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Newsletter

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Headteacher's notes...

There was great excitement this morning as the snow came down at the start of school! Fortunately it hasn't stopped anything happening, including the Year 6 visit to Huntingdon Racecourse for a 'Maths Day'. It has been an enjoyable week which has certainly been busy with the children working well in their classes and enjoying their new topics. We had a visit from our Local Authority Adviser who was very impressed by what she saw as she walked around earlier in the week. Please look out for the letters from each class which are being sent home today. Please take the time to read these as they provide you with an outline of the work being covered this term and arrangements for homework and PE. Copies will also be available on the website which we are in the process of changing. Once it is 'live' we will let you know.



We have had a number of staff off since we returned but we are hopeful that they will be back with us next week. The children are to be congratulated as they have coped extremely well. Please also ensure that your child is fit and well to return to school if they have been unwell. As the weather is colder and more unpredictable at present please make sure that your child comes with appropriate clothing.

We say goodbye to one of our Teaching Assistants today, Mrs Lloyd, sending her our best wishes and thanks for all she has done.

Behaviour Policy

We are currently reviewing our Behaviour Policy and will shortly be asking for your views through an online survey. The children, through our School Council, are also letting us know what works well and what could be better as we want to ensure that we have in place a system that rewards good behaviour as well as dealing with unacceptable behaviour. In Assemblies this term we are looking at how our 5Rs can help us, both with learning and behaviour, and alongside these we are also talking about respect - respect for ourselves, others and our school.



Class Assemblies

These start next Wednesday morning, 18th January, with the first one being led by 5M. They begin at 9.15am and are held in the KS1 Hall. Parents of children in this class are welcome to attend - please enter through the main school entrance and sign in.

Adverse Weather

We would just like to remind you of the following guidance should we have to make the decision to close the school for any reason. We will always endeavour to stay open but if we have to close, the decision will be made as soon as possible. For information about any possible emergency school closure, please look at the school website and tune in to BBC Radio Cambridgeshire or Heart FM. As well as messages via In Touch, information should also be placed on Cambridgeshire County Council's website:

http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20059/schools_and_learning/281/school_term_dates_and_closures/3.

There will be a link to this page from the front page of www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk on bad weather days or it can be accessed by searching for 'Cambridge School Closure'.

CHANGE OF LUNCH MENU – THURSDAY 19TH JANUARY AND FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY 2017

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, Thursday 19th January is school census day. We will be moving the roast lunch which would usually be served next Thursday to next Friday, and on Thursday we will be serving the following special menu: **RED BAND** – fish fingers and chips; **GREEN BAND** – mega cheese and tomato pizza; **BLUE BAND** – mega ham and tomato pizza. The hot dessert choice will be fudge tart.

This meal will be served to the whole school, not just the infant classes. If you have a child in a Key Stage 2 class who would like to have a school lunch next Thursday, or if you need to swap the day your child normally has a lunch next week because of this change, please let us know.

If your child is in reception or key stage 1 and does not normally have a school lunch, this might be a good opportunity to try one – we have changed the menu to make sure that our most popular options are being served on census day. We would like as many children from reception, year 1 and year 2 as possible to have a school lunch on Thursday 19th.

Young Voices Concert information

Not long now!



- The tickets have now arrived – please email Mrs Crozier on kcrozier@brampton.cambs.sch.uk if you would like to be seated next to another family.
- T shirts will be given out to children next week.
- There are still places on the parents' coach which leaves school at 3pm. Booking deadline for this is Friday 20th January. Please have a travel back-up plan in case there are not enough people to make a parents coach viable. We will notify you about this on Friday 20th January if this is the case.
- Please note – your child/children will be travelling there and back on a separate coach.
- Due to the late return to school after the concert (approx. 11:30pm), Mr Allen will authorize an absence for your child to come in at 10:30am on Friday 27th January.
- A medical information and contact details slip will be coming home on Monday and needs to be returned to school as soon as possible please.

Parent Consultations

These are being held on Wednesday 8th February and Thursday 9th February and booking will be through our electronic sign-up system which will become 'live' on Monday 30th January at 7.15pm. It may be worth checking that you can log on before this although bookings will be locked. Please contact the school office as soon as possible if there is a problem with this or any other issue.

The website you need is: <https://bramptonvillage.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> .

Some classes have two teachers. When booking you will only see the name of one teacher but both members of staff will be present at the meetings.

Brampton Kids Club Half term Holiday Club

Brampton Kids Club will be open in the school holidays between **Monday 13th February and Monday 20th February 2017** (staff training day). To book your child's place, please take a booking form from the rack outside the school office or download it from the school website.

Football Club

Terry Mason's Football Club for children in Yrs 1- 6 will start on **Monday 16th January – Monday 6th February 2017** (not including **30th January**). For more information, please take a booking form from the rack outside the office or download it from the school website.

Tag Rugby

Tag Rugby will continue on **Wednesdays, 3.20pm to 4.20pm.**

Yr5/Yr6 Football Club

The Yr5/Yr6 Football Club will now run on **Tuesdays 3.20pm to 4.20pm** on an alternating weekly basis.

Yr6 dates are: **10th January, 24th January, 7th February, 7th March, 21st March**

Yr5 dates are: **17th January, 31st January, 28th February, 14th March, 28th March**

Headlice

As we have returned to school we have received reports of headlice. Therefore, could you please check your child, preferably on a weekly basis.

Plea from Reception

Reception are asking for donations of old wellie boots, sizes 1 or 2. If you have any old boots, please drop them off to Reception or in to the school office. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

PTA Meeting – Friday 20th January, 2pm – Everyone welcome!

Movie Night (The Secret Life of Pets) – Friday 20th January, 3.30 -5.15pm - Please can you send all ticket requests into the office by **Friday 13th January**. Tickets will be sent home with children next week.

Cake Friday – Friday 3rd February – Our popular bake sale is after school in the KS1 Hall. On this occasion, we are asking for donations of cakes from Reception classes and Year 2.

Spring Ball – Saturday 4th March – We are running a fabulous Spring Ball at the George Hotel in Huntingdon. Tickets are £30pp which includes a 3 course meal and a disco until midnight. All proceeds go toward the school. For more information and tickets please email bramptonPTA@outlook.com

If you have any comments or queries about Brampton PTA or if you have any ideas of new fundraising events that we could run, then please feel free to drop us an email at BramptonPTA@outlook.com. Don't forget to 'like' our Facebook page too!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Bikeability

Bikeability are delighted to announce that this year the Department for Transport are expanding the range of Bikeability cycle training services they can offer to schools. Due to the increase, they are [looking to recruit](#) new, enthusiastic cycle instructors to deliver training throughout the school year. Please see the school website for more details.

Dates

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

January	Wednesday 18 th	5M Assembly	9.15am
	Friday 20 th	Y3 swimming PTA Meeting PTA Movie Night	2.00pm 3.30 – 5.15pm
	Wednesday 25 th	4W Assembly	9.15am
	Thursday 26 th	Young Voices in Birmingham	
	Friday 27 th	Y3 swimming	
	Wednesday 1 st	6W Assembly Service Families Forum	9.15am 3.30pm
February	Thursday 2 nd	Grafham meeting	5.00pm
	Friday 3 rd	Y3 swimming Cake Friday	
	Tuesday 7 th	NSPCC in school leading Assemblies	
	Wednesday 8 th	Parent Consultations	3.30 – 7.00pm
	Thursday 9 th	Parent Consultations	3.30 – 6.00pm
	Friday 10 th	Y3 swimming	
	13 th – 17 th	Half Term	
	Monday 20 th	School closed – staff training	
	Tuesday 21 st – Friday 24 th	Y5 Bikeability	
	Friday 24 th	Y3 swimming	
Wednesday 1 st	2W Assembly	9.15am	
March	Thursday 2 nd	World Book Day – dressing up	
	Friday 3 rd	Y3 swimming	
	Saturday 4 th	PTA Spring Ball	
	Monday 6 th – Wednesday 8 th	Y4 Grafham trip	
	Wednesday 8 th	5W Assembly	9.15am
	Friday 10 th	Y3 swimming	
	Wednesday 15 th	2M Assembly	9.15am
	Friday 17 th	Y3 swimming	
	Wednesday 22 nd	4M Assembly	9.15am
	Friday 24 th	Y3 swimming	
	Tuesday 28 th	KS1 Easter Hat Parade	
	Wednesday 29 th	6M Assembly	9.15am
	Friday 31 st	Last day of term	
April	Tuesday 18 th	School closed – staff training	
	Wednesday 19 th	Children return	