



Brampton Abbotts CE Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 24th September, 2020

Diary Dates

October

- **Tuesday 6th**
Whole School
Individual Photos
- **Mon 26th to Fri 30th**
HALF TERM

November

- **Monday 2nd**
All children back
for 2nd half of
Autumn term

Our Value for
September is:
Honesty

The 'New Normal'

A very warm welcome back to all our children and families. After such a long time without all of our children together, it has been very heart-warming to see the school full of children and hear the chatter and laughter again. The children have settled well and are working hard. Long may it continue.

As you are aware, we are still working under certain restrictions but we are operating well within our bubbles to ensure that children and staff are as safe as they can be. Cleaning levels have been stepped up and we are sure you have noticed the new hand-washing facilities in the playground.

We would like to extend our thanks to all parents and carers whilst we all get to grips with the new procedures.

A big Brampton Abbotts welcome to all our new reception children. Whilst it is sad that they cannot mix with the rest of the school, Mrs Evans and Mrs Price assure us that they are all settling in very well, having fun and learning.

With the onset of Autumn, it is inevitable that the children will get colds and sniffles. This is completely normal. Children with normal cold symptoms can attend school. If you feel your child is not well enough to come to school, keep them home as usual then send them back as soon as they are well enough. The normal practice of 48 hours for sickness and diarrhoea still applies. If your child is off school, you must call the school office first thing to inform us of your child's absence and the reason. (please be specific)

The Department for Education guidance sets out three symptoms only that require children (and therefore families) to isolate and test for Covid-19. These are:

- Persistent cough
- Temperature about 37.8°C
- Loss of taste and or smell

If you are unsure about whether your child should be off school, isolating and tested, please ring the school office.

Once again, thank you to everyone for your patience and co-operation.

Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club

Spring Gate will continue to offer our wrap-around care. They now offer the following times and updated prices:

7.45am – 8.45am: £3.50 for the hour (to inc. cereal, toast and fruit)

3pm – 5pm: £2.50 per hour

Please book directly with Spring Gate Nursery on 01989 762862

Physical Fitness Initiative

Adriano and Mr Herriott have been busy delivering PE lessons during curriculum time and are now starting class clubs. Everyone has PE on a Monday. Children should know their other allotted PE day. If not, please refer to class Facebook group pages. Pick up from all clubs will be 3:45pm via the field gate and one-way system. Please let us know if your child will be walking home by themselves.

Staggered Start & Finish **NEW TIMINGS**

Now that we are all used to things, we have decided to update our morning start and finish times so that daily lessons can start more promptly and finish a little later each day. This will enable teachers to make the best use of the school day to teach your children. Below is a table outlining the changes that will start from **MONDAY 28th SEPTEMBER**

NEW START TIMES

Dropping off at the normal **front entrance**

8.50am	Families with surnames beginning with A to F
9am	Families with surnames beginning with M to S
9am	All new Reception starters to continue to all use the front entrance as normal

Dropping off at the **field gate**

8.50am	Families with surnames beginning with G to L
9am	Families with surnames beginning with T to Z

As is already the case, if you have arranged for the earlier drop off or later collection time to suit work this will continue to stand. Families with Reception children can also drop off and collect at the same time that they do for their reception children.

With this new organisation, it will really help if families stick to these times as closely as possible to avoid unnecessary queuing and waiting around each day.

When collecting, we will continue with the one-way system already in place. Timings will alter as follows:

NEW FINISH TIMES

Please use one-way system – entering via the **field gate** and path and exiting via the front of the school.

2.55pm	Families with surnames beginning with A to L
3.05pm	Families with surnames beginning with M to Z
3pm	New Reception starters to continue to collect as they normally have

We will continue to review our staggered start and finish times to ensure we get the safest organisation alongside the most educational benefits.

Social Distancing: drop-off and pick-up times

Please ensure that two-metre social distancing is adhered to at all times when queuing in the morning or afternoon, when leaving the school and when walking around the building.

We are happy for parents to wear masks should they wish, but as everything is kept outside, there is no requirement to do so.

Keeping in touch and contacting the school

If you have not joined the class Facebook page yet, this would be a good idea as it is how most communication will happen from class teacher to parents/carers. These pages proved very successful in lockdown so we are keeping them on. Please ensure that all comments are positive and constructive and remember, if you have an issue, please contact the class teacher directly via email or give them a ring.

Should you need to communicate with the school, please use the following:

- **Telephone:** 01989 562256 – you can report absence at any time – using the messaging system and the phones are generally covered from 9am to 4pm each day
- **Email** – Please email the school office on admin@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk
- **Text system** – reply to one of the school texts – these are checked daily.

Self-isolating families and technology

We have had a number of families that have needed to self-isolate due to waiting for a Coronavirus test result to return. This has taken many days in some cases!

We want to avoid any child/ren getting left behind in these circumstances. To this end, we will expect children in families that are isolating to take part in daily learning activities. In much of Key Stage 2, this will be via Zoom, supported by the SeeSaw platform using a loaned school device. In Inkpen and Donaldson classes this will be more practical and paper based learning opportunities. Your child's class teacher will make it clear what is to be expected if your family should be unavoidably isolated. If in doubt, please contact the school and we will help.
