



14th May

School news Update

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

I am sure that many families are eagerly awaiting step 3 of the Government's roadmap for easing lockdown rules which comes into force from Monday. This is really positive news and brings some relief in these challenging times. However, we are being advised to keep all of our protective measures in school in place until at least 21st June. This means we will continue to ask parents to wear face coverings on our site, staggered starts/ends to the day will remain in place and your children will remain in their class groups throughout the day. We would also urge families to continue to support us in protecting our community; numbers of cases are rising in areas local to us such as Peterborough and Bedford and so we will remain cautious in order that we can continue to remain open for all children every day. Your support is hugely appreciated; we are proud that we haven't lost any school days (with the exception of the national school closures) and hope that this remains the case over the coming months.



Class photographs

A reminder that class photographs were taken on Tuesday last week and the booking forms were sent home last Friday. All orders are placed directly with The School Photography Company using the information on the card sent home.

Uniform – School Trends info

We hope to return to full school uniform in September and as such wanted to let parents know that the cut-off date for orders to be placed in time for September delivery will be before the end of July. To place orders online click [here](#).

School gates

A reminder that school drop off is between 8:40am and 8:50am. If you arrive after this time, please bring your child to the main entrance. Also, please support us in keeping children in their class groups by leaving the site promptly after pick up, particularly if your child/children are collected at 3pm. This allows the site to be clear for those collecting at 3:15pm. Please also, come right around the path rather than gathering at the gates. Many thanks.

Wellbeing support

The YMCA are delighted to offer a **FREE** webinar for parents to explore the theory of wellbeing and to learn some practical strategies to support ourselves as adults as well as children. They have offered schools a version for staff which we will be completing and it is hoped that together we will enhance the wellbeing of the children we care for.

One of the consequences of the last year has been the significant impact that lockdown, COVID and associated pressures have had on adult mental health. Throughout this webinar they will be drawing upon up to date evidence and examining the following:

- What is wellbeing?
- Why is adult wellbeing important for children?
- What can we do to help our own wellbeing when we are struggling / in times of stress?
- Tips and strategies we can use when our wellbeing is low and to help continue being 'good enough' caregivers.

The webinar will start at 7pm on 8th June and it is anticipated that it will last approximately 1½ hours including time for questions. If you are interested in joining this webinar, please [click here](#) to book using Eventbrite.

We really would encourage as many parents as possible to join this session as the YMCA have a fantastic reputation for supporting wellbeing; as a staff we are certainly looking forward to our webinar. For more information about the webinars, please call 01733 373187 or email mentalhealthtraining@ymcatrinity.org.uk.

Foster for us today and show why you care!

Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council are supporting this year's Foster Care Fortnight campaign (10th – 23rd May) and urging people to consider fostering as a career. We particularly need carers who can support children and young people between 10 -15 years old, sibling groups of brothers & sisters and short breaks.

Foster Care Fortnight is the UK's largest foster care awareness raising campaign and aims to show the positive impact foster care has made on young people's lives. Foster carers accomplish incredible things every day, and despite the practical and emotional challenges from coronavirus, foster carers continue to provide day-to-day support, love and stability to children and young people who can't live with their birth families.

We want to hear from anyone who is over 21, has a spare bedroom and the love and dedication to help our young people. We offer round the clock out of hours' support should you need it, a dedicated supervising social worker who will provide regular supervision and support and generous pay and benefits. Register today at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering or call 0800 052 0078.

Why not find out more by coming to our virtual information session on the 26th May from 6-8pm. Book now at: FosteringMarketing@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Church services in the village

It was reported in the Ripton Area News that in person church services will resume at St Andrews Church, Abbots Ripton. The pattern of services will be at Abbots Ripton on the third Sunday of the month (and hopefully at Kings Ripton on the first Sunday).

From May to August these services will be family orientated and will be either a Family Communion or All Ages Worship.

At Abbots Ripton the services will start at 11.30am.

STARS

Our wonderful STARS team have been busy organising some virtual events and the dates for these have been added to the diary below. Scavenger Hunt and Dare to be Different posters attached. More details on further individual events to follow.



Diary Dates

We have attached an updated diary date's list. Please do take the time to note these down in your diary so you don't miss anything.

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***Please see below the diary dates for the Summer term 2021
Any new dates added in the future will be in bold italics***

<i>28th May</i>	<i>STARS Dare to be different</i>
31 st May – 4 th June	Half Term
<i>31st May – 4th June</i>	<i>STARS Scavenger Hunt</i>
10 th June	Swimming for Picasso class starts (6 weeks)
10 th June	New Reception Parents meeting - 7pm
20 th July	Y6 leavers assembly -1.30pm
22 nd July	End of Summer Term
23 rd July	Teacher Training Day – School closed