



Brampton Abbotts CE Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 20th January 2020

Diary Dates

JANUARY

- **Monday 20th**
Young Voices
Concert –
Birmingham

FEBRUARY

- **Friday 7th**
Parents'
Celebration
Assembly @
2.20pm

MARCH

- **Thursday 5th**
World Book Day
- **Friday 6th**
Parents'
Celebration
Assembly @
2.20pm
- **Friday 13th**
Sports Relief Day
- **Monday 16th**
Away Football
match at Goodrich
- **Friday 20th**
PTFA Movie Night
@ 5.30pm-7pm
- **Friday 27th**
Own Clothes Day –
Prizes for Easter
Bingo

From Mr Brearey...

Happy New Year. Welcome back to the Spring Term! I hope all of our friends and families had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year – in spite of it feeling like a distant memory already. This term, like the rest, is filled with plenty of events and trips scheduled across the next 11 weeks – culminating in the Easter Service at St Mary's Church in early April (see dates section).

We hope your child/ren have an enjoyable and fun-filled term. Thank you, as always, with your support.

Whole School Attendance

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

Last year (2018-2019) we only achieved 94.5%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.05% (DATE:15.1.20)

Class Attendance (up to and inc. 15.1.20)

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| Inkpen Class: 92.9% | Ahlberg Class 95.6% |
| Donaldson Class: 95.7% | Rowling Class: 96.3% |
| Dahl Class: 94.8% | |

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

Good News

Over the past few weeks, Inkpen and Donaldson Classes have been exploring and using a new maths learning app called 'Numbots'. The app is an opportunity for the children to practice and develop the basic maths skills they learn in lessons. As you develop through the programme, you are able to build and customise a personal robot that represents you in the game. Both classes are really enjoying using the app and it is expected that we will go on to use this regularly as part of learning this term and beyond.

Housekeeping

- **PE Kits** Coming dressed ready for PE on a Monday has proved a great success and has enabled the children to make the most of their PE time. However, the children also need to have a spare PE kit **to remain in school** of white t-shirt, black shorts (or dark tracksuit bottoms - depending on the season) and appropriate footwear. This will enable staff to run extra PE lessons and will also give them something to change into should they be wet and or muddy after their Monday PE session.
- **Rocky Lees Little Feet** – A donation box for this worthwhile charity has been placed in the school office for donations of any unwanted Christmas presents etc. Please see the school office to make a donation.

APRIL

- **Thursday 2nd**
Easter Service at
1.45pm – St Mary's
- **Friday 3rd**
2pm Early Finish for
End of Term

SUMMER TERM BEGINS

TUESDAY 21st
APRIL

**Our Value for
January is:
Happiness**

- **Play equipment at the end of the day** – Due to the lack of staff supervision, we politely ask that no children access or use any of the outdoor equipment of any kind. This will ensure that there are no accidents without trained supervision.
- **Haircuts** – please note that the school uniform policy states that there should be no shaved patterns or shaved sections of hair below a grade 3. It was noticed last term that a few of our children had shaved lines in their hair.

For Sale

We have recently purchased new hall chairs. We are therefore selling our old chairs to anyone that might wish to have some. We ask for a £1 donation for each chair or an offer is you wish to take multiple chairs. Please see the school office if you wish to take some.

Online messaging

It has come to the school's attention that many of our children are playing the online Fortnite computer game. Please note that this game has a rating of PEGI-12. This means that it is recommended for children of 12 years old and upward. This game includes an in-game messaging system that many of our children are using. It appears that some of them are sharing their names, age, address and telephone numbers within these groups. Whilst it may appear to be a group of just 'friends' this group can also include unknown individuals that may use this information. We will be speaking to all the children in the school about this , but please take the time to speak to your child/ren individually about this issue and help by supervising play – if you have made the decision to allow your child to access this PEGI-12 rated computer game.

Thank You!

Claire Clarkson, mother of Carys and Rhys, has acted as school governor for at least two terms (6 years). She has recently stepped down following both her children leaving the school and moving on to JKHS. I am sure you would like to join the school in passing on our sincere thanks and appreciation for the time and commitment she has given to the school over this period.
