



Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School
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Newsletter 5: November 2022

Our Value for this half term is TRUST, with a focus on ASPIRATIONS.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term.

This is always an exciting and packed term of learning- did you know that the whole of the Autumn Term is the longest term out of the whole year? We focus on celebrations such as Diwali, Fireworks Night, support charities such as Children in Need, refocus on themes such as Anti- Bullying as the National Anti- Bullying week is also in November and then of course all our attention is on Christmas.

I suddenly feel tired just writing all of that!

As the evenings get darker, I can please remind you that if you allow your child to walk to and from school or even if they are walking with you to make sure there are wearing some reflective clothing so they can be easily seen.

Whole School Attendance

The whole school's attendance last half term was: **95%, our target is 97%.**

Children are going to pick up bugs and illnesses from each other from the very nature of being together all day long. Especially since some of the children those in Year 2 upwards were not exposed to all the childhood illnesses due to being off school because of COVID. There is some good advice below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/health/colds-coughs-and-ear-infections-in-children>

As the temperatures may fall in the next few weeks, it is not the cold temperatures that make children poorly, but all the viruses that they cannot possibly be immune to, that do.

We obviously want children in as much as possible because even if they miss one day of schooling this may include Phonics, English, Maths, Reading and possibly 2 subjects in the afternoon such as Geography and Computing. A lot to catch up on.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

If your child is sick or suffering from Diarrhoea, you must keep them off school for **48 hours after the last time they were sick.** For example, if they were sick on a **Tuesday**, they can return on the **Friday**.

This way it means we can stop the spread the sickness as best we can. Please **DO NOT** send your child in if they have been sick, we will only send them home.

Picking up from School

Please can I ask once again, if you **are NOT picking your child** up but someone else is then it is your responsibility to ring the office and let school know, even if it is a parent of another child in school. If this has not been done, we will not let your child go with someone else and will be ringing you to gain clarification of the arrangements. If we are unable to speak to you your child will remain in school until we can do so.

Parking at drop off and pick up times

I have been asked by the Village's Parish Council to request once again for all of us to be more considerate about where we all park in the mornings and afternoons, especially in the narrow part of the road just before the side gate to the forest school area. Homeowners along this stretch of road have been unable to get out of their own drives. Perhaps you might consider parking further down the road and walking up to school. Our local community police officers will also be doing spot checks at peak times to make sure the roads are kept clear as possible. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Pyjama Day on Friday 21st October



Well done to the school council for arranging and persuading me to have the PJ day- we raised a total of £63:00.

Beech Tree Club - now running for an hour on a Friday afternoon.

As a trial we have decided to run Beech Tree Club on a **Friday afternoon for 1 hour until 4:15 from Friday 4th November**. If this is something you would like to book, please contact rs Chadwick in the office.

Remembrance

Poppies and other items will be on sale until next Friday.

Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin

There is one day left to go to guess the weight of the Pumpkin!



It is £1 a go and there is a chance to win a £10 Octavia's book voucher. The pumpkin will be on display at the front of the school and the house captains can help collect guesses throughout the week.

What's Happening in the next 2 weeks?

Friday 4/11/22- 1:30 Friends Meeting in the hall, followed by **Cakes, Books and Uniform Sale at 3:15pm**– Cakes provided by **Chestnut Class please**.



Friday 11/11/22 – Whole School Remembrance Service at 10:35 – please join us in the playground if you can.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wood