

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.

Welcome back after our Easter holidays – we do hope everyone has had a lovely time and enjoyed some of the amazing sunshine!



Collective Worship

Our Collective Worship Value this half term is, 'Respect'. We are learning about the importance of treating others with respect even if we sometimes do not agree with the way they behave or the things that they say. We will also be thinking about how we should treat the world around

us with respect as well reflecting on what the Bible teaches us about respect. With this newsletter we have sent home our Home School Values link letter which we hope you will find useful in reflecting on this important value at home.

Diary Dates

We have added some new dates to the diary, several of which involve being able to once again invite parents to join in our school events. We are so grateful for your patience over the last few years and very much look forward to welcoming you. More information will follow about the events listed shortly.

Make do and Mend – this Saturday 10am to 1pm

This Saturday is our first make do and mend event for families in a long time! This is an opportunity for parents to spend some time supporting us with odd jobs around the grounds – as a small school we rely on support from parents as we don't have a caretaker and any time offered is always appreciated. If you are able to bring a range of tools with you that would be great too. On Saturday we will have a list of 'jobs' as well as general tidying of beds, weeding etc. Some jobs which may require tools include:

- Staining fencing
- Building a self-assembly shelter purchased by STARS
- Trimming large overhanging branches
- Spraying weeds
- Fixing/re-building the tyre storage area
- Fixing a gate which has dropped

If anyone has a trailer or van we would also love someone to do a run to the tip for us too! We will provide refreshments as a thank you!

Please do remember that if you plan to come as a family, your children are your responsibility at all times!

A few new term reminders



Contacting members of staff

When contacting a member of staff, whether it is to make an appointment, or just with a query, please ensure that you do so through the main office and not directly to a personal email or via your child's STARZ account. This is so we can make sure that if an appointment etc. needs to be organised/changed we are aware of it.

Also, please can we remind you again that the email account that the newsletters are sent from is **not** checked. The **ONLY** email address to contact us on is: office@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk

School Day

The school day runs from 8:50am – 3:15pm. Please ensure that your child has arrived between 8:40am and 8:50am so they can start the day on time; it can be very unsettling for children when they arrive after their peers.



Monies sent into school

Please ensure that any monies sent into the school have the name of child and reason for the money clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. Similarly, any money paid directly by bank transfer should have your child's name as the payment reference.

Lunches

For the first half of the Summer 2022 term the cost will be £62.40. A polite reminder that lunches must be paid for in advance as the school does not have the cash flow to allow debts to accrue. If you are paying direct into the bank account then please follow



this up with an email to school with the amount paid and for whom. Also, please put your child's name on the bank transfer for reference.

Clubs information

The booking form for the new clubs on offer for the summer term is attached. We will continue to offer an after school club for Monet, Kandinsky and Picasso and the theme for the club will be athletic multi-skills and summer games e.g. cricket and rounders.

Update of contact details

Please let us know via email if you have changed any of your contact details e.g. mobile telephone number, just so we can update our records. Thank you.

Uniform

Please can you check that ALL uniform, including coats and hats are labelled with your child's full name, not initials, especially any new items that you have bought. This is particularly important for cardigans and sweatshirts as children tend to remove these regularly.





Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Summer 2022 term Any new dates added in the future will be in bold and italics

Date	Event
20 th April	Summer term begins
23 rd April	STARS Make Do and Mend from 10am – 1pm
2 nd May	Bank holiday – school closed
3 rd May	Class Photographs am
W/C 9th May	Year 6 SATS week
10 th May	STARS meeting 7:30pm at school
17 th May	2pm – 3.15pm Van Gogh Parents invited to open session to view
	learning journeys etc
26 th May	Jubilee themed Sports Day and picnic: everyone welcome – more
	details to follow 9.30am – 1.00pm
27 th May	Teacher Training Day – school closed
30 th May – 3 rd June	Half Term
9 th June	6pm Year 6 Rotary Quiz
13 th June	STARS meeting 7:30pm at school
16 th June	7pm – New Reception Parents evening
17 th June	STARS Father's Day shop
21st June	Reserve Sports Day — 1.00pm — 3.00pm
23 rd June	2.45pm Year 5/6 Parents meeting regarding the residential trip
30 th June	9.30am – 10.30am New Reception children taster session 1
2 nd July	STARS Summer fair
5 th July	2.00pm – 3.00pm New Reception children taster session 2
6 th – 8 th July	Stibbington Residential – Year 5/6
13 th July	Change Over Morning – meet your new teacher
13 th July	11.00am – 12.30pm New Reception children taster session 3
	including lunch
19 th July	Year 6 Leavers Celebration 9.30am
21st July	Church Service – everyone welcome
21st July	Summer term closes
22 nd July	Extra bank holiday owed due to Queens Jubilee. School closed.