



Brampton Abbotts CE Primary School Newsletter

Monday 12th October, 2020

Diary Dates

October

- **Tues 20th**
Donaldson & Dahl
Classes Road
Safety sessions
(pm only)

- **Mon 26th to Fri 30th**
HALF TERM

November

- **Thursday 12th**
Nasal Flu Spray –
whole school
- **Monday 2nd**
All children back
for 2nd half of
Autumn term

Our Value for
October is:
Friendship

Virtual Plans for the Term Ahead

Trying to keep parents and carers involved in our school life is quite a challenge for us at the moment! Not only can we not invite anyone in to share in our school assemblies – we can't even have assemblies at all so that we avoid mixing 'bubbles'. However, we are doing our best to provide photos on Facebook so you get a taste of life in classes. We have also starting to run virtual whole school Celebration Assemblies each Friday. It has been a real pleasure to see the whole school back together again – even if only on five different windows on a computer screen!

We aren't able to hold a Harvest Festival this year, but we are planning on making a short video of the different classes performing harvest songs and poems. As government guidelines don't allow us to sing in the building, we will be practising and filming songs outdoors – this will be quite a novel experience.

Looking further ahead, we are making plans to make a similar video for a lower school Nativity later in the term – let's face it, no primary school year would be complete without a Nativity in some form!

PE Days at School

As all parents and carers will now be aware, all classes have PE with Adriano every Monday. This means that all children are asked to wear sports kit for the day. Individual classes also have additional weekly sports sessions for which the children can wear their sports kit. Please can we remind children and parents of the expectation for sports kit to be worn on these days:

- Blue, Grey or Black jogging or tracksuit bottoms
- White PE t-shirt
- School jumper – to be worn over PE t-shirt
- Hoodie or additional jumper to be worn over that – only when weather is cold or very wet.

We are also considering offering all parents the opportunity to buy a new red school logo hoodie for use on sport days to add an additional layer of warmth and protection. With the need to keep classrooms well ventilated, children will need to ensure they are appropriately dressed for the conditions inside and out!

We will be sending a very quick survey to all parents and carers in the next week or so to gauge interest and assess whether we will go ahead with this idea.

School Minibus

We are very pleased with what our shared school minibus brings to our school. It has meant that local trips and events can be easily attended with the minimum of additional cost.

Last year, we had a number of local businesses agree to sponsor the vehicle. The sponsorship went towards covering the costs of insurance, car tax, minor repairs and some running costs. This year, we are asking the same again of any local businesses that wish to sponsor the minibus. We are asking for between (£100-£500 – or more if you wish!) per business. In return, each business will receive a dedicated advertising space on the minibus and regular coverage in local press and the local area when the minibus is 'out and about'. Should you be interested in continuing or starting new sponsorship, please contact Mr Brearey directly on head@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk and he will give you all the information needed.

Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club

Spring Gate will continue to offer our wrap-around care. They now offer the following times and updated prices:

7.45am – 8.45am: £3.50 for the hour (to inc. cereal, toast and fruit)

3pm – 5pm: £2.50 per hour

Please book directly with Spring Gate Nursery on 01989 762862

Outdoor Learning Sessions

Over the remainder of this term, we will be having Mrs Snaith, an experienced Forest Schools expert, in to work with all classes across the school. Each day she is in she will take two classes (morning or afternoon) to experience a different aspect of outdoor learning (in line with the classes' curriculum). We hope that this experience will help support all of our teachers to do more outdoor learning with their classes as part of their curriculum. Please take the time to talk to your child about their experiences on the days they work with Mrs Snaith.

Staggered Start & Finish – Thank you!

Following the change last week to more contracted drop-off and collection times, I am pleased to report how well things have gone. The changes have allowed all classes to have more time together during the school day and this has helped improve learning opportunities across the curriculum for all. Thank you to all the parents and carers to trying hard to follow these new rules at such short notice.

A gentle reminder that at pick-up times, please can everyone use the path around the side of the school, rather than walking across the field. It will soon be the case that the field will get very muddy and wet and lots of foot-fall will cause the field to become unusable for the children during PE lessons.

Teacher/Parent Consultations

We will be holding Zoom consultations on specific dates and times during the week beginning November 16th instead of face-to-face meetings so that you can meet with your child's teacher to discuss how they are getting on so far this year. The meetings will be strictly limited to 10 minutes and will be booked in advance using an online booking system. We will let you know the details of how to book these in the near future.

Keeping in touch and contacting the school

If you have not joined the class Facebook page yet, this would be a good idea as it is how most communication will happen from class teacher to parents/carers. These pages proved very successful in lockdown so we are keeping them on. Please ensure that all comments are positive and constructive and remember, if you have an issue, please contact the class teacher directly via email or give them a ring.

Should you need to communicate with the school, please use the following:

- **Telephone:** 01989 562256 – you can report absence at any time – using the messaging system and the phones are generally covered from 9am to 4pm each day
 - **Email** – Please email the school office on admin@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk
 - **Text system** – reply to one of the school texts – these are checked daily.
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Packed Lunches

For the time being, we will be continuing to offer packed lunches to all Key Stage 1 children and those children who are entitled to a benefits related Free School meal only.

If your child would like to change the sandwich filling or the days that they have a school packed lunch, please inform the office.

If your child no longer wants a school packed lunch, but will be bringing one from home instead, please inform the office.

Self-isolating families and technology

We have had a number of families that have needed to self-isolate due to waiting for a Coronavirus test result to return. This has taken many days in some cases!

We want to avoid any child/ren getting left behind in these circumstances. To this end, we will expect children in families that are isolating to take part in daily learning activities. In much of Key Stage 2, this will be via Zoom, supported by the SeeSaw platform using a loaned school device. In Inkpen and Donaldson classes this will be more practical and paper based learning opportunities. Your child's class teacher will make it clear what is to be expected if your family should be unavoidably isolated. If in doubt, please contact the school and we will help.
