



Brampton Abbotts CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2017

Diary Dates

December

- Monday 11th
Nativity Performance
1.30pm
- Wednesday 13th
Nativity Performance 6pm
- Thursday 14th
Christmas Lunches and PTFA Party
- Tuesday 19th
END OF TERM
2pm Finish

January 2018

- Thursday 4th
RETURN TO SCHOOL

Our Value for December:
Thankfulness

Celebrating 30 Years on Site

In 1987, Brian Auty – then Headteacher of Brampton Abbotts CE Primary School – and the rest of the children, staff and parents moved from the old school building in Brampton Abbotts village to our current site where we remain today. I met with Brian, and his wife Janet, during the Summer term last academic year. At the time, they were keen to commemorate the move to our current site with covering the costs of repairing our old school clock from the village school. However, the costs to restore the old clock were several times more than the clock was worth!

After taking a little time to consider possibilities, it was decided that Brian and Janet would pay for a new clock for the school. The new 'outdoor' clock has recently arrived at school and is due to be put up (with a commemorative plaque) on the outside of the building to help us all keep to time every day. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to both Brian and Janet for their kind donation and for Brian's foresight in pushing for a move to our current site to ensure the continuation of our wonderful school until the present day.

Whole School Attendance

Whole school attendance target this year: **96%**
Last year (2016-2017) we only achieved 94.5%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.75% (DATE: 7/12/17)

Class Attendance (up to and inc.)

Inkpen Class: 96.5%	Ahlberg Class 97.1%
Donaldson Class: 95.6%	Rowling Class: 98.4%
Dahl Class: 96.5%	

Congratulations to Rowling Class for the best attendance of the year to date (3 months running – and counting!).

New Parent Governor

Thank you for all the expressions of interest received about the parent governor post advertised. It is with great pleasure we welcome Mr Matthew Jones to the Governing Body of the school. Matthew is the father of Daisy in Donaldson Class.

New Assistant Administrator

As you'll know, Mrs Bennett finished with us several weeks ago. After holding interviews last Friday we are pleased to welcome Mrs Tori Melhuish to our staff team working in the school office. Mrs Melhuish will be starting with us in January. In the meantime, thank you for your patience as we 'cover' in the school office on Wednesdays and Thursdays with Mrs Davies (mornings) and Mrs Jones (afternoons) – two of our lovely Teaching Assistants.

Carol Service

Firstly, apologies for not informing parents/carers sooner. Following on from building works being completed at St Mary's Church this year, Mr Brearey has decided to run the Carol Service 'in-house' for this year only. This means that there will not be an opportunity for parents/carers to attend. We are confident that our Easter Service (and subsequent 2018 Carol Service) will again be back at St Mary's Church with all willing parents/carers in attendance. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Phone System

Following the break-down of our phone system earlier this week, we are pleased to report that the basic system is back up and running. Unfortunately, our message system (including absence messaging line) needs to be reset. We have an engineer visiting on Monday and hope to re-establish the full phone system soon afterwards. Thank you for your patience.

Thank You, Ross Garden Store

When we started looking for a proper Christmas tree to decorate our hall in preparation for our impending Nativity performances, we had to look no further than local business Ross Garden Store. They very kindly donated a large Christmas tree (and some black weed stopper material – a prop for our Nativity!). Mr Brearey would like to thank this local business for their generosity.

Letter from Mrs Cox...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have some very exciting news... I'm pregnant and am due in May 2018!

Unfortunately, due to medical reasons, I am unable to come to school for the rest of this term, so I am working hard at home to make sure next term is the best it can be. For the rest of this term, Miss Spray will be teaching in Ahlberg Class with Miss Williams and Mrs Jones assisting. I am planning the work for the class so they are still covering the curriculum fully and enjoyably!

In terms of who will be teaching when I am on maternity leave, this is yet to be decided but I am sure they will have a great summer term.

If you have any questions, then speak to Mr Brearey, Mrs Herriott or drop an email to admin@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk who will pass it onto me.

Mrs Cox

PE Lessons and Equipment

As long as it is not raining the majority of PE lessons take place outside and (often) on the field. Please can you ensure that your child has the following names equipment to ensure they are comfortable:

- Tracksuit bottoms – in addition to their shorts
 - Spare sports socks
 - A carrier bag for muddy clothes
 - Suitable trainers for sport (preferably football boots for Key Stage 2 as well)
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