



Brampton Abbotts

Church of England Primary School

Issue 1: September 2017



IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday 27th
September**

Open Morning 1
9.30-11.30m

**Wednesday 27th
September**

C1 & C2 Parent/carer
Phonics and Reading
Information Session 3pm
(in hall)

**Thursday 28th
September**

Y5/6 Quick-Sticks
Tournament (chosen
squad)

Tuesday 3rd October

Open Morning 2
9.30-11.30m

Friday 6th October

Inkpen Trip to Small
Breeds Farm

Thursday 12th October

Y5/6 Hi-5 Netball
Tournament (chosen
squad)

Thursday 19th October

Harvest Festival 9am

HALF TERM

Attendance

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

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

WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.8% (DATE: 22.9.17)

Class Attendance (up to and inc. 22.9.17)

Inkpen Class: 97.6%	Ahlberg Class 99.1%
Donaldson Class: 92.4%	Rowling Class: 99.2%
Dahl Class: 96.3%	

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

Container Project

I'm sure you will have all noticed the lovely green container in the far corner of our playground. Over the next month, the container will be transformed with the pupils' artwork on the two visible sides of the container. All pupils will be involved in the project. So far, Rowling Class have had a large part to play in designing creatures to decorate one panel and all classes are in the process of designing 'doodles' that represent things that make them feel happy to transfer onto the wings design on the front doors, later this term. We hope this will create a more attractive space in our playground area with work that all the children can be proud of.

Uniform and PE Kits

Thank you for the hard work that has gone into all childrens' uniforms. It has been noticed how well presented all the children have been this September. Some reminders:

1. In Inkpen and Donaldson classes children can wear red or white polo shirts (red tend to show the dirt less than white!). This is optional.
2. Leggings: there are a few children currently wearing black or grey leggings as part of their school uniform. This is not school uniform. Whilst leggings can be worn on outdoor PE days, black or grey trousers, skirts or dresses should be worn as part of school uniform.
3. PE Lessons: take place on a Monday across the whole school. Kits should contain black shorts, white t-shirts, black, navy or grey jogging bottoms, daps and/or trainers. Ideally trainers are preferred from Year 3 onwards.
4. Labelling of clothes: please can all school and PE clothes be clearly labelled. This really helps minimise the potential of lost school clothes – especially during PE lessons!

Attendance

Our school procedures are below:

1. Reporting absence – please notify the school every day if your child is absent. 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. Holiday requests – all holiday requests will be unauthorised unless your request is deemed to be for exceptional circumstances. Should the total of unauthorised absences reach 10 sessions (5 days) over any academic year, the school will refer your case to the Local Authority. This may result in a fine.

“Where happiness is created by achievement and achievement is created by happiness”

SIAMS Inspection – July 2017

At the end of last term Brampton Abbots had its Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools; known as a SIAMS inspection. The inspection was one day and looked at four different aspects of the school's religious character. Each aspect was graded either Outstanding (highest grade), Good, Satisfactory or Inadequate (lowest grade). The four aspects and the grades we were awarded are outlined below:

1. The distinctive Christian character of the school: GOOD
2. The impact of collective worship on the school community: GOOD
3. The effectiveness of religious education: OUTSTANDING
4. The effectiveness of leadership and management: GOOD

Overall, Brampton Abbots received a GOOD judgement for its SIAMS inspection. We are very pleased with the result and Mr Brearey would like to thank the parents/carers that gave their time during the inspection day to be interviewed. This is another confirmation of what we already knew about our school and is testament to the hard-work and dedication all staff and children give each day in our school.

Outcomes 2017

Every Primary School in England is required to publish several pupil outcomes each year. For 2017, Brampton Abbots have published outcomes in four different year groups – Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6. Our 2017 results are summarised below:

Reception: Early Years Foundation Stage – Good Level of Development: 76.2% (National Average: 70.7%)

Year 1: Phonics Screening Check – Pass rate: 83.3% (National Average: 81.2%)

Year 2: SATs – Pass rate:

Reading: 82.4% (National Average: 75.5%)

Writing: 76.5% (National Average: 68.2%)

Maths: 82.4% (National Average: 75.1%)

Year 6: SATs – Pass rate:

Reading: 100% (National Average: 71.5%)

Writing: 100% (National Average: 76.3%)

Maths: 100% (National Average: 74.9%)

As you can see, 2017 results compare very favourably with National Averages – at every year group we have exceeded them! This puts our school in the top 10% of schools nationally for 2017 results. Well done to all the children that worked so hard last academic year to achieve such fantastic results.

Flu Vaccinations

All children from Reception up to Year 4 can have the flu vaccination this Winter. The vaccination is administered via a nasal spray and is painless. Vaccinations will be taking place on Tuesday 31st October for the day. Consent forms will be given out to all affected parents early in October. Please can all parents/carers take the time to complete the consent forms when they come out as if you don't your child will miss out on the vaccination.

Admissions Consultation

The Governing Body are currently consulting on our 2019/20 school admission arrangements which principally cover selection criteria when the school is over-subscribed (as it was for September 2017). Details are posted on the school's website (See 'School Life/Admissions').

If you wish to comment on these arrangements, please send your response to: chair@bramptoabbotts.hereford.sch.uk before 1st December 2017"