



20th 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.

Class sharing assemblies



Yesterday we held our first Virtual Class Sharing Assembly and joined Van Gogh class who shared nursery rhymes. We also enjoyed watching Kandinsky class today who shared what they have been learning this term. We were delighted that the rest of the school joined the Zoom call from their classrooms to also share in Van Gogh and Kandinsky's learning. We hope you enjoyed them!

Next week we have the class assemblies via zoom for:

**Picasso – Monday 23rd
November at 1.30pm**
**Monet – Wednesday 25th
November at 1.30pm**



Invites with the Zoom link have been sent via email today to parents of each class. If you have not received this then please do let the school office know via email so we can ensure that you do not miss it. For safeguarding reasons, we ask that you do not share the Zoom links and we ask that your camera is turned on so that we can verify who is on the call. We also ask that you are on mute so that the only thing we can hear is the assembly!



Children in Need

Our final total was £285!! This is very impressive for a small school - thank you so much.

Christmas cards and gifts

Huge thanks to those families who ordered Christmas cards and gifts with their child's design on. These have been sent home with the children today.



Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

We have worked very hard this year to put plans in place for us to still offer a Christmas lunch day but still keeping the children safe and in their class groups. This year we will be having our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December and we invite everyone to join in the fun by wearing a Christmas themed jumper that day instead of their school jumper.

The booking flyer is attached. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on a Wednesday and you wish to book them a Christmas lunch, then please complete and return the form with payment via your child or hand to the adult on duty on the field. If your child usually has a lunch on a Wednesday, you do not need to fill the form in.

The last day to book a Christmas lunch is **Monday 7th December** so please do return your booking form so we can include them.

Christmas Cards

We know how much the children love to send Christmas cards to each other in school and we would like them to still have the opportunity to do this if they would like to. The children will be able to post their cards between Monday 7th and Friday 11th December and we will then quarantine them and give them out in one big Christmas delivery! However, we would appreciate your support with a few things; please only send cards between the dates above, do not allow your child to lick the envelopes – wet kitchen towel works just as well and please include the class or year group on the front of the card as we have several children in the school with the same name.



STARS have some wonderful (virtual) events planned for this half term, look out for the flyers attached with this newsletter.

Tickets for the Wreath Making Event – 1st December

If you haven't bought yours then please do so. The date **has been extended** so you now have until Monday to buy your kit! See attached flyer for the booking information.



We will also be providing a link to a **pre-recorded tutorial** for those of you who are unable to make the live demonstration on the 1st December. The pictures here show an example of the contents of your kit!

Silent Auction – Starts 4th December

A flyer has been sent home today with information regarding our wonderful Silent Auction. Please spread the word – more details will follow shortly on how to bid and what's on offer. Some very clever parents have put together an amazing trailer to advertise the auction which can be found on wetransfer [here](#). You will be prompted for a password which is silentauction.

Virtual Christmas Fair – 4th December

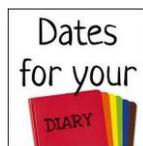
Again please see the attached flyer. The event will go live on Friday 4th December so please again spread the word.

Jam Jar Tombola

Donations for the Jam Jar Tombola can be passed to a member of the STARS team now. Please find an empty jar at home and fill it with anything you think the children will enjoy; sweets, little toys and gadgets, lego, pennies, hair bobbles etc. We would be very grateful for any donations.

Top secret letter!

With this newsletter is a **top secret letter** – for parent eyes only!!!!!!



Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Autumn term 2020

Any new dates are added in bold italics

Date	Event
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
1 st December	STARS Virtual Wreath making workshop 7pm <i>(buy your kit by 23rd November)</i>
14 th December	Virtual Christingle Service held at Ely Cathedral 1:30pm – more details to follow
16 th December	Christmas dinner day – wear a Christmas jumper – more details to follow
18 th December	End of term service led by Rev'd Mandy 1:15pm Van Gogh and Monet, 2pm Kandinsky and 2:45pm Picasso Zoom link to be shared with parents to join virtually
18 th December	End of Term
19 th Dec to 3 rd Jan	Christmas Holiday
4 th January	Training day – School Closed
5 th January	Spring term begins
15 th – 19 th February	Half Term
26 th March	End of Term
27 th Mar – 11 th Apr	Easter Holiday

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