



Brampton Abbotts CE Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 8th February 2018

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

- **Monday 12th**
SING! Event,
Birmingham –
Donaldson Class
8.30 am start

- **Friday 16th**
Parents
Celebration
Assembly –
**Balloon POP
Winner
Announced!**

- **Mon 19th – Fri 23rd**
HALF-TERM

- **Monday 26th**
Parents E-Safety
Talk – Mark
Sanderson –
2.30pm in hall

Our Value for
February:
Respect

Spring Term!

Though we have had some very chilly mornings, it is lovely to see the signs of Spring with the snowdrops and crocuses waking up. Here's to warmer weather!

Whole School Attendance

Whole school attendance target this year: **96%**

Last year (2016-2017) we only achieved 94.5%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.58% (DATE: 8.2.18)

Class Attendance (up to and inc. 8.2.18)

Inkpen Class: 95.02%	Ahlberg Class 96.03%
Donaldson Class: 95.11%	Rowling Class: 96.71%
Dahl Class: 95.08%	

Congratulations to Rowling Class for the best attendance of the year to date (4 months running!).

Health Watch

Healthwatch Herefordshire are currently undertaking their own public health project and are gathering the views of professionals and the public on a number of topics, one of which is on children's dental health and obesity. They would like to find out what the issues are for families in the county which cause children's dental health to be poorer in Herefordshire than that of the national average. They would like to gather wider views from families and parents of young children via this Survey link <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4145425/Dental-Health-Survey>. Please help to add to this information by completing the survey. **Please note that the survey is due to close on 28 February 2018.**

Picking Up from School

In the interest of safeguarding your child and our pupils, we need a complete list of who picks them up from school. With 130 children to look after, it is important to us that they get home safely. We have a file for every pupil, which contains information on who can pick up your child from school; it is useful that this is as up-to-date as possible.

- If you need to add a **new contact** (someone who will **regularly** pick up your child) or change a detail please speak to the staff in the school office.
- If it is a **'one off' person** picking your child up. Please ring the school office and let them know who it is. They will then need to collect your child from the office.
- If class teachers are ever **unsure** of who is picking up a child or the person is **unknown** to the school, the teacher will take the child to the school **office to wait**. Then we will contact the parents to check arrangements.

Many thanks for your help and understanding with this matter.

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PTFA EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- **Wed 14th**
Valentine Disco
£1 per child
6:00 – 7:30pm
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- **Fri 16th**
Balloon Popping Competition
Have you brought your raffle ticket? Be in with a chance to win! £1 a ticket.

Please write your name on the back of your ticket

More tickets available from the office

MARCH

- **Fri 2nd**
PTFA AGM
2:45pm in Library
All welcome!

Car Park and Road Safety

We have had a few near misses when it comes to cars and road safety!

We understand that parking can be difficult when dropping off and picking up from school and time is tight, however, local residents have made us aware that some parents are unloading and loading their children in the middle of the road! This is dangerous, and we ask that you try to park in a space that allows you to load from the pavement side or walk children to the safety of the pavement first and not to leave them standing in the road.

Also, please can we remind you that the school car park is for cars and should not be used as a cut through. Please use the pathway around the edge of the staff carpark.

School Dinners

New Spring Menus are coming out soon – Yum! Please can we remind you to make sure you have put **your name** on your dinner form and that we have the forms returned at the very latest by Thursday **morning**. Thank You!

Old £10 Notes

Will no longer be legal tender on the 1st March 2018. Please use them up or swap them at the bank before this date. Try not to hand them into school as we will not be able to take them from this date onwards.

Cool Milk

It's not too late! If your child would like to have a daily drink of milk at school you can start at any time. All you do have to register with Cool Milk, either online at www.coolmilk.com or collect a form from the school office.

Milk is free to all children under the age of 5, and subsidised for 5-11 year olds. It costs around 22p per day. Whether you receive it for free or pay you will need to register. Any problems please pop to the school office.

Why Milk? It is excellent as a mid-morning drink as it provides a nutritional boost, protein and energy, keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch; helping them to concentrate, learn and play.

PTFA

We are very lucky to have an active PTFA that helps raise funds and organise social events for the whole school and a large volunteer network who come in and help support the school with assemblies and reading amongst other things

Just to keep up to date with our safeguarding policies, we will now be carrying out DBS 'police checks' on all our PTFA members and those that volunteer for the PTFA.

If you are a member of the PTFA, or volunteer for them at any time, we would like to ensure that your DBS check is up to date. Please visit the school office to check or to get a renewal form.

The PTFA are always on the lookout for friendly faces to help out at events, set up, tidy away, blow up balloons, bake cakes etc. If you would like to help and have some time to spare, please drop your contact details into the school office. They would love to hear from you!
