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Headteacher's notes...

I must start this week by congratulating all of the children in Reception who performed so well in their Nativity play this week. I know from many of your comments how much you all enjoyed it and the children were so confident. It was great having an audience back in school and I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and the PTA for providing refreshments.



It is always a special time of year in school and the festivities have continued today with our Christmas Dinner, which has been a great success with over 480 meals served. There were crackers and the children and staff enjoyed singing along to various Christmas classics!

Next week children in Key Stage 1 will be performing their play and Brambles are having a special Assembly with time for parents to stay and play as well. On Friday, Year 2 will be performing some of the Christmas carols they have been learning as part of their Victorian Day.

We have seen a spectacular variety of Christmas jumpers and outfits today, all raising money for Save the Children. At this time of year, it is good to be able to give to others as well who are not as fortunate as we are and at the time of writing we have raised a total of over £250 – thank you so much. Our fundraising page is still open and is <https://www.justgiving.com/Brampton-Village-Primary-School1>.



We have continued to have a large number of children and staff off school this week – we hope that everyone is better soon. Please make sure that you have received the letter from the Local Authority that was sent home and which is available on the website.

Sports News

Congratulations to our footballers who beat Thorndown 1:0 earlier this week. Thank you to everyone who came along to support.

Performances

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 have been busy rehearsing for their forthcoming performances and bookings are still open - please visit [SchoolCloud - Brampton Village Primary School](#) for more details.



Christmas Post Box

The post box is available in school until Friday 16th December for any children who want to send any cards. Please remember to put the full name and class on the envelope.

Carol Services

We are looking forward to our Carol Services at St Mary Magdalene Parish Church on Monday 19th December.

- Reception/KS1 9.45am
- KS2 1.45pm

We still need a few more volunteers to help as without this we may be unable to go. If you feel you are able to help walk the children please let your child's teacher know. Numbers will be limited due to space. We recognise that for some children there may be specific reasons why they should not attend the Carol Services. If this is the case please email the school office.

Young Voices

Not long to go until our trip to Birmingham! Please can children that are attending the performance practise their songs between now and next term. Ideally they need to have learnt them off by heart for when we return in January. Any children that need lyrics please come and see Mrs Cunningham. All backing tracks are accessible on Spotify if you cannot access 'myclassmate'.



Adverse Weather

We would 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 check the front page of our school website and messages will also be sent via email. Details should also be placed on the Cambridgeshire County Council website:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-&-learning/school-term-dates-&-closures/school-closures/>

Please make sure that we have correct email addresses.

PTA News

MUG COLLECTION

There are lots of Christmas mugs for collection in the reception area of the school office. If you have ordered one, please do collect before we break up for Christmas.

ONLINE RAFFLE IS LIVE

The online raffle will automatically be drawn at 5pm tonight so there is still chance to grab some tickets.

If you get an email that you are a winner, please can you come anytime from Tuesday to collect the prize from the office or look out for an email from the pta with a voucher attached.

<https://raffall.com/320160/enter-raffle-to-win-bvps-christmas-raffle-22-hosted-by-brampton-pta>



[Enter Raffle to Win BVPS Christmas Raffle 22 hosted by Brampton PTA](https://raffall.com/320160/enter-raffle-to-win-bvps-christmas-raffle-22-hosted-by-brampton-pta)

It's hard to believe that the most wonderful time of the year is almost upon us again! Brampton Village Primary PTA have been busy collecting a fantastic selection of prizes for the 2022 Christmas online raffle! Thank you so much to all the businesses that have donated. -- For just £1 per ticket you could be in with a chance of winning – please do pass this link on to all your friends and family. -- The proceeds of this raffle are added to our annual fundraising pot, from which we can buy, among many other things, leavers' gifts for two year groups and Christmas gifts for all 22 classes. Did you know that the PTA pay £5,500 per year to our school towards the cost of nearly 600 pupils going on class trips and educational visits? So, as you can see, the more tickets you buy the more money we have to spend on all our children. -- Good luck and thank you for your support!

raffall.com

SANTA SLEIGH

Santa will be visiting Brampton on Monday 12th December (Belle Isle start). Would you be interested in volunteering to walk alongside Santa collecting donations as part of the PTA?

We will meet at 18:00 for a 18:30 start finishing at 20:30.

We would appreciate advance commitment on numbers, with a reminder that children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the collection. Please email bramptonpta@outlook.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 9th December 5pm, Raffle live draw.

Monday 12th December, village Santa sleigh collection walk.

Wednesday 21st December, non-uniform day

Thanks,

PTA Team.

What's On Next Week: *please note that some after school clubs have now stopped until next term.*

Monday 12th December

Tuesday 13th December

Year 1 Christmas performance 2.00pm

No Year 6 Mixed Football club

Year 3 & 4 Multisports (HSSP) 3.15-4.15pm

Wednesday 14th December

Thursday 15th December

Choir

Year 1 Christmas performance 2.00pm

No Year 6 Tag Rugby

Year 5 Mixed Football (HSSP) 3.15-4.15pm

Friday 16th December

Year 2 Victorian Day

Year 2 Carols at 9.15am and 2.30pm

Brambles Winter Assembly 1.00pm

Monday 19th December

Carol Services at Church

KS1 9.45am

KS2 1.45pm

Tuesday 20th December

Wednesday 21st December

Last day of term – this will be a non-uniform day as the children take part in various Christmas activities.

January 2023

Wednesday 4th January

Professional Day

staff training

Tuesday 5th January

Children return



We have a number of pallets which are available to anyone who wants them –first come first served. Please contact the office for details.



Parking outside schools!

We are sure most of you are all aware of the **continuing** issues regarding parking outside schools during drop off and pick up times.



Unsafe, inconsiderate and dangerous parking is an offence and an increasing problem throughout our county, causing chaos for local residents and ultimately putting the safety of our children and others at risk.

Please **stop and think** before parking. Consider - Am I being respectful? Am I parking illegally? Is my parking dangerous? We can all do our bit to reduce the issues of parking during school pick up & collection times. For the safety of your child, their friends and the local community we kindly request that you all park safely, legally and considerately.

Remember and consider:

- DO NOT park on single or double yellow lines
- DO NOT double park
- DO NOT stop or park on the zig zag lines or pedestrian crossing
- DO NOT park on pavements, corners or junctions
- DO NOT obstruct footpaths or cycleway's
- Consider car sharing
- Walk or cycle to school where appropriate
- And finally... **DO NOT** block the driveways of local residents.



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