



# End of Year News

*Our School Mission Statement: Together with God's help we: Grow in Faith, Learn for Life and Achieve our best*

Well here we are at the end of another school year. It is always a sad time as we say goodbye to our lovely Year 6 children. We are so proud of every one of them and know that they will make us proud as they move on to their new secondary schools.

Throughout the year we have seen plenty of smiles and heard lots of laughter as well as shared our own fair share of tears. However, through it all we have been a supportive community who work together against the odds to always do our best.

It is with that in mind that I want to end this year, giving thanks and prayers to everyone who has supported us. For those of you who give us a smile on a chilly morning, to those who have a kind word to say at the end of the day. Your support is always welcome and greatly appreciated.

As we go into a much needed holiday, it remains only to say please keep safe and secure; offer prayers and thoughts to those in need in our community and make sure everyone comes back in the new school year, refreshed and ready to go!

## Goodbyes

As well as saying goodbye to Year 6, we also have to say a sad goodbye to Adele, J.R. and family who are moving back to the USA. We will be sad to see you go but wish you every success in the future. Do keep in touch.

Also we would like to say a big thank you and good luck to Mrs Hawkins who is leaving us to have her baby. We wish you all of our love and best wishes.



Mrs Louise Basham has also come to the end of her term of office as a Foundation Governor here at school. Louise was an active Governor and we are grateful for all of the work and the time that she gave willingly.

## The Race For Life



We are totally amazed and delighted to share with you that our first Abbots Ripton "Schools Race for Life" event on Monday raised an incredible £870.50 for Cancer Research UK!

Foundation and Key Stage 1 children completed three laps of the school grounds and Key Stage 2 completed five laps. It was fantastic to see our children supporting each other throughout this challenge

and reflecting on the importance of the work of the charity. Thank you for your continued support with our fundraising efforts. Please do look at the website for photographs of this event.



## Well Done!

A big well done to Hannah in Van Gogh class who entered a competition in the last Term Times magazine competition. Hannah was chosen as the winner in this competition and her prize was a book for herself and 5 books for the school library – well done and thank you! I am sure that the books will be enjoyed by lots of children.

In addition to this, our wonderful office team, Mrs Nixon and Mrs Pollock, have been nominated by parents and chosen as the winners of the Term Times School Office award! It is fantastic that their hard work and dedication to the school has been recognised – thank you to those who nominated them!

## Our New Trim Trail

If you have visited school in the last few weeks you will have seen our amazing new trim trail. The children have all enjoyed some time on the new equipment; climbing, swinging and balancing and jumping with joy!! A HUGE thank you for all of the fundraising efforts so far!!



The children have also been shown how to use the equipment safely and we would now ask that you support us in keeping the children safe too. This means that children should not use the trim trail outside of school hours and this includes any younger children too. I know that it is so tempting to use the equipment after school but our insurance does not cover the children when they are not supervised by school staff. Your support with this is really appreciated!

## 100% attendance

Huge congratulations go to the following children who have achieved certificates today for 100% attendance for the Summer term:

### Van Gogh Class

Pearl  
Henry  
Lani  
Hannah C  
Albie  
Eloise  
Alice  
Kaylum  
Edie May  
Emily  
Hannah O  
William  
James  
Georae

### Kandinsky Class

Primrose  
Lily  
Daniel  
Isabel  
Faith  
Louie  
Henry  
Evie  
Harry  
Oliver  
Mia  
Jessica R  
Matthew  
Bradley

### Picasso Class

Olivia  
Isabelle

A huge thank you to everyone for their efforts around attendance. Our target for attendance was set at 97% and our overall rate for the academic year was 96.7%. This is a slight increase on the last academic year and will, I am sure, be just above the national figure.



We are also celebrating 3 children who have achieved a 100% attendance for the whole academic year – well done to Eloise, Harry M and Bradley.

## Snap Chat

We are sure that you are aware that Snapchat is a popular social media platform for young people and despite the age limit being 13+, we are aware that some of our pupils are using this app.

We have been made aware of a new feature that Snapchat have launched called SnapMaps which allows users to see the location of other Snapchat users, and thereby accurately pinpointing where your child is.

We can see that there are clearly benefits of such a feature. However, we do need to point out that the same feature, if not used safely, can present some risks as your child's location can be seen by all their contacts. Snapchat have made it clear that there are varying levels of privacy setting and these should be considered in using this feature. There are three possible settings:

- Ghost mode, where only you can see your position;
- My Friends mode, where any contact can see your location; and
- Select Friends mode, just those who you choose can see you

Child Net have also posted a thorough explanation of SnapMaps and how to ensure users stay safe. This is well worth a read if your child is a user of Snapchat:

<http://www.childnet.com/blog/introducing-snap-maps-the-new-location-sharing-feature-in-snapchat>



### Head Teacher for the day

As you know children were able to purchase a raffle ticket during the summer fayre and the winner was Sophie who was given the role of Head teacher for the day.

During this day, the Head teacher decided that we should all have a picnic lunch outside on the field and she also allowed the children to have some 'den building' time too.

## Questionnaire

Last term the Governors collated the views of our parent community and as a school it is really important that we also seek the views of the children. They have completed a questionnaire in school this week asking for their views on school life. We are really pleased with what the children have told us and would like to share some of the answers to the questions asked:

- 100% of KS2 children said the school teaches them how to stay safe online.
- 100% of KS2 children said they feel safe in school and 98% of the whole school agreed.
- 98% of children have an adult in school that they can confide in when they are worried.
- 100% of our older children feel that any bullying is dealt with by adults with one child commenting, "There is no bullying to deal with here".



Some answers to the statement "I know I am safe at Abbots Ripton C of E School because..." were:

Yr1: "I know the teachers are around."

"I know because to get in you need a badge."

Yr2: "The teachers help and protect me."

"I can go to a teacher when I am worried."

Yr3/4: "Because of the teachers and the gates."

"Every child supports you and there's a lot of adults to protect you."

Yr5/6: "The teachers stop bullying and unnecessary contact to children."

"Tall fences and gates that are locked. We have fire alarms."

"There are many adults who can tell if you feel sad and there are rules which we follow to prevent incidents."

Some answers to the question "What could your school do to make it even better than it already is?" were -

Yr1: "Listen to what other people are saying."

"Get new toys."

Yr2: "More time in school so you can learn more."

"Boy teachers."

"Nothing."

"It is already perfect."

Yr3/4: "More trips."

"Nothing."

"It's already perfect so nothing."

"Overnight school trips."

Yr5/6: "I don't know it is a hard question because this school isn't good, it is amazing."

"Nothing."

"Nothing needs to be improved."

We are really thrilled with these responses as we all recognise how important it is that children feel safe and happy in school. A child who feels unsafe and/or sad cannot be an effective learner and this is why we invest time in securing the positive ethos and behaviour that we are all so proud of.

### **Summer Library Reading Challenge 2017**

Each year Cambridgeshire Libraries runs a Summer Reading Challenge during the summer holidays. This year's challenge is called, 'Animal Agents' and is illustrated by award winning illustrator Tony Ross. Last year over 5,000 children took part in the challenge across Cambridgeshire!



Children can sign up at their local library from Saturday July 15th, then read six library books of their choice to complete the Challenge. There are exclusive rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part!

'Animal Agents' will encourage children to read lots of books, keeping up their reading skills over the long holidays, whilst having fun. All children who take part will be given a collector's folder to record their summer reading and stickers that will help them crack the case and catch the crook! And if they complete the Challenge they will be rewarded with a medal and certificate!



**Please note that families who are going away for most of the summer holiday can still take part. Either the children can catch up with their stickers when they get back, or families can collect a 'holiday pack' from their local library to take away with them.**

Please do encourage your child to take part! Your child will also come home today with a holiday reading challenge from school and this could run alongside this library challenge or could be completed instead.

### **School uniform**

Please ensure that your child is in the correct school uniform on the first day back to school, including the correct footwear.

Uniform can be ordered directly from [www.schooltrends.co.uk](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk) or [www.yourschooluniform.com](http://www.yourschooluniform.com)

Please also ensure that your child has their PE kit on the first day back too. **All uniform must be named.**



### **Tempest Photographs**

The Class photos were sent home yesterday with your child. We have been contacted by several parents who are unhappy with their print. We have spoken to Tempest who have said to contact them directly on 01736 752411 to discuss a solution.

### **Sports coach**

Next year, Mr Groves will be teaching PE to Key Stage 2 on Tuesday afternoons and to KS1 on Thursday afternoons.

### **Open Cambridge Event**

The Open Cambridge web address is: [www.opencambridge.cam.ac.uk](http://www.opencambridge.cam.ac.uk). where you can find the [online programme](#).

This event runs from 8-9 September 2017. Bookings for all pre-book events open on Monday 14 August.

Open Cambridge is part of the National Heritage Open Days scheme and is designed to offer special access to places that are normally closed to the public or charge admission.

This year's programme features a wonderful mixture of events, ranging from a Jane Austen exhibition at King's, a behind the scenes look at the Cambridge Fire Station to an introduction to the new neighbourhood of Eddington. *India and Cambridge* is also an additional, special feature of the 2017 programme.

### **Autumn Term**

School re-opens for children on Tuesday 5th September – we look forward to seeing you all then – Happy Holidays!

#### ***The prayer for our school***

*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.***



# *The Summer Term 2017 in pictures*



Token Reward – Water Fun



Sports Day



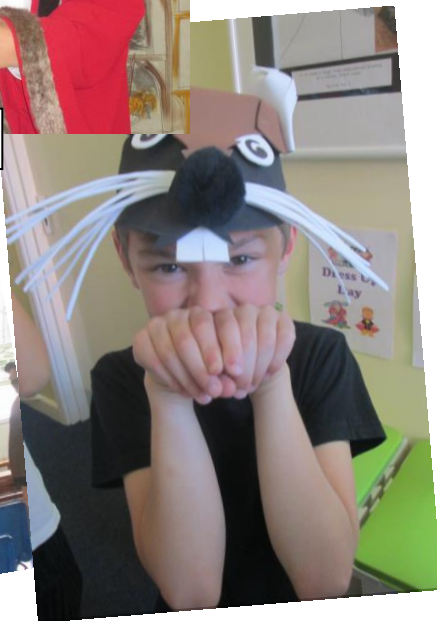
Picasso Class took part in a Hunts Sports Quad Kids Competition







**KS2 play – The Piper**



**Bikeability**



**Our Year 6 Leavers**







Hunstanton



Race For Life







## *Dairy Dates*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Teacher Training Day – School closed
5 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Autumn term begins
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Half Term
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Autumn term ends
3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018	Teacher Training Day – School closed
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Spring term begins
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Half Term
29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Spring term ends
16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Teacher Training Day – School closed
17 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Summer term begins
7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	May day
28 <sup>th</sup> May – 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018	Half Term
20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Summer Term ends
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018	Teacher Training Day – School closed
24 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Teacher Training Day – School closed