



Brampton Village Primary School

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Newsletter



Letter 1

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Headteacher's notes...

I hope that everyone was able to have a good summer break and is ready for everything that lies ahead. It has certainly been good to welcome all of the children back to school this week and thank you for your support with their uniform, as they all look very smart. Once again, we have welcomed a number of new families to Brampton and walking around the school it is clear to see the children already settled in and pleased to be back. A number have shared their work already, including many fantastic homework projects and other things that have been completed.



The school continues to grow and we now have just under 600 children on roll across 21 classes. It has been good to see new children start in Brambles and Reception and we also pleased to welcome a number of new staff including Mrs Roberts in Reception, Miss Atlay in Year 2, Mrs Burling in Year 4, Mr Ager in Year 6 and Mrs Shears who is our Child and Family Worker.

In today's Assembly we have started our reflections on yesterday's sad news about Queen Elizabeth and I am sure that there will be much more over the coming weeks. We will get further updates and guidance about this from the DfE and Local Authority which we will share with you.



In Assembly on Monday, we looked at 'having dreams' about what we might achieve this year. We shared examples of famous people who have been successful in many different areas. Celebrating successes in Assembly today it is clear how well many children have done already this week – keep it up!

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

We are a large and busy school and at the end of today's letter are some general reminders, including PE days for each year group. Please take time to read these through carefully as they will help everyone.

Clubs

Information about Clubs for KS2 is being sent home. We are trying to organise some for KS1 and will let you know if they are available.

KS2 Choir will be starting again on Thursday 15th September at 8.20am. Please can those that want to join or want to continue from last year please sign up via the Parents Evening system which opens at 7.00pm this evening ([SchoolCloud - Brampton Village Primary School](#)). It would be great to see some new Year 3 children come and join!

Letters have gone out to Years 5 and 6 regarding the Young Voices trip which takes place on Friday 27th January. Numbers are limited so those who attend Choir regularly will have priority. Deadline to opt in for the trip is Friday 16th September.

Learning

Enjoying

Achieving



Reading

At Brampton we always endeavour to develop a love for reading and promote reading activities throughout the year.

KS1:

Today your child will have brought home a 'reading for pleasure' book which they will have selected from their classroom reading area. This book is for your child to share with you and might be one they may need you to read to or with them depending on their reading ability. Every **Friday** your child can bring back their book and exchange for a different one. We will unfortunately be unable to issue a new book if the previous one has not been returned.

By the end of next week teachers will be sending home a levelled reading book matched carefully to your child's phonic/reading ability. This book is one that we would encourage them to read to you and discuss. These books will be changed twice weekly on **Tuesdays and Fridays**. It is important that children read and re-read this book throughout the week and have opportunities to talk about and answer questions with you. Please record all reading activities in your child's yellow reading diary.

KS2:

This week your child will have been reading a book from their classroom or library which they have chosen to 'Read for Pleasure'. By the end of next week, your child will bring home a book carefully matched to their reading and comprehension ability after taking a Star Reader test in school. Your child will be free to change this book once they have read it and completed an Accelerated Reader quiz on it. Each child will only be able to take one book at a time out of the school library. Please record your child's reading in their reading diary. Further information about reading will be in the year group curriculum letter which will be sent out next week.

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 there may be concerns about something that has happened in school so please contact us as soon as possible so that we can address any issues. Contacting staff is best done through emailing the school office (office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk) or phoning 01480 375063 as any messages will be passed on. 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.

Please do not come into the classrooms, especially at the start of the day, as staff will not be able to speak with you at this point. If there is an urgent message please let staff in the school office know.

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.

Service Families

We are always pleased to welcome new Service families to our school. We recognise that there are often specific issues or concerns that need to be addressed and as part of this support we have a Transition Mentor, Mrs Powlson, who also works at the school as one of our Teaching Assistants. The funding we receive from the Service Premium enables us to provide support for transition and emotional well-being. Parents are welcome to contact Mrs Powlson via email, cpowlson@brampton.cambs.sch.uk. It is always

useful to know when parents may be deployed or away from home for extended periods so that children can be supported.

PTA News

We hope all your children have had a fantastic week and you haven't missed them too much!

We have a very small PTA committee working hard to organise events throughout the year and raise money for the school, any support no matter how little is really appreciated. Please join our Brampton PTA (Brampton Village School Parent Teacher Association) Facebook page to keep up to date with what is going on and how you and your children can get involved.

AGM

Our AGM is on **Thursday 29th September, 7.30pm** at school, everyone is welcome. Please find attached more information and nomination slips if you are interested in joining the committee.

Bag2school

Now the children have gone back to school are you getting chance to have a clear-out? Please keep all your charity bag donations as we have a collection on **Thursday 22nd September**.

Alongside the events we run, we also have other ways we raise money, please have a look.

Amazon Smile

Every time you make a purchase on Amazon you could be making money for the school by putting us as your chosen charity. This doesn't cost you any extra money and it automatically donates for you. If you use the Amazon app to make purchases then you need to go to the app, click on the three lines, go into settings, select Amazon Smile and then turn on Amazon Smile. The charity is Brampton Village School Association.

Please pass this on to friends and family, we have over 600 children in the school so that's potentially a lot of money, especially, if like me, you regularly use Amazon! 🍌 This year we have raised over £250 from Amazon Smile.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1063376-0>

Lottery

Our weekly lottery raised over £2,000 last academic year and has a guaranteed cash winner within the school every week. Tickets cost just £1 and you have a chance to win the £25,000 jackpot too. To start supporting, visit:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/brampton-village-primary-school>

My Nametags

If you still need to name your children's belongings then the PTA have set up a code, 19333 which can then help us raise some funds for our school whenever you make an order. Have a look at the link below.

<https://www.mynametags.com/>

Second-hand Branded Uniform

UNIFORM DONATIONS

While clearing out your current outgrown branded uniform **please** do donate it back to the school if it is in good condition, there is a box in the office reception area under the table. All other items go to Diamond Hampers.

ONLINE UNIFORM SHOP - Uniform Market place - <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/115>

A reminder that we have a second-hand uniform shop where you can conveniently buy pre-loved Brampton Primary School branded tops, bags and coats.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 22nd September - Bag2School

Thursday 29th September, 7.30pm - PTA AGM

Friday 14th October - Cake Friday

Many thanks

PTA Team

What's On Next Week:

Monday 12th Curriculum Letters home

Tuesday 13th

Wednesday 14th

Thursday 15th Choir 8.20am

Friday 16th

General Reminders: Please take time to read these carefully.

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| Cleaning and Hygiene | <p>As we enter the time of year when respiratory illnesses are more common we will maintain hygiene control measures which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cleaning hands thoroughly and regularly.- Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.- Maintaining enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces, throughout the day.- Ensuring spaces are well ventilated.- If any child shows symptoms we will contact parents immediately. |
| Uniform | <p>The children should wear their PE kits to school on PE days and on all other days are to wear school uniform Please be prepared for all weathers.</p> <p>PE days are:</p> <p>Year 1 Wednesday and Friday Year 2 Monday and Wednesday Year 3 Tuesday and Wednesday Year 4 Beech and 4 Maple - Tuesday and Friday Year 4 Willow - Tuesday and Thursday Year 5 Monday and Thursday Year 6 Thursday and Friday</p> <p>Children should wear appropriate shoes, no jewellery, except for watches and stud earrings or make-up or accessories</p> <p>PE kits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• white round-necked T-shirt (football tops <u>must not</u> be worn)• blue/black shorts• for outdoors school sweatshirts (no hoodies) and dark blue/black jogging trousers should be worn• pierced earrings must be removed for PE and long hair must be tied back for PE and games <p>Uniform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sweatshirts – navy (with or without logo)• Polo shirts - white or navy• Trousers / shorts - grey, black or navy (trousers may be worn by boys and girls but no leggings)• Skirts / pinafores - grey, black or navy• Socks / tights - white, grey or black |

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|---------------------------------|---|--------|------------|--------|------------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|-------------|--------|------------------|--------|------------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Dress - navy and white checked, or striped, summer dresses • Footwear should be sensible - black, flat shoes (high heels, boots or boot style trainers are not permitted) <p>Please remember:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All clothes should be clearly labelled with your child's name. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lunches | We continue to offer a full hot menu and the children will eat in the KS2 Dining Hall. They can also bring in packed lunches. Lunches should be ordered in advance if possible through Pay 360. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Parents/Carers | Parents and carers must not come into school unless it has been arranged. All enquiries should go through the school office, ideally by email. office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Collecting Children | Please can Reception and Key Stage 1 parents/carers stand back from the doors at the end of the day so that the teachers can see you more easily and ensure that the children are safe. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Start and end of the day | <table> <tr> <td>8.40am</td> <td>Gates open</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8.45am</td> <td>Doors open</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8.55am</td> <td>School starts and Registers open</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.00am</td> <td>Doors close</td> </tr> </table> <p>(after this point children must come in via the main office)</p> <table> <tr> <td>3.05pm</td> <td>Reception finish</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.10pm</td> <td>KS1 finish</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.15pm</td> <td>Y3/Y4 finish</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.20pm</td> <td>Y5/Y6 finish</td> </tr> </table> | 8.40am | Gates open | 8.45am | Doors open | 8.55am | School starts and Registers open | 9.00am | Doors close | 3.05pm | Reception finish | 3.10pm | KS1 finish | 3.15pm | Y3/Y4 finish | 3.20pm | Y5/Y6 finish |
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| Attendance | We will continue to work with families regarding any attendance concerns and please talk to us if you have questions. Usual rules on school attendance apply, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents' duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school. - Schools' responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence. - The availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct. This will be reviewed regularly by Governors. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lost Property | We do not store lost property so please make sure that all belongings are named so that they can be returned to their owner. Items that do not have any name will only be kept for a very short period before being passed onto the PTA or disposed of. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Parking and Transport | <p>The car parks are for members of staff and not to be used for dropping off or collecting children unless permission has been given beforehand. Please do not walk or cycle through the car parks when dropping off/collecting children.</p> <p>Please park with consideration for the children, other road users and local residents. Parking remains 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 and helmets should be worn. Bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the premises.</p> <p>Guidance on electric scooters has been issued:</p> <p><i>Electric scooters/bikes, quads, go-peds, mini-motos, hoverboards and Segways are all examples of vehicles that may be considered in legal terms to be motor vehicles and are therefore subject to all the usual legal requirements that apply to cars or motorcycles e.g. tax, insurance, registration and driver licensing. They cannot therefore be used on a road unless they conform to the law and many such vehicles will never be 'road legal' as their design fails to meet UK or EC road vehicle standards. Furthermore, such vehicles cannot legally be used on the pavement either, in fact the only place they can be used is on private land with the landowner's permission.</i></p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | As such, the school requests that children not be allowed to use any of the modes of transport listed above as means of commuting to school. |
| Dogs | Dogs must not be brought onto the premises unless prior permission has been sought. |
| Snacks | We have a number of children in school with nut allergies. Please avoid sending nuts into school as a snack in their packed lunches. Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are provided with a snack at morning break so they do not need to bring anything in. Children in Key Stage 2 can bring in something healthy to have for a morning snack, for example, a piece of fresh or dried fruit or vegetables. Chocolate, biscuits or crisps are not permitted. |
| Contact Details | Please remember to let the school know 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 must be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. We do enforce this policy in order to keep everyone as healthy as possible. |
| Water Bottles | The children should bring a named water bottle to school each day, containing still water only and not juice or flavoured water please. |
| Absence | Please contact the school office by either telephone (01480 375063) or email (pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk) before 9.15am on each day of your child's absence. |
| Medicines | School staff cannot normally administer medicines. In the case of conditions such as asthma, diabetes, heart condition, eczema etc, please contact the school and special arrangements will be made. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that any medication is within its expiry date. Doctors are advised by School Health to prescribe antibiotics which require only three doses a day and so do not require children to take them in school. If, however, a dose is needed during the day, parents will need to make arrangements to come into school to administer the medicine. If this is not possible, parents should complete and sign a medical consent form (available to download from the school website or in hard copy from the school office). Medicine should be handed to a member of school staff in the container in which it was dispensed so that storage and dosage instructions can be checked. A medicine spoon should also be provided. Only prescribed medication can be administered by school staff, and other than asthma inhalers, medicine will not be handed over to the pupils during or at the end of the school day. Staff cannot take responsibility for any missed doses. Children should not bring in any medication in their bags, eg, cough sweets, etc. |

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Dates For Autumn Term 2022

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| September | 12 th | Curriculum Letters Home | |
| | 19 th | PTA Bags2School | |
| | 20 th | Reception Phonics meeting Year 1 Phonics meeting | 2.30pm 3.15pm |
| | 21 st | Governing Body meeting | |
| | 26 th | 1B Village Walk | 9.30am |
| | 27 th | 1M Village Walk | 9.30am |
| | 28 th | Harvest Festival | |
| | 29 th | 1W Village Walk PTA AGM | 9.30am 7.30pm |
| October | 5 th | Individual school photographs | |
| | 13 th | Y4 visit to West Stow | |
| | 14 th | Cake Friday | |
| | 17 th | Y5 Stibbington visit | |
| | 18 th | Y5 Stibbington visit Parent Consultations <i>(virtual using Parents Evening System)</i> | |
| | 19 th | Parent Consultations <i>(virtual using Parents Evening System)</i> | |
| | 20 th | Parent Consultations <i>(virtual using Parents Evening System)</i> | |
| | 24 th – 28 th | Half Term | |
| November | 2 nd | Open Afternoon | |
| | 11 th | Y6 Mexicolore visit | |
| | 14 th | Anti Bullying Week | |
| | 16 th | Open Morning for new Reception parents | 9.30am and 11.00am |
| | 18 th | Children In Need | |
| | 24 th | Governing Body meeting | |
| December | 6 th | Reception Performance <i>(to be confirmed)</i> | 2.00pm |
| | 2 nd | Reception Performance <i>(to be confirmed)</i> | 2.00pm |
| | 8 th | Y1 Production <i>(to be confirmed)</i> | 2.00pm |
| | 9 th | Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner <i>(to be confirmed)</i> | |
| | 13 th | Y1 Christmas Performance <i>(to be confirmed)</i> | 2.00pm |
| | 15 th | Y1 Christmas Performance <i>(to be confirmed)</i> | 2.00pm |
| | 21 st | Last day of term | |