



6th November

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.

Morning start time

We mentioned in the previous newsletter that after half term we were going to slightly adjust our start time in the morning. Just a reminder that we ask that all children arrive between **8:40am and 8:55am**. Some children are still arriving after this time. Please do support us in getting your children to school on time so they have the best start to their day.



Curriculum Maps

The Curriculum Map which outlines the core learning for the class during the second half term will be sent home at the beginning of next week. These will also be available on the class pages of the school website. We hope these will assist parents to understand and then support their child with relevant learning.

Wellington Boots

If your child took their wellington boots home to use during half term, please can you ensure that they have returned them so they can be worn whilst out on the field as it is now generally wet.

Children in Need



Next Friday is Children in Need day – Friday 13th November

A reminder that we have a [Just Giving](#) page for donations for our PJ day for Children in Need. We are asking for a suggested donation of £1 to come to school in pyjamas on Friday 13th November and this can



be donated at the link [here](#). Alternatively, please use the QR code to direct you straight to our page.

School Photographs

We have sent home today, with your eldest child, any photographs that have been delivered to school. The School Photography Company have also sent flyers for those families that haven't ordered so you can still order direct from them. However if you ordered a photo to be delivered to school and not to home, and you haven't received it, please call the School Photography Company directly on [01295 250812](tel:01295250812).

School dates for 2021 - 2022

We have confirmed our school dates for 2021 – 2022 and have sent these out today.

New COVID measures

With the new national lockdown starting this week we have made some minor adjustments to our risk assessment. This includes some members of school staff now wearing masks at some points during the day. If a member of school staff needs to speak to a parent outside, they will wear a face covering and we would ask that parents do the same if they need to speak to us.

We would strongly encourage all parents to wear a mask when on our school site and to limit their mixing with other families. This includes not allowing your children to mix with children from other families too. We are delighted that schools are staying open during this second lockdown but we must all play our part in ensuring that our school remains a safe environment for everyone. Our thanks for your support with this.

With all of the lockdown measures, I thought I would share with you a delightful image of some of our children playing across their class 'bubbles' at a distance. This picture was snapped this week, with Reception children playing 'Simon says' with a Year 6 child! Such a delight to see the interaction.



Remembrance Day – 11th November

Next week will be Remembrance Day and at this time we would normally be selling Royal British Legion items such as poppies and wrist bands. Due to the current situation, we are unable to do this this year. However, Rev'd Mandy will be leading the whole school in a virtual service and therefore if you would like to make a poppy for your child to wear to school on the 11th, please do – there are lots of ideas online. We are also aware that there are some outdoor 'pop up' British Legion shops that are selling poppies. Many thanks.





STARS have some wonderful (virtual) events planned for this half term, look out for the posters coming soon.

One of the events we are busy working on is a silent auction. If any of you have any gifts or vouchers for services that you can donate as a lot, they would be very much appreciated. We already have some wonderful items that have been donated, thank you very much! We have had some toys, a cake and wine donated, there is also a £100 Amazon voucher, some pamper sessions and goodies and even a rugby ball signed by Lawrence Dallaglio! Make sure you look out for the posters that are coming soon and do not buy all your Christmas presents early! There are some amazing lots available that will make a lovely Christmas present for someone. Thank you so much for your ongoing support for STARS and our wonderful school.

Christmas Cards – ORDER DEADLINE Monday 9th November

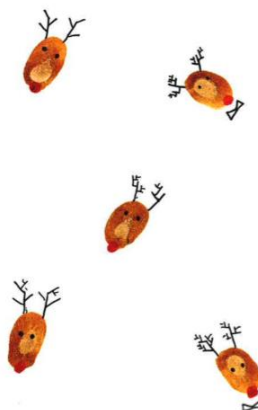
A quick reminder that ALL orders for Christmas cards must arrive in the school office no later than Monday 9th November so that we can ensure swift delivery to you well in advance of Christmas. This is a great fundraiser for our school so all orders are gratefully received.



Van Gogh Class



Monet Class



Kandinsky Class



Picasso Class



Wreath Making Event

In previous years we have held wreath making workshops which have been hugely popular. The STARS team have worked very hard to ensure that, even in these difficult times, they are able to offer this. So please find attached a flyer with booking information on how you can make your own wreath by purchasing a wreath kit containing everything you will need including an online tutorial on 1st December at 7pm!



Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Autumn term 2020

Any new dates are added in bold italics

Date	Event
11 th November	Kandinsky Parent Consultations via telephone: 3:30pm – 5:30pm
12 th November	Picasso Parent Consultations via telephone: 3:30pm – 5:30pm
13 th November	Pyjama/Onesie day for Children in Need
19 th November	Van Gogh Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm
20 th November	Kandinsky Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm
23 rd November	Picasso Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm
25 th November	Monet Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm
30 th November	Flu Vaccinations for all children
<i>1st December</i>	<i>STARS Virtual Wreath making workshop 7pm (buy your kit by 20th November)</i>
18 th December	End of Term
<i>19th Dec to 3rd Jan</i>	<i>Christmas Holiday</i>
4 th January	Training day – School Closed
5 th January	Spring term begins
<i>15th – 19th February</i>	<i>Half Term</i>
<i>26th March</i>	<i>End of Term</i>
<i>27th Mar – 11th Apr</i>	<i>Easter Holiday</i>

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 06/11/2020
Van Gogh – 100% Monet – 99%
Kandinsky – 100% Picasso – 97%