



12th June

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 2!

Well we're not sure what's happened to the weather this week but it's not feeling much like summer any more! At school, the children have continued to settle well to new routines and many of our children learning from home continue to impress us with their hard work and commitment to learning. Well done to you all!

Leading Learners

This week our worthy winners are:



Picasso class

We now have all of our Year 6 learners back at school and they have decided to celebrate each learning as a group in school.

Kandinsky class

Noah (Yr5) - For working incredibly hard this week in school, particularly when writing a very emotive diary entry. Well done!

Hannah O (Yr4) - For her attention to detail in all the tasks that she has completed. They show that she puts in lots of effort and determination every time. Excellent!

Monet class

James (Yr3) - For fabulous work on measurement this week, as well as, for his determination and perseverance with learning. He has gone above and beyond technical difficulties which has really impressed us!

Sammy (Yr2) - For really applying himself to his learning. We are so pleased with his beautiful presentation and the quality of his English work this week. We are super proud of you!

Van Gogh class

Ethan A (Yr1) - For completing all of his of home learning to a high standard and maintaining super presentation and handwriting throughout. His speech bubbles for characters in 'Supertato', even including speech marks, commas and exclamation marks! Fantastic!

Elsie (Yr1) - For her fabulous story about 'Supertato'. Mrs Wilcock loved the way she took some of the author's words and phrases and wrote them into her story! Mwa Haa Haa Haa!!

Recent Government announcements

You may have seen that over the last week there have been some further Government announcements affecting schools.

For primary schools there are two key messages. Firstly the guidance about Year 6/7 transition which states that Year 6 children should not visit secondary schools before September. We are therefore working closely with our local secondary schools to support them with virtual meetings for our Year 6 children and using online transition resources in school. The Year 6 children have begun to look at some of this already and some have had 'Zoom' meetings with their Heads of Year. We will of course communicate any information shared with us from our secondary colleagues with parents.



Secondly, there was an announcement that there was no expectation for schools to open to further year groups at this time. We know that for some this will be a very challenging message but we would like to reassure families that we will continue to support with both our online learning, our support for well-being as well as trying to keep children at home connected with us and their friends. With this in mind, we will be organising a weekly Zoom call for all children who are at home, to meet virtually with their teachers and friends.

The **Zoom calls for learners not accessing school** at all will be scheduled each week on the following days and times:

Reception children	Tuesdays	1:00pm
Year 1 children	Thursdays	1:00pm
Year 2 children	Tuesdays	10:00am
Year 3 children	Tuesdays	10:45am
Year 4 children	Fridays	1pm
Year 5 children	Fridays	1:30pm

Each week we will share the theme for the catch up call for the following week; next week teachers will ask children to share their favourite piece of home learning. This could be a PE lesson with Joe Wicks or something that they have made or written about. Please support your child by letting them know the theme and discussing with them what they might share.

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.

Reminders/new information for families with children in school

- We are relying on our field space in order for each bubble to have a separate 'zone' for break and lunchtimes. This is tricky when it has been wet so could each child please bring some wellies and spare socks in a named plastic bag to keep at school so that we can go out even if it is wet. If your child doesn't have wellies, then old trainers and spare socks would be fine.
- All children need a coat everyday please as we will try to be outside as much as we can. Ideally if this was waterproof that would be even better!
- As you are aware, we will be serving hot food from Monday, served in disposable containers. However, we had planned to use disposable cutlery too but this is so flimsy that we have decided to use knives and forks. These will be placed in a tin when finished with and then soaked in boiling water before being put through a dishwasher cycle.
- A reminder to 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.



Letter from the Service Director for Education

With this newsletter we have sent you a letter from Jonathan Lewis, the Service Director for Education in Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council.

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As mentioned previously, the DfE has continued to update its guidance document for parents and carers. The most recent version was updated on 11th June and can be found [here](#).

Getting Back to School campaign



We told you about the 'Getting Back to School' campaign last week in our newsletter and had hoped to start sharing these resources to support in preparing children for the return to school. However, the team involved in developing this have decided to put a temporary hold on the campaign, as they think it will resonate more for families nearer to September when more children will be returning to school. We will share these with you as soon as we are able as we do believe they will be invaluable.

COVID19 and Free School Meal Eligibility

If your financial circumstances have been affected by the COVID 19 crisis you could now be entitled to Benefit Related Free School Meals.

The Covid19 crisis has also highlighted the difference between Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) and Benefit Related Free School Meals (FSM). The government can only offer help to those who are in receipt of Benefit Related Free School Meals so we encourage applications from all year groups.

To find out if you are eligible please fill out the simple online application form at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals where you will receive an instant response as to your eligibility status. If you are eligible your child's school will be informed within 3 days.

FSM Criteria

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (unless you're also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and earn no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop receiving Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)

If you have any queries regarding this information, please call the Education Welfare Benefits team on 01223 703200 or email ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or look at the website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

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