



Autumn Term 2020 16<sup>th</sup> October Letter 6

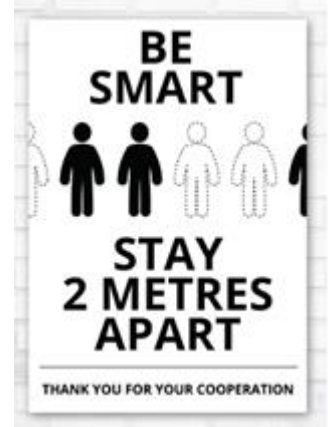
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## Headteacher's notes...

One of the privileges of being out and about at the start of the school day is welcoming the children to school and so many of them are so polite in saying 'Good Morning', even on a damp morning! It is great to see how independent they have become in making their own way in and going to their classes, whatever their age, and this is all part of growing up. Next week is our last week before we break up for half term and I know that the teachers are looking forward to talking with many of you next week at Parent Consultations, even though they may be a little different from usual.

The Leadership Team have met this week to review arrangements for after half term and I will write with more details next week. There are unlikely to be any significant changes except for some slight alterations at the start and end of the day. Despite the endless coverage in the media we are not aware of anything changing with regards to schools at the moment. We all need to continue to follow the guidelines, both in and out of school.



## Reminders

Please can I remind you all about safety in and around the school, both for yourselves and also the children. As a community we need everyone to help and be considerate of others, especially at this time. Thank you.



- Please do not walk through either car park, however tempting it may be for a short cut. They are for staff and visitors only and we have had some occasions when staff have been unable to park due to parents taking up spaces or near misses when people have nearly been hit.
- Bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the premises. Again, there have been some occasions when younger children especially have nearly knocked others over.
- The play and gym equipment should not be used either before school or after school as there is a risk of cross contamination.
- Dogs are not allowed on the school grounds, including the paths up to the gates.
- Please drive and park with consideration for pedestrians and other road users, not dropping children off outside the gates.
- Please leave the playgrounds as soon as your children are out of class so that social distancing can be maintained as much as possible.

## Parent Consultations

These are being held next week over the following dates and times:

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	3.40pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	3.40pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	3.40pm – 6.00pm

Each appointment will be held via Zoom and will last for 10 minutes.

The website you need to book is <https://bramptonvillage.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> and there is a link to this on the front page of the school website. A guide is available at the end of this letter and also by going to <http://www.brampton.cambs.sch.uk/website/consultations/223815>.

In order to help the meetings go as smoothly as possible please follow the guidelines below.

- Adults should be responsible for setting up the call at home using the passwords and information supplied by the hosting teacher.
- Ideally devices should have recognizable names which are visible. Please can the children's name be displayed rather than generic 'iphone6' or 'admin' type names as these are not as safe for security reasons.
- Please make sure that you are in the 'waiting room' 10 minutes before your appointment. You will then be admitted by the teacher when it is time.

We would always prefer 'face-to-face' meetings but know that these are not possible at the moment. However, staff welcome the opportunity to discuss how your child has settled back into school and how they are working. We recognise that individual circumstances will vary considerably in the technology that families have access to and the available spaces in the family home and if using Zoom is not possible then please contact me at school.

All of the Zoom links are currently being scheduled and will be available on the school website from Monday afternoon. If you have difficulties accessing the meeting at your appointed time please email [office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk).

### **Year 6 Transition to Secondary School – Application Process Closing 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

A reminder for all parents of children in Year 6 that the closing date for secondary school applications for next September is **31<sup>st</sup> October**. Offers will be made on the **1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**.

If any parents are experiencing difficulties with their online accounts, please contact the school office.

### **Is your child starting school in September 2021?**

Due to the current restrictions in place we are unable to hold our usual 'school tours' for prospective parents. We will be holding 2 Zoom meetings for prospective Reception 2021 parents this term on the following dates/times:

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November: 9.30am and 1.30pm.**

The presentation will be available on the school website after this date.

Please contact the school office by email [office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk) to request a Zoom invitation to one of the meetings.

Applications for a place at our school need to be completed online on the county [Admissions website](#) by **15th January 2021**.

### **PTA NEWS**

**BONKERS ABOUT CONKERS-** As the leaves change colour every day we are still 'Bonkers about Conkers' at the PTA! We have had some very strong entries already from Years 4, 2 and 1 but there is plenty of time to get collecting, counting and you could win an amazing medal. Get your £1 into class before the **21st October** to be in for a chance to win. Let's start collecting those conkers!

**CHRISTMAS CARDS-** Thank you to everyone that got their designs in. We can say that we made an amazing £900 on these so that is fantastic considering the current situation. Thank you!

We have many ways that you can get involved and details are below of two main ways.

We have our amazon smile. This costs nothing just find smile setting and add our school.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

We also now have easy funding:

[www.easyfundraising.co.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.co.uk)

Please do get involved with these as sadly we do not know when we will be able to hold one of our very popular events. And as Christmas is only around the corner why not help the school out by using these easy ways of giving back.

Thank you

PTA Team