



# Brampton Abbotts CE Primary School Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## Diary Dates

### SEPTEMBER

- **Monday 19<sup>h</sup>**  
School closed for Queen's funeral - Bank Holiday
- **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
PTFA Movie Night  
5-7pm
- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Celebration Worship – parents invited  
2.30pm

### OCTOBER

- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Whole School Photo day
- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Harvest Service – School Hall 9.15am
- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**  
PTFA Halloween Disco  
5.30-7pm
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Last Day – normal finish time

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Fri 28<sup>th</sup>  
HALF TERM**

- **Mon 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Pupils return

Our Value for  
September is:  
**RESPECT**

## Welcome Back!

Firstly, thank you to all our children, parents and carers for making the start of the 2022-23 academic year such a positive one. The children have all started, or returned, with a great sense of enthusiasm and energy for learning – long may this continue!

Thank you also for ensuring the children are all in the correct uniform etc. Should you be experiencing any financial difficulties with any aspects of school life, please contact me directly on [head@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:head@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk) and I will see how the school can support you in any way. With the cost of living increasing so much, we anticipate certain challenges for some of our families.

It is a real pleasure to be able to announce the return of many of the 'normal' events that have been unable to take place in recent years. Please check the diary list carefully for details of upcoming events. The [school website](#) also has a live Google calendar with all confirmed events recorded. Looking forward to a great Autumn term – Mr Brearey

## Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

We would like to express our great sadness on hearing of the death of our longest reigning monarch.

We are happy that we got the chance to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the summer term and that our children were able to understand the history and importance of her long reign.

## Staffing Update

Due to risk posed by Coronavirus, Mrs Cox is not going to be working in the classroom on Thursday and Fridays but is going to be busy working from home and in the outside areas at school until her baby arrives. We would like to welcome Miss Gangar to the Brampton Abbotts team, she will be teaching in Donaldson Class on Thursdays and Fridays this year.

## Start and Finish Times Reminder

The front gate opens at 8.40am for children to start coming into school.

Lessons start at 8.50am. The school day ends at 3.05pm for all classes.

In the morning, we ask that no child (unless prior agreement is given) is left unaccompanied at the school gates before they are opened at 8.40am.

## Harvest Festival

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October we will be coming together as a Brampton Abbotts community to celebrate Harvest. Parents and carers are invited to attend the service to be held in the school hall starting at 9.15am.

As is normally the case, we welcome donations of fresh fruit and vegetables as well as more long-life, non-perishable goods. We plan to put together 'care-packs' for local vulnerable and elderly people, donating the remainder to the Ross Community Larder. Should you have any names and addresses of vulnerable or elderly members of the local community that would welcome a package, please drop their details into the school office.

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## Sad News

It is with a heavy heart that I write to inform you that Mrs Celia Glover, a long-time supporter of the school and volunteer with the church, died on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September, aged 83. During her time at the school, Celia played the piano in Collective Worship with the local clergy, listened to readers and helped with joint school-church projects. She will be very much missed and our thoughts and prayers are with Derek and their family at this time.

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## Communication Strategy

This year, we want to strengthen how we communicate with our school community. To that end, we have outlined the main sources of communication and how we plan to use them to keep you all informed. We have also outlined how best to communicate with us.

### **HOW THE SCHOOL WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU:**

#### **Primary Communications** (inc. key dates, events, closures, changes to school etc)

- This will be in the form of **email and text messages** to all primary contact addresses or numbers. Please contact [admin@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk) should you wish to change numbers or contact information to ensure messages get to the correct person/people.
- **Newsletters** – these will be written every two weeks and a digital copy emailed to all contacts. Please see the school office should you require a paper copy.
- **Class Facebook Groups** – These have been set up for every class and parents/carers are asked to join these groups to keep in touch with class specific events. We ask that you minimise your use of Facebook messaging in these groups as it can lead to additional out of hours work for class teachers. See below for best form of direct communication with class teachers.

#### **Secondary Communication** (inc. updates on what has happened in school, special events etc)

- We use Facebook ('Brampton Abbotts Primary') to communicate things that happen across the school during the week.
- We also repeat messages sent via email and text to ensure the 'word gets out'.
- **Please do not message the school through Facebook messenger as it is easy to miss messages sent in this way and it is not monitored closely during the school day.**

### **HOW YOU CAN COMMUNICATE WITH THE SCHOOL:**

- For general administrative queries, please contact Mrs Henesey or Mrs Melhuish via email on [admin@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk) or over the phone on 01989 562 256 – messages can be left and are regularly monitored.
- For class based queries, please contact your child's class teacher via email:
  - Mrs Evans [cevans@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:cevans@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk)
  - Mrs Lewis [cewis@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:cewis@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk) and Miss Gangar [sgangar@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:sgangar@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk)
  - Mrs Terry [cterry@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:cterry@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk)
  - Miss Parry-Roberts [lp-r@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:lp-r@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk)
  - Mrs Herriott [sherriott@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:sherriott@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk)
- Please note that during the school day (approx. 8.30 – 3.30am) teachers may not get a chance to check emails so please do not email anything that requires an urgent response. Teachers will endeavour to get back to you by their next working day.