



Brampton Village Primary School

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Newsletter

Autumn Term

Letter 1

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Headteacher's notes...

A warm welcome back to everyone for this new term, especially to all those children and staff who have joined us for the first time. I hope that everyone was able to have a good summer break and it is good that our first week has gone very well. This is the start of our tenth year as a Primary School!

The children certainly seemed refreshed as they have all come back eager and looking very smart in their uniforms. Please help us by making sure that everything is named as we accumulated a lot of lost property last year which went unclaimed.

As always this is our regular Newsletter which is sent out every Friday. We have an exciting term to look forward to and there are some dates for your diary at the end of this letter which are also available on the school website. Class Letters will be sent home next week to let you know what your child is studying this term.

We are now very much in a transition stage as we grow and we now have over 440 children on roll across 17 classes with the expectation that this may increase further as the year goes on. With more classes and less space available in the Halls we have therefore taken the decision to change the way we celebrate Harvest and Christmas. The whole school will be together for Harvest without parents/grandparents and Key Stage 2 will not be doing productions at Christmas. There will, however, be opportunities later in the year for them to perform.

We are aware of issues with overgrown trees and shrubs that are causing some difficulties and are waiting for our grounds contractors to be on site as soon as possible.

Meet the Teacher

We are inviting you to an early opportunity in the school year for you to meet your child's new teacher and hear about the work they will be doing, as well as the chance to ask questions. The sessions will be held on **Tuesday 19th September at 3.30pm and 5.30pm**. Each presentation will last between 20 and 30 minutes and will be made available on the website for those unable to make these sessions. Younger siblings are the responsibility of parents and should not be left unsupervised.

Our new SENCO, Mrs Pettitt, is happy to be contacted via the school office.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Midday Supervisors and for a cleaner. If you are interested and would like further details please ask at the office. It is essential that we have enough Midday staff in order to make sure that the children are as well looked after as possible.

Communication

We value the strong partnership that we have with you as parents and carers and all the staff work hard to maintain good working relationships and treat everyone with courtesy and respect. There are, however, occasions when a parent may have concerns about their child's education or about something that has happened in school. It is important that any concerns are raised in an appropriate manner treating the school staff with the same courtesy and respect that they will give to you. We will soon be sending home a protocol which is to be used if concerns are raised.

We are aware of a number of Facebook pages that have been set up by different year groups to help communication. These are independent of the school and should not be used to raise concerns or post images of children or inappropriate comments.

Amy's Acro

This after school Gymnastic Club has started and runs on Wednesdays and Fridays after school for children in KS1 and KS2. For more information, please take one from the table outside the school office or download it from the school website.



French Club

We have a French Club for children in Yrs 1-2 after school and during lunch time for children in Yrs 3-6 at various times. All the clubs are on **Wednesdays**. For more information and to book your child's place, please take an enrolment form from the rack outside the school office or download it from the school website.

Just Drama After School Club

Just Drama has started again at our school and is open to Brampton Primary School children aged 5–11 years. It is held on **Thursdays** from **3.20-4.20pm**. To book your child's place, please take a booking form from the rack outside the office or download it from the school website.

Reminders

There are several important reminders at the start of the new school year to help everyone.

Thank you for your co-operation.

School Uniform	At the start of the new school year we will once again be reinforcing our expectations regarding the wearing of school uniform, including appropriate shoes and PE kits. The only jewellery to be worn are ear rings (studs) and watches. It is important that the children have PE kits in school.
The School Day	The gates are not unlocked before 8.30am and the doors open at 8.45am, closing at 9.00am. If a child arrives after this time they should come to the main office. Please do not use the 'short cut' access to the school through the main Reception door by the office. In the morning any urgent messages should be passed onto staff in the office rather than the teacher who will be looking after their class. A note or email can always be sent into school office if needed.
Car Parks	The car parks are for members of staff and not to be used for dropping off or collecting children. Please do not walk through the car parks when dropping off/collecting children.
Parking	Please park with consideration for the children, other road users and local residents. Parking is an issue but we need everyone to be patient and to be prepared to walk a little further. We encourage biking, scootering and walking to school. Bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the premises.
Dogs	Dogs must not be brought onto the premises.
Avoiding Nuts	We have a number of children in school with nut allergies. Please could you avoid sending nuts into school as a snack in their packed lunches.
Contact Details	Please remember to let the school of any changes in contact details as soon as possible. They are updated on our system as soon as we receive them and it is important in case we have to contact you in an emergency.
Sickness/Diarrhoea	Children should be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.
Water Bottles	The children should bring a named water bottle to each day, containing water and not juice please.
Absence	Please contact the school office by either telephone (01480 375063) or email (office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk) before 9.15am on each day of your child's absence.
Collecting children	Please can Reception and Key Stage 1 parents/carers wait on the playground and not on the path so that the teachers can see you more easily and ensure that the children are safe.

Music Clubs

All music clubs will start week commencing **18th September 2017**.

PTA NEWS

Welcome back to the new school year! Hope you had a lovely summer

PTA Annual General Meeting – 7.30pm, Tuesday 26th September

Emma and Karen will be standing down as Chair and Secretary at the AGM and a new committee will be taking over the reins. The PTA relies on a continual cycle of parental involvement and as the children leave, so do their parents. Every parent at the school is automatically a member of the PTA – your voice counts and taking an active role is critical to our success. Your involvement not only helps us to raise funds for vital equipment and resources to enhance our children's learning but the events we run will be fondly remembered by our children for a lifetime. Help us to continue to create lasting happy memories for our children by offering your time and support to the PTA.

Other fun events for this year to be announced shortly

If you are able to help or have any comments or feedback or would like any further information about the PTA please contact BramptonPTA@outlook.co.uk Don't forget to check out our Facebook page too.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Brampton Village Show

LAST CHANCE TO CREATE YOUR ENTRY FOR THE VILLAGE SHOW. On Saturday 9th September, the Village Show will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to showcase their talent. It is a fun and family event where the village comes together to enjoy sharing and socialising.

The Children's entries fall into two age groups - 7yrs and under and 8-11yrs

In each age group there are four topics

- Decorated Cupcakes
- Photograph of any animal or mini beast
- Jam jar of flowers
- Any craft item

Which one will your child most enjoy doing? I'm sure they will love choosing and having the fun of creating an entry which is all their own. So, with just a few days left, we look forward to meeting you at the Community Centre in the High Street on Saturday 9th September between 9am and 10.45am when your entries will be put on display. Then at 2pm everyone is welcomed back to view the wonderful array of talent in our village. There will also be a raffle and drinks and scones available, followed by the prize giving. A fun time for all.

Entry forms available in Post Office, Coop, and most shops. Detailed list shown on Wool Shop window.

Dates

Please keep an eye on the dates each week in case of any changes.



September	Friday 15 th	Class Letters sent home	
	Monday 18 th	Reception in full time	
	Tuesday 19 th	Rev Jason Assembly (KS2)	
		Meet the Teacher (in the classrooms)	3.30pm and 5.30pm
	Wednesday 20 th	Individual/Sibling photographs	
	Tuesday 26 th	PTA AGM	7.30pm
	Thursday 28 th	Harvest Festival	
October	Friday 6 th	Cake Friday	
	Thursday 12 th	Governing Body Meeting	
	Friday 13 th	Y2 visit to Warwick Castle	
	Saturday 14 th	PTA Ceilidh (Barn Dance)	
	Monday 16 th	Y6 visit to Stibbington	
	Wednesday 18 th	Parent Consultations	3.30 – 7.00pm
	Thursday 19 th	PTA meeting	2.00pm
		Parent Consultations	3.30 – 6.00pm
	23 rd – 27 th	Half Term	
November	Tuesday 7 th	Rev Jason Assembly (YR + KS1)	
	Wednesday 8 th	6M Assembly	9.15am
		Service Families Forum	3.30pm
	Wednesday 15 th	5W Assembly	9.15am
	Tuesday 21 st	Rev Jason Assembly (KS2)	
	Wednesday 22 nd	Open Morning for Prospective Year R Parents	9.30am
December	Wednesday 29 th	6B Assembly	9.15am
	Tuesday 5 th	Reception Performance	2.00pm
	Wednesday 6 th	Reception Performance	2.00pm
	Thursday 7 th	Governing Body meeting	
	Friday 8 th	Non Uniform Day Christmas Dinner PTA Christmas Fair	
	Tuesday 12 th	Key Stage 1 Performance	2.00pm
	Thursday 14 th	Key Stage 1 Performance	2.00pm
	Friday 15 th	Brambles Christmas Presentation	11.00am
	Monday 18 th	YR visit to Chapel Key Stage 1 Carol Service Key Stage 2 Carol Service	
	Tuesday 19 th	Last day of term	