



24th May

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

Here we are at the end of another successful half term. We have managed to fit such a lot even though it has been such a short half term and all the children have been working extremely hard.

Parent Governor

We have received three applications for the Parent Governor position on our Governing Body. Therefore an election will take place. The ballot papers will be sent home on Monday 3rd June and there will be a ballot box in the school office. Closing date for your votes is Wednesday 12th June at 3.15pm.

We are off to the Seaside!

We are very excited to say that we have organised a whole school trip to Hunstanton on Friday 19th July! Information letters with permission slips have come home today. Please ensure that we receive these back into school promptly after half term so that we can confirm the transport arrangements for the day.



Dinner Money

Dinner money for the second half of the summer term is £86.95 (this takes into account the seaside trip).

If you have debt on account, please pay this on the first day back after half term – separate emails have come home today. Also if your child is in year 6 and they have a credit on account then please deduct this from your payment. Again, emails have been sent today if you have any credit. As a small school we do not have the cash flow to carry these debts so prompt payment and payment in advance is vital.



Father's Day lunch – Friday 14th June

We are inviting any Dads, Granddads or Uncles to come along and join us for lunch on Friday 14th June. A booking flyer has been sent home today. Please return with payment by **Wednesday 5th June**. No late orders will be taken due to ordering deadlines.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a bottle each day. Children are encouraged to drink regularly and refill at school when needed.



Year 6 - Home to School Transport for Year 7 Students

Any family whose son or daughter will be transferring to secondary school in September, and believes they will be eligible for transport assistance, will need to complete a transport application in order to receive a travel pass. More information can be found by clicking [here](#).

STARS

Due to a variety of unforeseen circumstances and some resignations from key posts, we have decided that it is necessary to manage things differently for the remainder of this term and then look at afresh at STARS in September. I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who sat on this committee and for the huge amount of time and effort that has clearly been given to the school. We are confirming the amounts each event has raised and how your support has been invaluable to make these events fun and effective. We will inform you after half term of the final figures.



We are delighted that the planned Father's Day stall will still go ahead as will the Summer Fair. If you are able to support either of these events please let the school office know. Mrs Nixon will coordinate the fair and we are thrilled that this year it is being sponsored by Imagro Solutions in Polymers. Thank you to the Sydenham-Reed family for organising this.

There will be lots more information coming out over the next few weeks regarding how you can help and support our annual fundraiser. Please see Mrs Nixon if you have any ideas or suggestions that we can use or are going to be available on the day to help get set up/ staff the stalls on the day/ clear away. Any offers of support would be greatly appreciated.

Have you heard of the Match funding scheme?

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from the PTA detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised.

We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match funding too.

If you are able to help us this way, please let Mrs Nixon know and we can discuss your companies' requirements.

Times Tables Rock Stars

This wonderful resource offers a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice. Each week concentrates on a different times table, with a recommended consolidation week for rehearsing the tables that have recently been practised every third week or so. This format has very successfully boosted times tables recall speed for hundreds of thousands of pupils over the last 8 years in over 14,000 schools. We have funded a log in for every pupil in the school from Year 1 to Year 6 and their individual log ins have been stuck into reading diaries. Please encourage them to use this resource which can be found at

<https://trockstars.com/> Have fun!!



Bikeability for Year 5

Just a reminder that half term would be a good time to check that your child's bike is ready for the course running on the 17th and 18th June. We have given your children the cycle check list again today so you can make sure it complies with safety recommendations.

Abbots Ripton Open Gardens

Abbots Ripton Open Gardens is happening over the weekend of 15th and 16th June. Many gardens in the village will be open for you to visit and the school will be used for tea/coffee and facilities. The school is making an art installation from the bottle tops you have been donating

which will be placed in the church. We are also making a School Scarecrow to join in with the village competition.



The Open Gardens Committee would like to invite the pupils of Abbots Ripton School to take part in the village Open Gardens weekend by designing and growing a table top garden. The theme for this year's competition is Over the Rainbow.

The gardens will be displayed in the school hall during the open weekend for visitors to admire. They will then be judged and a prize will be awarded for the best garden on show. There will be two prizes; one for Foundation/KS1 and one for KS2.

Please make your garden in any suitable container with a maximum size of 45 x 30cms. They need to be brought into school on Friday 14th so we can display them ready.

Do come along and support our village.

This half term's Token reward

The winning token reward for this half term was DVD and Popcorn. The children have enjoyed this today. Well done to everyone who has received a token for their hard work.



Diary Dates

Any new dates added since previous newsletters are in bold and italics

Date	Event
27 th – 31 st May	Half Term
6 th June	Year 6 and Foundation Height and Weight
11 th June	Year 5 and 6 Quad Kids tournament
12 th June	New Foundation Parents meeting 7pm
14 th June	STARS Father's Day shop
14 th June	Dad's Grandads and Uncles invitation to join us for lunch – booking forms attached
15th and 16th June	Abbots Ripton Open Gardens and children's garden competition
17 th and 18 th June	Year 5 Bikeability
27 th June	Class Photos
28 th June	Non Uniform day in exchange for Summer Hamper donation
6 th July	Summer Fair – 2-5pm
10 th July	Change Over Morning in school
11 th July	Sports Day - 1:15pm. All welcome to attend
15 th July	Open Door afternoon – 2pm – 4pm
16 th July	KS2 play 6.30pm
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18 th July	Sports day reserve - 1:15pm
19th July	Whole School Trip to Hunstanton
23 rd July	Year 6 leavers assembly 9:15am and trip
24 th July	End of Term Service 2.30pm in church
24 th July	Last day of the summer term
AUTUMN TERM	
3 rd September	Teacher training day – school closed
4 th September	Teacher training day – school closed
5 th September	Autumn Term 2019 begins
10 th – 12 th June	Year 5/6 residential