



8th October

Autumn Term 2021 News

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.

COVID-19 update

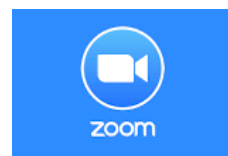
As you are aware, we have had 6 positive cases of COVID-19 in school this week. As a result of this we have met with a representative from Public Health to discuss current measures and to receive their recommendations of further measures if necessary. She was happy for me to reassure parents that as a school we are doing everything that would be expected of us at this stage with a small cluster of cases.

School photos

Due to the rising COVID cases in school this week the photographer chose not to attend the site today. We will arrange another date as soon as we can and we will let you know.

Parent consultations

Thank you to everyone who has completed the form to show your preference for the Parent Consultations. However, given that we have had 6 positive COVID cases in school this week, we have decided not to offer face to face consultations; we were really hopeful that we could have done this and apologise as about 40% of the responses received wanted a face to face meeting. In light of this, we would like to give parents the option of a Zoom call or a telephone call. Zoom feels a little more like face to face contact although we know it still isn't quite the same!



An email has been sent to you all to request the times you would be available and the option of Zoom or telephone. Please respond by email to office@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk by Wednesday 13th October.

Parent lunches

Sadly, we have made the decision to postpone our invite for parents to join us for lunch. We will rearrange this as soon as we are able.

Change to menu next Week

Due to delivery issues, we will be swapping the menu for Tuesday and Thursday next week. So the menu choices will be:

Tuesday: Chicken pasta/Jacket Potato with Chocolate Cracknell

Thursday: Lasagne /Quorn Lasagne with Flapjack and fruit

Collection at the end of the day

Please could we politely remind parents that collecting and leaving the site promptly is important at this time to minimise mixing between class groups. We are limiting all class mixing in school and your support with this is appreciated. Your children may have noticed that staff are also wearing face coverings again in all communal areas of the school and again we would encourage parents to wear face coverings whilst on site too. Many thanks for your support with this.

Admissions Information

Reception 2022

Do you have or know someone who has a child due to start school in September 2022? The booking portal for a place in our Reception Class in September 2022 is now open. Please click [here](#) to visit the Cambridgeshire County Council School Admissions page to register your child.

Please help us to promote our school! We are holding open sessions for prospective parents for Reception intake 2022 on Monday 8th November at 1:30. Please contact the school for more information. Booking is required.

We will be sending information to 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 then please email Mrs Nixon in the school office.

Transition to Secondary School

The closing date for 'on time' applications for transferring from Primary to Secondary school closes on the 31st October 2021 and is fast approaching.

Secondary 2022-2023 applications must be submitted by the 31st October and all on time applications will receive a school allocation on the National Offer date of the 1st March 2022. Parents who do not submit their application on time will need to complete a late application form.

Pet Service

St Andrew's Church is holding a special service for pets on 17th October at 11.30am. All children (and grown-ups too) are welcome and bring your pets along! See separate flyer. If you need any more details contact Valerie Scothern 01487 773213 v.scothern@btinternet.com



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



Diary Dates Autumn 2021

All new dates are added in bold and italic.

Date	Event
18th October	Deadline for STARS Mexican takeaway orders– see separate flyer
20 th October	Parent Consultations ~ 3:30pm – 7:30pm
21 st October	Parent Consultations ~ 3:30pm – 5:30pm
22nd October	STARS Mexican Takeaway Night
25 th – 29 th October	HALF TERM
29th October	Deadline for ordering STARS Bonfire night kits – see separate flyer
1 st November	Teacher training day ~ school closed
2 nd November	Term starts again
4 th November	Special lunch for Diwali. Booking form attached.
5th November	STARS Bonfire Night Kits available to collect
8 th November	Open Session for Reception intake 2022 ~ 1:30pm
11 th November	Parents invited to join us for lunch. More details and booking form to follow. Postponed
11 th November	Remembrance Day ~ Church service 2:30pm
15 th November	Flu Vaccinations for all children
18 th November	Van Gogh Nursery Rhyme Time ~ 9.15am. Parents invited.
18 th November	Parents invited to join us for lunch. More details and booking form to follow. Postponed
25 th November	Parents invited to join us for lunch. More details and booking form to follow. Postponed
3 rd December	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning
6 th December	Open Session for Foundation intake 2022 ~ 1:30pm
8 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 9:30am and 2:00pm
9 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 9:30am
16 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day
17 th December	Christmas Christingle Service ~ 2.30pm in the church.
17 th December	End of term
18 th Dec 2021 to 3 rd Jan 2022	Christmas Holiday
4 th January	Training day ~ School Closed
5 th January	Spring term 2022 begins