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NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2023

Letter 2

15th September

Headteacher's notes...

This week we have welcomed the final group of Reception children into school which means that we are once again a 'whole school'. We look forward to working successfully with all of you once again and a special welcome to those families who are joining Brampton for the first time!

Every week in school we always have a focus on our '6Rs' which help and support the children in all they do. Our expectations for behaviour includes 'Respect' for ourselves, each other and our environment and your support with reinforcing this is much appreciated.

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r	E	fective	<i>thinking about how to get better at learning</i>
re	S	ilience	<i>sticking at something and ignoring distractions</i>
res	P	onsibility	<i>making good choices in behaviour and learning</i>
r	E	sourceful	<i>exploring different ways to get things done</i>
re	C	iprocity	<i>working with others, listening and helping</i>
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After the recent heatwave we are starting to notice the changes in the weather as we move into Autumn. Please make sure that your children come to school prepared with a coat and outdoor PE clothes as we do go outside whenever possible.

School Photographs

These are taking place on Tuesday 26th September and those children that have PE on that day should come to school in uniform and bring their PE kit to change in to.

Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 27th September we are having a Harvest Assembly in school. This year we will be collecting goods for Diamond Hampers which is a very local charity supporting the most vulnerable in our village. They rely heavily on donations and we are pleased to be supporting them. Suggested goods, which should be brought in on the day, include:

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| Tinned vegetables | Biscuits |
| Tinned beans | Tea/Coffee |
| Tinned soup and meals | Pasta |
| Pasta sauces | Cereal |



Thank you in advance for your support.

Year 6 Transition to Secondary School – Application Process

The deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October 2023. If you apply online by this date you will get an offer for a place on 1st March 2024 by email. For further information please contact the school or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions.

Bringing Items to School

Please can we remind you that as a healthy school and to protect those who have allergies, the children should not bring sweets or cakes into school to share when they have a birthday. Children in KS2 may bring in a healthy snack for morning break.

Toys, teddies, cards and other items from home should not be brought into school. Thank you for your support with this.

Attendance

You may be aware that there is a big focus on improving school attendance nationally as there has been a decline since the pandemic. Last year our average was 93.7% compared to the Cambridgeshire and national average of 94%. This term it currently stands at 96.2% - thank you for your support so far.

Advice and information has been produced by the Government which includes:

Schools are dedicated to supporting strong attendance for children and young people so that they receive an excellent education. The benefits of being in school are numerous. However, the pandemic disrupted attendance habits, and schools are facing more challenges than ever in supporting children to be in school. Schools are working exceptionally hard in response to this challenge. Different factors are now influencing decision making for some parents, carers and pupils around whether a child or young person attends school. Starting to influence pupil, parent and carer behaviours is one part of tackling this very difficult issue.

We are committed to reducing absence in schools and recognise that this challenge cannot be met by schools alone.

When your child can miss school

You can only allow your child to miss school if either:

- *they're too ill to go in*
- *you've got advance permission from the school*

Holidays in term time

You have to get permission from the Headteacher if you want to take your child out of school during term time.

You can only do this if:

- *you make an application to the Headteacher in advance (as a parent the child normally lives with)*
- *there are exceptional circumstances*

It's up to the Headteacher how many days your child can be away from school if leave is granted. You can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without the school's permission.

We will continue to monitor attendance, including lates, and will write to families when appropriate. Please contact us as soon as possible if you have any questions or need support. Thank you

PTA News

Informal Meeting

The PTA is currently run by 3 named trustees, Amy, Karen and Katie, but due to increased commitments outside these roles, we are not able to continue to dedicate as much time or effort that such a wonderful cause deserves. We have a large and enthusiastic group of people willing to lend a hand at events and behind the scenes, but are looking for people to make the big decisions. None of us plan to abandon the PTA, so any new comers will have our full support. The banking and financial records are up-to-date and we have a very healthy bank balance, so your first job could be deciding how to spend some of it!

We will be having an informal get together at Hare on the Green on **Tuesday 19th September** from 7.30pm if anyone would like to chat about the roles or generally find out more. Hope to see you there!

Bag-2-school

The next clothing and textile collection will be on **Monday 25th September**. Please leave your donations by the yellow fence outside Kids Club by 9am. The following items are accepted: Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing; Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around); Handbags; Hats; Scarves and ties; Jewellery; Lingerie; Socks; Belts; Soft toys; Household linen; Household curtains; Household towels; Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers). Please note that if we cannot recruit a new committee, this will be the last collection for the foreseeable future.

AGM

Our AGM is on **Wednesday 11th October, 7.30pm**, everyone is welcome. We will decide nearer the time if it is to be on Teams or at school.

Many thanks,
PTA Team.

What's On Next Week

Monday 18th September

Tuesday 19th September

Wednesday 20th September

Thursday 21st September

Friday 22nd September

Reception Phonics meeting 2.30pm

HSSP Yr 3&4 Mixed Football 3:15 – 4:15pm

Yr 6 Mixed Tag Rugby 3:30 – 4:15pm

Choir 8.20am

HSSP Yr 5 Mixed Football 3:20 – 4:20pm

Yr 6 Mixed Football 3:30 – 4:15pm



Sat 16th Sept **Living History Festival**

**Vikings!
Knights!
Stocks!
Photos!
Tudors!**

FREE Living History Festival - Saturday 16th September
11:00 - 16:00 on St Neots Market Square - free entry
Join us on the market square for our annual History Festival! See re-enactors, live displays, historical artefacts and have your photo taken in the Victorian Photo Booth!

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