



Brampton Village Primary School

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# Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, it is more than a little strange sitting here in a very quiet school writing a Newsletter for what should have been the last day of the Spring Term. It seems a long time ago since we started in January with so much to look forward to. There was, of course, a lot achieved and the children were as enthusiastic as ever about their learning and about all they did. Things are obviously very different at the moment and no one is really sure how long the situation will last for. The main thing is following advice, keeping safe and staying healthy and then hopefully we may be able to return sooner than expected. As soon as we know more then of course we will let you know via email and through the school website.



Today we have said goodbye to our School Secretary, Mrs Ridden, who has worked at the school for 7 years. We thank her for all she has done and wish her every success in her new post. We also wish Mrs Phillips, who is leaving in Middle Willow, our best wishes as well. Miss Wilkinson was due to start her maternity leave at the end of April but it now seems likely that she will not return before this. Recruitment for a teacher for Lower Beech continues and we will update you when things are confirmed. I am sure you will appreciate that at the moment this is more difficult than usual.

Thank you for the many messages and photographs to staff from the children of all their home learning which have been great to see. We are not setting anything over the Easter holidays but will have things in place for after this. Due to staff supporting the supervision of children in school during the Easter break, many staff will take their own Easter break at a different time. There is no expectation that teachers support home learning during this as they need to have the opportunity to rest and recover. Please remember at this time, when many people are anxious and concerned, that the most important thing is the health, both physical and mental, of yourselves and your families. We know that you are supporting your children through a difficult time and minimising stress is absolutely vital so please do not let their school work be something that stresses you. Ideally the children should be reading every day, doing some independent writing, doing some practical maths, having some physical exercise as well as opportunities to play. We are here to support you so please remember you can contact us on [closure@brampton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:closure@brampton.cambs.sch.uk).

We have remained open to provide care for those children of critical Key Workers and we will remain open all through the Easter break as well. I am grateful to all the staff who have been able to support the children and I also know that there are many staff who are having to stay home as well – we wish them all the best. I know that needs may change as the spread and impact of the virus heightens and that this will impact shift patterns for many. Please can we ask that all bookings are made through our online booking system <https://bramptonvillage.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> as this enables us to plan the staff rota and will ensure that we have the right support in place. Parents of children in Brambles will need to email [closure@brampton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:closure@brampton.cambs.sch.uk) to book a place. If there are any problems with this, or any other issues, please email the address above as this is monitored more frequently than the other school email address at the moment.

A message from the Local Authority:

*Schools, childminders and early years settings across Cambridgeshire remain open and are working hard to look after those children deemed vulnerable, and those of key workers. A dedicated team is now on hand to signpost parents to available options, including childcare provided by nurseries and childminders. If you are a critical worker and in need of childcare support, please contact the Family Information Service on: 0345 045 1360.*

Finally, thank you for all the messages of support and updates that we receive – they are appreciated. I wish you all a safe and healthy Easter break and hope it is not too long before we are back together in school.



P. Allen

Mr Peter Allen  
Headteacher

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