



Brampton Abbotts

Church of England Primary School



IMPORTANT DATES

Brampton's Christian Core Values: Honesty, Respect, Friendship, Happiness **JANUARY 2017**

Wednesday 8th

February

PTFA Valentine's Disco

Friday 10th February

**The Grand Valentine's
Balloon Pop**

**Mon 13th Feb – Fri 17th
Feb**

HALF TERM

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day

Bedtime Story Theme

Friday 17th March

Red Nose Day

*(Alternative Date due to
Non-Uniform Day)*

Friday 24th March

Non-Uniform Day
(Bingo Prize donations)

Friday 31st March

6pm Easter Bingo

Friday 7th April

**1.30pm Easter Service
@ St Mary's Church
&
End of Term**

Attendance

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

Last year (2015-2016) we only achieved 94.6%.

WHOLE SCHOOL: 93.45% (26.1.17)

Class Attendance (up to and inc. 26.1.17)

Inkpen Class: 90.4%	Ahlberg Class 95.7%
Donaldson Class: 92.8%	Rowling Class: 94.7%
Dahl Class: 93.94%	

Congratulations to Ahlberg Class for the best attendance of the year to date.

Updated Attendance Policy

Please note that our new Attendance Policy comes into action this term. As a reminder our new school procedures are below:

1. Reporting absence – all parents/carers are asked to notify school on each day of absence, and are encouraged to keep school informed about re-attendance for the period of the absence. This can be done in person, by telephone (using option 1 'absence message system') or in a written note to the school office or via the child's class teacher.
2. First day calling – we will text parents/ carers on the morning of first absence if we have not received a reason for absence.
3. Monitor attendance – Mr Brearey will monitor school attendance on a termly basis. They will ensure that attendance figures are in line with school targets set with the Education Welfare Officer. Attendance letters may follow each review to pupils whose attendance is of concern.

At all times, parents will be kept informed of concerns regarding attendance, and will be given every opportunity to receive help and support with regards to getting their child to school. Where an individual is regularly absent due to illness the school may request medical evidence to authorise absences.

Water in classes

It is school policy that all children are encouraged to bring water to class in a named bottle (these can be purchased at the office, if required), to drink during lesson times. We have a filtered and chilled water fountain (paid for by the PTFA) that your child can use to refresh their bottle should this become necessary.

Children are also able to bring a squash drink for lunchtime if they wish, although water is provided in the lunch hall every day.

Should it be difficult for your child to have water in a named bottle in class, please arrange to see Mr Brearey to discuss individual cases.

School Gateway Text Service

This has been a long time coming! From next week, we will be able to contact parents/carers via text. This service will be reserved for attendance, emergencies (school closures etc) and club cancellations, amongst other things. Phone numbers will come from the data sheets you update each year. Please make sure all new numbers are passed onto the office ASAP.

Help us save money by downloading the School Gateway app - If you have a smartphone, you can help us save money by downloading the 'School Gateway' app from your app store (Android and iPhone). By doing this we can send you app messages (avoiding the cost of texts) and you can send messages back for FREE. It's quick and easy to do. All you need are your email address and mobile number that school holds on record for you.