

# CANON POPHAM CofE PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Arbor**

From Monday, we will be starting to launch our new Arbor system for communicating with you. As you will already know, we have asked for up to date email addresses from all parents and carers, because we are aiming to communicate and send out all our letters etc. by email, through the Arbor system, rather than as paper copies.

The advantages of this are:

- Once your app has been set up, you will automatically get notifications and be able to access all letters, which will be sent direct to your email. This will mean no more lost letters, letters not getting to you or getting left in the bottom of the reading book bag! We hope it will make your life that bit easier.
- We won't be using so much paper to send out letters across the whole school. This can only be a good thing for the environment.

So if you have just changed your email address, please contact us quickly so that you don't miss out on receiving essential information.

Just a reminder- the first time you use the Arbor system you need to access it through a PC. It cannot be accessed for the first time on your laptop/ phone etc. If you don't have access to a PC please don't worry. If you give us a ring at school on Tuesday, Mrs Holmes, who is our new finance assistant in the office, will be able to log in for you from school. After the initial set up, you will then be able to download and use the app.

## **Breakfast Club**

As you know, from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September, we will be starting to run breakfast club once again.

Places are limited so if you still need a place for your child please contact us as soon as possible.

Places must be pre booked and pre- paid in order to secure your child a place.

To reassure you, we will be running breakfast club with children from different year group bubbles being separated into their own zoned area in the hall. The children from different year groups will be at least 2 meters away from other children in other year groups. The usual hand sanitising routines will be strictly followed.

## **Parents/ Carers Information sessions by zoom**

Many thanks to those parents from Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 who have accessed their Parent/Carer Information meetings: about how we teach reading in school and how you can support at home. We have had a really positive response. We hope you will be able to access the range of meetings offered to each year group over the next few weeks and that you find the information useful.

## **Harvest Festival**

Unfortunately, due to the current safety restrictions, we are unable to hold our usual Harvest services this year. In the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> October, each class will be focusing during their class time on different aspects of Harvest and we will be having a whole school Harvest worship by zoom on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Whilst this isn't the same as our usual, lovely harvest celebration services



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for children and parents, we hope it goes some way to ensuring that these important events in our school calendar are still marked.

We are very mindful that there is probably more need than ever for the work of the Doncaster Food bank, but we are unable to accept physical donations of food because of the current COVID situation. However, we have been able to work with the Church of the Good Shepherd to make contact with the food bank and get the information from them about how you can make a monetary donation in lieu of food items, direct to them through bank transfer.

We will send you the details nearer to the time, so that if you feel you would like to do this, you will have the opportunity to do so.

Once again, many thanks to everyone for your patience and support. If you have any worries or queries and need to speak to staff, please feel welcome to contact us. We are here to help.

Mrs Navas



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