



End of Spring Term 2021 News

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.

Easter service

This time last year, I wrote to let you know that we were cancelling our end of term Easter service due to school closure and although we are open and all attending school a year later, we have once again not been able to visit the church for our usual service. However, Rev'd Mandy recorded a service which we all watched today from our classroom. We hope that we will be able to worship together in church again very soon!

Congratulations!

We would like to offer our huge congratulations to Miss Slater and her partner who welcomed the safe arrival of their twin girls, Isabelle and Grace, last Thursday. They are doing very well despite arriving 4 weeks early!



Pebbles

All children have taken a large smooth pebble home from school today and we are asking for your help in encouraging your child to decorate this stone over the Easter holiday.

We are hoping to develop a reflection area in the playground where children can spend time in a calm, reflective place. We would like every child in the school to place a stone in this area, decorated with something to ignite thought and reflection on one of our school values or key messages from Christian teachings. Some ideas include:





We have purchased some spare pebbles if there are other members of the family who would like to have a go too – please let us know and we will send some home after the Easter break. We will varnish the pebbles once back at school so that they are weather proof which means that most kinds of paints or sharpie pens are good to use. We look forward to seeing your creations!

Comic Relief



You're wonderful! Thank you to everyone who donated for Comic Relief 2021. The final total, including gift aid, was £368.75 which is a fantastic amount. I promised to share some of our favourite jokes from the day too:

Why does a giraffe have a long neck? Because it has smelly feet!

What did the boy do when the Headteacher rolled her eyes at him? He rolled them back!

Why do teachers wear sunglasses? Because their pupils are so bright!

Asymptomatic Testing for Households

Also a reminder that we would encourage families to take part in regular asymptomatic testing which is available to anyone over 18. Further details can be found [here](#).

A message from STARS!

We have arranged a little Easter surprise for our children today....!

They will each get a chocolate Easter Egg to take home with them....

happy
Easter

From all of your STARS committee, we wish you and your families a Happy Easter and hope you enjoy your holidays....



Covid Test and Trace

We would like to remind parents that we do have a responsibility with tracking and tracing contacts of confirmed positive cases until the 29th March. Therefore, it is vital that parents do let us know if their child develops symptoms at any time between the end of school today and the 29th March. Please inform us via the office@abbotsripton.cambs.sch.uk email address. We would also request that if your child does develop symptoms, you visit a test centre rather than requesting a postal test if possible as results are returned much more quickly. Please then inform us of the result of your child's test as soon as you can, again via the office email address.

If we are informed of a member of school staff or a pupil testing positive, we will follow Public Health advice regarding who to inform and will do this by telephone for anyone who needs to isolate because they have been in contact with the positive case whilst in school.

Menu and Dinner money

We are going to continue with the current three week menu – please see attached. The children have really enjoyed being able to choose each day between a main and a vegetarian option. There have also been new desserts to try and this week Jo made Easter Bunny shaped biscuits! The children loved them!



The cost for the first half of the summer term will be £79.20 (33 days at £2.40) if you wish to pay for the half term, alternatively the weekly charge is £12.00. Please ensure payment is received promptly. Cash or cheques made payable to Abbots Ripton CE Primary School.

A polite reminder that it is really difficult for us to hold debts for families so prompt payment is really appreciated!



Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Summer 2021 term

Any new dates added in the future will be in bold and italics

Date	Event
27 th Mar – 11 th Apr	Easter Holiday
12 th April	Teacher Training Day – School closed
13 th April	Summer term begins
<i>3rd May</i>	<i>Bank Holiday – School closed</i>
<i>4th May</i>	<i>Class Photographs</i>
<i>31st May – 4th June</i>	<i>Half Term</i>
<i>22nd July</i>	<i>End of Summer Term</i>
<i>23rd July</i>	<i>Teacher Training Day – School closed</i>

Everyone at Abbots Ripton CE Primary School would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

