

# Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School

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# Newsletter (3) Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## **Collective Worship**



This week we have looked at the stories of Abraham, Jacob and Esau. These are stories where the main characters showed great trust in God, made mistakes, forgave and were forgiven. During our Friday reflection time we shared pupils' reflections from across the week. Emerald class shared a brilliant drama





that showed forgiveness whilst reflection from Ruby and Topaz classes focused on a time they had forgiven someone else. Ruby from Topaz class ended her reflection with, 'Sometimes it is hard to forgive but we all find a way'. Year 1 pupils in Diamond class spent time considering what their names meant. This featured in both stories this week, and there was a real range of great meanings. Both Emerald and Ruby classes shared thoughts about who their trusted adults were - parents were a popular answer but also members of the emergency services and school staff. Kimmie from Topaz class shared a lovely reflective image she drew for forgiveness.

#### **Forest School Footwear**



Please do bring in wellington boots/ask for school spares so that your child has appropriate footwear for when we go to Forest School and for when the weather changes - some classes will continue to use the field at break and lunch times to ensure bubble distancing so a change of footwear is essential. If your child's wellington boots were left here before lockdown, please do let us know and we will attempt to reunite them.



#### **Food Inspector Visit**

On Wednesday we had our annual school food inspection. The inspector was very impressed with our hot meal provision, our Covid lunchtime arrangements and hygiene levels in school but did raise concerns around the food in pupil's lunchboxes brought in from home. I've never wished to run the type of school

that bans certain foods, apart from nuts, but I do agree with the inspector that since we have returned from the Covid lockdown the contents of many pupils' lunchboxes have become unbalanced. Please do give this some thought and consider what foods are going in lunchboxes - a balanced lunch will help pupils stay engaged in their learning and focused through to home time. Please access the Change4Life site for lots of great tips and advice <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes">https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes</a>. In the coming weeks I'll share further ideas, but please do act if you feel improvements could be made.



#### No Nuts

A reminder to all that our school operates a "no nuts" policy due to concerns over nut allergies both known and undiagnosed. Please be aware that some chocolate spreads, biscuits and cereal bars do contain nuts so please check the labels before sending these into school.

#### **Data Collection Sheets**

These are coming home today. The school has a statutory duty to ensure that your data is up to date and accurate. Please check that the information shown is correct, complete any missing or incorrect details, sign and return to the school office by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Please pay particular attention to contact numbers and medical information. Please return the form, duly signed, even if there are no amendments.



# PTA - Christmas card and gifts designed by your child

We are using fundraisingcreations.co.uk for our Christmas card and gifts again this year. Your child will be busy creating their design at school over the next week or so. Apologies it is only September! Your child's design for their Christmas card and gifts will be coming home on 6th October together with an order form. Please order any items and

return the form to school no later than Monday 12th October. The mugs and cushions make great gifts you can give to the family, and the children love them too. This year we will only be accepting BACS payment due to current guidelines. Bank details are on the order form. Thank you for your support. All funds raised go towards school projects.

## **Music Tuition**



We are very pleased to be able to continue to offer piano and guitar lessons in school through external music teachers, Mrs Kirby and Mr Davidson. These are generally open to pupils in Years 2 to 6. If your child is interested and you would like to know more, please ask the school office for these teachers' contact details. Lessons take place during the school day and all payments are made directly to the Mrs Kirby or Mr Davidson.



### **Covid Risk Assessment**

If parents would like to view the latest updated version of our Covid Risk Assessment it can be viewed on our website on <a href="https://abbastemplecombeprimary.co.uk/covid-19/">https://abbastemplecombeprimary.co.uk/covid-19/</a>. The updates were to reflect our recent changes to drop off / collection arrangements and club numbers - all of these changes have been detailed in previous communications to parents.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

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