



2nd October

Autumn Term 2020

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.

Flu Vaccinations

We were informed by a parent earlier this week, that they had received an NHS letter in the post regarding booking information about this year's Flu Vaccination. It states on the letter that the child needs to bring this letter with them on the day of vaccination as the bar code is required. We have clarified this with the Schools Vaccination team and we **do not require the letter** to be sent into school on the day as they are not using the barcode enclosed. It was a national letter which was sent to all parents of school-age children. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

Flu vaccination and Covid-19

Some parents have raised concerns that if their child develops a high temperature after having the flu vaccine, they won't know whether to isolate and book a test or not for Covid-19. We have sought further advice on this from our Local Health Protection Team and they have shared that a temperature following the vaccine **will respond to paracetamol, whereas a temperature related to Covid-19 won't**. They have also share a poster with us (attached with this newsletter) about the importance of the flu vaccine for children. They have also suggested that parents may find the NHS website found [here](#) useful. This website states that most side effects are mild and do not last long (usually a day or two) such as:

- a runny or blocked nose
- a headache
- tiredness
- loss of appetite



Sharing assemblies

We are very aware that the opportunities for parents to visit the school are very limited due to the current situation. With this in mind, we would still like to offer parents the opportunity to view a sharing assembly, which you would normally come in to school to watch. This sharing assembly is an opportunity for the children to share something that they have been doing in school; it is not a polished, rehearsed performance! The dates and times for these are in the diary dates below and we will send a link and password to all parents in the days prior to the assembly. We hope that lots of you will be able to join us.

Unpredictable weather!

Whilst the weather is so unpredictable could we please encourage you to send your child/children to school with a coat, even if it is sunny in the morning. Please also send in a pair of wellington boots or old trainers as we will continue to use the field when wet and we do want to protect school shoes as well as our school carpets! These should be sent in a named plastic bag to leave in school on your child's peg. Many thanks



Year 6 transition to Secondary School – application process closing 31st October 2020

We have been asked to remind Year 6 parents that the end of this month is the closing date for secondary school applications for September 2021. Offers will be made on the 1st March 2021.

Hinchingsbrooke Open Evening information

Please see a message below from Mr Milner – Head of Year 7 and Transitions manager

Dear Parent and Carers,

Unfortunately due to the current restrictions we are unable to offer you the opportunity to attend our usual Year 6 Open evening this year. It is a shame as we really enjoy having the chance to meet prospective members of the Hinchingsbrooke Community. However, in its place we have created Hinchingsbrooke 2020 Welcome Video and Booklet which we will be publishing on 5 October via our website [here](#).

If following watching the video and reading the booklet, you have any further queries please don't hesitate to contact the school via email at transition@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk or by telephone on 01480 420566 and leave a message. Good luck with what we know is a very important decision regarding your child's future education.

Access to technology



As you are aware, in the event of needing to isolate or in the event of a future lockdown, the children can access remote learning onto our STARz e-learning platform. Given this, it would be helpful for us to understand whether we have families who have limited access to online learning due to challenges with technology. We would therefore be really grateful if all parents could complete the brief questionnaire relating to access to

technology found [here](#). It really will take you less than a minute and would be so helpful to us. Many thanks

School photographs

Your child should have come home from school yesterday with a leaflet which contains a QR code and a web link to their school photo. All orders and payments are placed through the website so please do take a look. The children all looked very smart!

Lunchtime Grace

Some children have mentioned that they have been trying to remember the grace that we say together before we eat at lunchtime so that they can say it at home. We would be thrilled to know if you start to use our grace at mealtimes as a family. The grace is:

Bless
The food before us
The people beside us
And the love between us.
Amen

STARS Newsletter

The STARS AGM was held on 30th September 2020.

The second half of last year was very tough for the 2019/2020 committee but they worked such wonders in the first half of the academic year that they made c.£4,000 in profit through their various fundraising activities. Thank you very much for all your efforts for our children and the school.

At the meeting, the 2019/2020 committee stepped down and a new committee was formed for 2020/2021.

The 2020/2021 committee members are:

Chair – Anoushka Levant-Tonks

Vice Chair – Angela Moore

Treasurer – Susie Ward

Secretary – Ashleigh Griggs

Communications Agent – Averil Mullarkey-Bygrave

The committee has committed to providing the school with the following for the 2020/2021 academic year:

- £1,000 for new books. In particular, for new releases for series that the children love, maths stories for early years, up-to-date science and technology books for across the school and dictionaries for upper Key Stage 2.
- £600 so that each classroom can have a visualiser.
- £500 for science equipment.
- £1,000 for ad hoc expenses to help the teaching staff throughout the academic year.

As we are sure you can appreciate, the usual fundraising opportunities for STARS are not an option at the moment but we have put our thinking caps on and have some wonderful (virtual) events planned for this term. We will let you know the details and dates as soon as they are finalised.

There will be a silent auction so if any of you have any gifts or vouchers for services that you are able to donate as a prize, they would be very much appreciated. Please let the school office or a committee member know you're able to donate/offer.

All parents are automatically members of STARS and all support is very much welcome. Whatever your skills, we can use them. All the information you need will be in the school newsletters and on the school website, however, there is a STARS Facebook page too. This serves as a handy reminder for school events.

While you are waiting for details of this term's fundraisers, here is a little reminder of the small things that you can do that will fundraise for the school:

- Join our lottery! It's quick, it's easy and a cost-effective way for us to raise funds.
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/abbots-ripton-primary-school
- Buy your items online through Easy Fundraising and support "STARS - Abbots Ripton CofE Primary School, Huntingdon" by starting your online shopping on www.easyfundraising.com
- Purchase your Amazon goods through Amazon Smile and support "Stars"
www.smile.amazon.co.uk
- Through the app - turn on AmazonSmile under Settings
- Donating your old or unwanted foreign coins to the School
- Donating used postage stamps to the school

Thank you so much for your ongoing support for STARS and our wonderful school!





Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Autumn term 2020

Any new dates are added in bold italics

Date	Event
8 th October	Van Gogh Parent Consultations via telephone: 2:30pm – 5:30pm
14 th October	Virtual Open Session for prospective parents: 9.30am – 10.30am
15 th October	Online Phonics Workshop for Reception parents – more details to follow
23rd October	<i>STARS Cupcake raffle – more details to follow</i>
26th – 30th October	HALF TERM
2 nd November	School starts again
3 rd November	Virtual Open Session for prospective parents: 9.30am – 10.30am
3 rd November	Monet Parent Consultations via telephone: 2:30pm – 5:30pm
4 th November	Monet Parent Consultations via telephone: 2:30pm – 5:30pm
4 th November	Kandinsky Parent Consultations via telephone: 3:30pm – 5:30pm
11 th November	Kandinsky Parent Consultations via telephone: 3:30pm – 5:30pm
12 th November	Picasso Parent Consultations via telephone: 3:30pm – 5:30pm
19th November	<i>Van Gogh Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm</i>
20th November	<i>Kandinsky Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm</i>
23rd November	<i>Picasso Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm</i>
25th November	<i>Monet Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm</i>
30 th November	Flu Vaccinations for all children
2 nd December	Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm
18 th December	End of Term
19th Dec to 3rd Jan 2021	Christmas Holiday
4 th January	Training day – School Closed
5 th January	Spring term begins

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

**Attendance % for
W/E 02/10/2020**

Van Gogh – 100%

Monet – 96%

Kandinsky – 95%

Picasso – 94%