end of the day, **Van Gogh and Monet classes will finish at 3pm** and **Kandinsky and Picasso classes will finish at 3:15pm**. Again, this will aid our ability to keep families separate from each other and we will share the logistics of this before the end of term.

We will be running our before school club, **Rise and Shine**, from 8am but this will only be for children who need to attend this as childcare i.e. work commitments mean that parents can not drop between 8:40am and 9am. This is so that we can minimise contact between children from different classes as much as possible.

There will be **no after school clubs** for at least the first half term. Again, this is to help us in minimising contact between children from different classes.

All of the information above will be under regular review. We are implementing measures which will help to keep our community as safe as possible and thank you for your continued support and understanding with this.

### **Leading Learners**

This week our worthy winners are:



#### **Picasso class**

Year 6 are celebrating in class as they are all in school.

#### **Kandinsky class**

Albie (Yr4) – For his brilliant creative writing this week. He has engaged his audience from start to finish and used super description. Well done Albie!

Sienna (Yr5) – For applying all that we have learnt about sketching to produce a stunning image of a tree – it was fabulous and you are a true artist Sienna!

#### **Monet class**

Ryan (Yr3) - For such an amazing start back to learning in school this week. Also for the incredibly high standards that you achieved in all of your home learning. You are phenomenal!

Joseph (Yr3) – For the fabulous commitment that you have shown in your English and Maths learning. You are going from strength to strength and we are so proud of you.

#### **Van Gogh class**

Summer (YrR) - For trying really hard this week with her reading. She has been using the pictures to give her clues and for checking the first sound in the word, when reading tricky words.

Sophie (Yr1) - For always trying her very best with her learning. This week she has worked really hard on her writing about Grace Darling. Well done Sophie.

### **Recovering from lockdown**

We are beginning to carefully plan what our curriculum might look like next term and we feel that the most important element of this will be the parts which support children's emotional health and well-being. We need to consider how children can be supported to rebuild relationships, resilience, routines etc. and as classes and as a whole school, how we rebuild our community. In order to support us with this, we would like to find out what children's experiences of lockdown have been. We hope to gain an insight into their feelings and concerns as well as their knowledge and understanding of what has been happening during this time. With this newsletter we have attached a questionnaire and we are hoping that as many families as possible will support their children to complete and return this over the next few weeks. We will not chase for these to be returned but we really would appreciate as many back as possible! Please see below some helpful guidelines for completing them:

- Support your child with understanding the questions and the language, clarifying with examples if needed.
- Allow your child to share their own views even if these differ from yours.

- If your views differ significantly, please feel free to complete a questionnaire on behalf of your child and submit this too, indicating who has completed it.
- As you talk with your child, please feel free to add any comments that they make, particularly if the comment gives an insight into their thoughts and feelings.
- If your child has had any negative experiences during lockdown, possibly through a bereavement of a relative, friend or neighbour and you are happy to share this with us, please do add this information.
- Questionnaires are in Word so that children can complete these electronically (by adding ticks or crosses), or they can be printed and completed. They can be returned by scanning in and uploading to STARZ, emailing the school office or printing and posting.

The deadline will be Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - huge thanks in advance for your support.

### **Zoom calls for learners at home**

Please see details of Zoom calls next week. Please note that we have combined Year 2&3 so that children can see more of their friends from across their class.

Please ask your children to message their teachers with ideas for things to do during their Zoom call next week. Teachers will add this to their class page so your child knows what to expect!

The Zoom call next week for Van Gogh class will be with Mrs MacLeod and Mrs Richardson. (see highlighted time below) This is to enable the children to meet the main adults who will be working with them in September. We think that this is an important part of finishing this academic year and for them to look ahead to the next. Please could children bring something that is special to them to show and share. This could be a toy, a piece of equipment from a hobby or a photo of a special day/event or person. Mrs MacLeod will also set your children a challenge for over the Summer for them to bring to school on the first day back in September. All of the children from Van Gogh class who are in school will have an opportunity for a transition session with Mrs MacLeod and Mrs Richard (from a distance!) before the end of term and will be set the same challenge.

The **Zoom calls** will be as follows:

<b>Reception &amp; Year 1 children</b>	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
Year 2 & 3 children	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	1:40pm
Year 4 children	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	1pm
Year 5 children	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	1:30pm

Please do look out for the email to be sent on Monday with details of how to join. If you do not wish your child to take part, please do let us know and if you're happy to share the reasons why, that would be useful feedback as we may be able to support in different ways. Many thanks

### **Summer holiday club**

With this newsletter we have attached details of a holiday club which is being run at Stukeley Meadows Primary School. Primary Sports Stars, who are running this, have supported us with PE lessons during this academic year so some coaches may be familiar to your children.



### Can you help?

We have been contacted by the Parish Council about the overgrown vegetation impeding the pedestrian pavement from the Post Office to the Wennington Lane Junction. Our Grounds Maintenance team have trimmed the branches of the trees but there is still vegetation growing onto the path which needs removal. If anyone can spare an hour to come along to help with this removal then please can you contact Mrs Nixon via the office email to let us know. As it is along the main road children will not be able to accompany you when you undertake this work for their safety.

### Reminders/new information for families with children in school

- We are aware that some parents are beginning to 'gather' on the school site and we would like to politely remind you of the importance of leaving our site as promptly and as safely as possible. Our thanks for your support with this.
- Please send in a fresh bottle of water on Monday and a break time fruit snack each day even if your child is having a school lunch.

### Department for Education



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The latest DfE guidance document for parents and carers is still, the one mentioned last week, published on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. It can be found [here](#).

### 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