



# The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear parents,

Welcome back to the start of the second half of the autumn term here at school. I cannot believe how quickly this first half of the autumn term has flown by.

## Updated Diary Dates

We attach the updated second half of the Autumn Term Diary Dates. Please print this important document and refer to it as the term progresses as all key information is contained.

## Remembrance



The whole school joined together at 11am today to mark the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

We recognised the significance of the end of the First World War and the sacrifice made by so many men and women during the war.

All the children made their own poppy which is displayed. Year 6 children lead us in poetry, prayer and Robert Johnston played The Last Post.





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## **Weekly Abbey School Collective Worship in the Cathedral**

It is wonderful that so many parents and younger brothers and sisters come to share in our special weekly service in the Cathedral. The Lady Chapel is just right for all the school to be together for worship but the high ceilings and open space make the sound carry.

Please be mindful that noise can distract the 210 children, especially those children who read the lesson or lead any prayers. It is important to encourage these children and build their confidence so if any of the younger children at the back are disturbed, perhaps parents could take them out for a little while until they are settled.

The aisles and walkways must be clear of parents and prams so that the children could be evacuated if necessary.

We politely request that parents allow the school children to remain in their class line and order as they process smartly up and down the aisle to ensure that the staff can supervise the children easily allowing parents to wave from their seat.

## **Are you a competent pianist? Do you have a free hour on a Thursday morning from 9am every three weeks?**

A plea from our new music teacher Mrs Baker for pianists or organists for Thursday's Collective Worship. You do not need to be an experienced organist, just to be a competent pianist to play the small organ in the Lady Chapel. Existing organists can show you the ropes. We have a rota and it usually equates to playing once every three weeks and the hymns are mostly from Come and Praise. Please email the School Office for further details.

## **Home School Agreement and Behaviour**

We have a Home School Agreement which staff, parents and children have agreed to by coming to school. This document can be found on the school website, please refer to this document to remind yourself of the Golden Rules and the School Rules which will be applied by all staff consistently.

We strive to create a happy learning environment and to emphasise caring behaviour at every level. The children are encouraged to care for each other and for the school. It is essential that there is mutual respect towards all members of the School community and that adults are role models to the children with the behaviour that is displayed by all who enter the school building.

To ensure a consistent standard of good behaviour throughout the school, we have adopted the following 'Golden Rules' with an emphasis on positive behaviour for the children:



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## **Our Golden Rules**

We believe in working together for excellence for all. We have six **Golden Rules** to help us do this. Next week, we will be marking a national **Friendship Week** in school encouraging the children to respect each other.

Our Golden rules are:

1. We are gentle. We don't hurt others.
2. We are kind and helpful. We don't hurt anybody's feelings.
3. We listen. We don't interrupt.
4. We are honest. We don't cover up the truth.
5. We work hard. We don't waste our own or other's time.
6. We look after property. We don't waste or damage things.

## **End of the school day**

Our school rules state that the playground equipment and grassy areas outside Years 1-4 are out of bounds to all children before/after school.

## **Weather conditions**

With changing weather conditions, please can children come to school with a school jumper or cardigan and a coat. Abbey fleeces can be worn instead of a coat as an additional item to the jumper/cardigan, but not instead of.

## **Snacks**

A Government initiative entitles all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable each day, which they eat during their mid-morning break.

Junior children may bring in prepared fruit or vegetables (carrot/celery etc) or a healthy cereal bar. Sweets, chewing gum, biscuits, crisps and nuts are not allowed.

Children who bring in a packed lunch from home must ensure that it does not include products containing nuts to ensure allergic children do not come into contact with nuts in any way.

Kind regards,

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