



Brampton Abbotts CE Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 3rd December 2020

Diary Dates

December

- **Wednesday 16th**
Christmas Party Day – and lunches
- **Friday 18th**
Christmas Jumper Day (with own clothes) – just for fun!
- **Friday 18th**
Last day of term – early pickup at 2pm

January

- **Tuesday 5th**
Pupils return to school in staggered entry as now

Our Value for December is:
RESPONSIBILITY

Christmas is coming!

It is fairly well known that the two or three weeks leading up to the end of the Autumn term in Primary Schools can be quite lively! Of course, the children get very excited about the prospect of Christmas and the holidays and in school, we have plenty of decorations and Christmas themed activities. This year will be a bit different, but we will be doing our best to maintain that atmosphere of anticipation and wonder. We have arranged a Christmas Party Day for each pupil bubble (see separate article) and classes will be doing Christmas crafts and activities as normal.

We are so sorry that we cannot directly share any of this directly with parents and carers this year but will be doing our best to post as much as we can on Facebook. We will also be doing a KS1 Nativity, which will be a film version using, amongst other things, 'green screen' technology. We have not tried this before, so fingers crossed! This will be shared in the final week of term on the school Facebook page (more details below).

Oak Meadow Federation Governing Body

As many of you already know, our school joined with Bridstow Primary School in March this year to form a 'Hard Federation' known as Oak Meadow Federation. This means that both schools continue to benefit from a shared Headteacher, Mr Brearey, and shared purchasing and experiences. It also means that both schools share one single Governing Body.

The onset of the Covid-19 pandemic has not stopped the work of the Governing Body. They meet at least once each half term either as a whole body or in specific committees. We currently run two main committees:

- **Finance & Resources Committee** – includes how money is spent and allocated and all premises and grounds maintenance and renewal
- **Teaching & Learning Committee** – includes everything that happens in the classroom (incl Curriculum and SEN) and children's outcomes.

These committees feedback to the Full Governing Body and help support provision of the best possible experiences for our children.

The Governing body has to have a very specific constitution and construction to ensure it complies with the rules for these organisations. Our Governing Body is made up of the people in the list to the right of this article.

Name of Governor	Governor Category
Brandt, Mrs Jean-Mari*	Parent
Brearey, Mr Dan	Head Teacher
Brown, Mrs Dawn	Co-opted
Hanson, Mr Roger	Co-opted Assoc
Jenkins, Mr Peter	Foundation
Johnson, Mrs Alison	LA
Jones, Mr Matt*	Parent
Mason, Mr Paul	Foundation
Pemberton, Rev'd Crispin	Foundation
Richards, Mr Keith	Foundation
Rowland, Mr Stephen	Foundation
Semple, Rev'd Sean	Foundation
Sheppard, Mrs Penny	Co-opted Assoc
Straker, Mr Jonathan	Foundation
Straker, Mrs Jane	Foundation
Thompson, Rev'd Martin	Foundation

Christmas cards within school

From Monday 30th November, there will be a Christmas card post-box in each class for children to put their cards in for other children (and staff) in school. We will be operating a quarantine system, so that cards are not delivered for 72hours, to ensure that we remain Covid secure between the bubbles.

Christmas Count-down

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Party Day

Children are invited to wear warm party clothes (bearing in mind how well ventilated our classrooms are!) for the day.

Classes will be holding parties in the afternoon and you will have already received the letter about the Party Lunch Bags available to order, for their Christmas Lunch that day. Please return the lunch slips by Wednesday 9th December with payment if necessary.

Friday 18th December

- Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or t-shirt for the day (alongside their own clothes). This is not linked to the charity day, but is just for fun!
- Official Nativity Performance Release Date – Our virtual Nativity Performance (pre-filmed and edited) will be released by no later than Friday 18th December via our school Facebook page. If things go well, we may release this earlier!

Reporting Illness to the school

Please remember to either phone in (using option 1 on the phone system at any time), text or email the school every day that your child is not in school should they be ill and unable to attend.

Please note the following:

- 48hr rule for tummy bugs and sickness
- When calling in, please be specific about the reason why your child is unable to attend school (not ‘just under the weather’). This will help us, in the current environment, record absence in the correct way.

Old look newsletters...

We have decided to continue with these ‘old look’ newsletters for the time being rather than moving wholly to ‘Sway’ online versions as we said we would last time. We will be looking to make a more gradual move to the ‘Sway’ version in the future