



Brampton Abbotts CE Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 20th October, 2020

Diary Dates

October

- **Tues 20th**
Donaldson & Dahl
Classes Road
Safety sessions
(pm only)
- **Thurs 24th**
Donations for
Harvest Festival
- **Fri 23rd**
Non-uniform day
(just for fun!)
- **Fri 23rd**
Final day of term –
finish at normal
time
- **Mon 26th to Fri 30th**
HALF TERM
- **Saturday 31st**
Deadline for Y6
high school
applications

November

- **Mon 2nd**
Start of 2nd half of
Autumn term –
same timings as
now
- **Thursday 12th**
Nasal Flu Spray –
whole school
- **Week of 16-20th**

Thank You!

This term certainly has been one of the most extraordinary I have ever experienced as Headteacher. Thank you to the whole parent and carer population for your understanding in following all of the rules we have introduced and also for the relatively reduced contact that you have had with the class teachers and TAs. We hope to be able to rectify the lack of contact with a virtual Parent Consultation Week after half term – more information to follow on this before the end of this week.

This is an extraordinary Newsletter prior to the end of half term to update you all on this final week's events and any other pressing news.

Bubbles joining

Following on from the joining of Inkpen and Donaldson class bubbles earlier this term, we have decided to join Dahl and Ahlberg class bubbles too. This will allow for greater flexibility in organisation of a busy primary school.

The school has also made the decision to bring some volunteers and student placements back to support in classes. Each individual will be risk assessed and will only work within a given bubble to avoid potential wider transmission. Extra PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) is being provided to these individuals if they are working with small groups or one-to-one.

Non-uniform Day – Friday 23rd October

After consultation with the PTFA, we have decided to have a non-uniform day (just for fun!) this coming Friday. Please spread the word so that nobody comes into school on Friday in school uniform! Also, please be on the lookout for a surprise coming from the PTFA for all children before the end of half term!

School Minibus

Thank you already to the parents (and their companies) that have already agreed to sponsor the minibus this year.

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.

Virtual Harvest Festival

Please be on the lookout for the complete Virtual Harvest Festival on our Facebook page towards the end of this week (likely to be either Thursday or Friday). Each class has filmed or created a contribution.

As part of this annual event, we will still be collecting donations of UHT milk, pasta sauce, tinned fruit and vegetables as well as any other long-life goods. Please bring in any donations on **Thursday 22nd October**.

This year, all donations will go towards supporting Ross Larder. In the current situation, it would not be sensible to deliver food parcels around the local neighbourhood – as much as we would like to!

Hoodies

Thank you to everyone for your replies to the online survey about hoodies. The response was overwhelmingly positive and we will be offering the opportunity to buy a 'zoodie' (hooded jacket with a zip!) early on in the new term (hopefully in time for the start of the cold weather!). The cost of a zoodie will be somewhere between £12 and £14 depending upon uptake.

Consultation – Admissions Policy

The governors have made a few changes to our school Admissions Policy to take account of recent Department for Education advice. These changes will not apply until September 2022. Further details and a copy of the revised policy can be found on the school's website at the foot of the 'Admissions' page. If you have any queries regarding these amendments you are invited to contact the Chair of Governors (chair@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk) before 14th December 2020.