



Brampton Village Primary School

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# Newsletter

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## Headteacher's notes

There has been activity all around the school this week and the children in Key Stage 1 have certainly enjoyed their visit to Peterborough Museum. Thank you to the staff and all those who volunteered as without your support trips like this would not be possible.

The children in Lower Beech led an excellent Assembly on Wednesday and have clearly learnt a lot about dinosaurs this term. Next week it is the turn of Lower Willow when parents/carers are welcome to join us at 9.15am on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** in KS1 Hall.



We have our Parent Consultations next week, on Wednesday and Thursday. Mr Milner, the Head of Year 7 and Transition Manager from Hinchingsbrooke School, will be attending in order to meet the Year 6 children and parents.

There is information further on in this week's Newsletter about supporting children with their mental health as this week is Children's Mental Health Week. There are also resources on the school website under the 'Safeguarding' tab.

## Governors

We are very fortunate that we have a team of Governors who are all committed to ensuring the best for the whole school community. At our meeting earlier this week they again expressed their wish to be able to address genuine concerns that parents may have. Please do not forget that questions or comments can be sent to [governorquestions@brampton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:governorquestions@brampton.cambs.sch.uk).

Rev Taylor has stepped down from the Governing Body due to other commitment and Mrs Emma Spencer has been elected as Chair. We would like to thank Rev Taylor for all his contributions to the school as a Governor.

Ballot papers for the Parent Governor election are being sent home shortly. They may be returned via a pupil, by post or by the voter in person. A ballot box will be available between 9.00am and 3.00pm outside the school office. All ballot papers must be received by 12.00 noon on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**. Ballot papers received after this date, for whatever reason, will not be counted.

## Illness

We have had a number of children and staff off school recently with a variety of viruses, including a few suspected cases of Scarlet Fever. Please ensure that your child is well enough to be in school and email [pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk) on a daily basis if they are going to be absent from school. We hope everyone is fully better soon.

## Service Forum

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the meeting for Service Families earlier this week. It was very productive and a further one will be arranged for a morning in the Summer Term. For those of you who asked the contact details for Siggy Hillman, the Community Development Officer are [Sigrid.Hillman795@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Sigrid.Hillman795@mod.gov.uk).

## Foodbank Donations

We have received an email of thanks from the organisers of 'LEG UPZ' for all the donations that were collected last week.

*The Manager of the the St.Ives and Godmanchester Foodbank wanted to express their gratitude to you all as the combined food collection from all schools for this month weighed in at an incredible 242kg.*



*Learning*

*Enjoying*

*Achieving*

The next Foodbank collection will be on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**.

### World Book Day

A **reminder** that World Book Day is on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020** and we will be inviting the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on that day. Please click on the following link if you are looking for dressing up ideas: <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas-2019/> .



### Extreme Read Challenge

Don't forget that February's photo theme is **CARING AND SHARING**. Once taken, your photo can be sent to school via your child's Starz account. If not known, their teacher can provide them with their login details. Alternatively a hard copy is welcome.



This month sees the launch of **Reading Well for Children** collections in the [Cambridgeshire Libraries](#), coinciding with Children's Mental Health Week. The aim of **Reading Well for Children** is to support the mental health and wellbeing of Key Stage 2 children (aged 7-11), providing them, their families and carers with information, advice and support for coping with feelings and worries.

The booklist contains 33 titles covering topics relevant to the children of today, such as grief, anxiety, bullying and staying safe online, as well as about living with diagnosed conditions and physical disabilities. These books include picture books, stories and nonfictions, and have been selected to encourage conversation about feelings between children and their parents or carers.

You can find the books in [your local library](#) for any library customer to borrow from **3<sup>rd</sup> February**. There are also **Reading Well** booklists for young people and for adults to help with managing one's health and wellbeing. To find out more, please click [here](#).

### Family Worker Drop In

Our Family Worker is holding another 'drop in' session for parents on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**, running from 9.00am - 9.30am. If you would prefer a 1:1 appointment then please contact Kayleigh on 07741 830017 or email [Kayleigh.Fry@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Kayleigh.Fry@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) to book these. The Family Worker is available to work and support parents with any issues at home, including sibling rivalry, school refusal and general behaviour.

### Home School Communication

Please can we remind parents that if you have any concerns then the class teacher is the first point of contact but please avoid before school as this is the busiest time of the day and parents should not be coming into the Key Stage 2 building. If the matter is urgent please leave a message at the school office for the teacher to contact you. Emails received outside of working hours will not normally be replied to until the next working day.

We have become aware of inappropriate comments being posted on Facebook and other sites about things that may have occurred in school between children. All schools in the area apply the same policy:

*'We would therefore like to remind you that using Facebook, Twitter and other social networking sites is not the correct forum if you have issues or concerns about the school, staff or pupils as any negative remarks on these sites can be seen as defamation of character, harassment or slander, which means that you could be prosecuted by the police. If at any time you have an issue, your first port of call should be the class teacher. If it remains unresolved then contact the Headteacher.'*

Safer Internet Day is on the **11<sup>th</sup> February** and this year the theme is 'Together for a Better Internet' focusing on social media use in particular. The children will be exploring this theme through different activities.

### Tag Rugby

There is no tag Rugby club next week due to Parent Consultations.

## Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor to work for five lunchtimes a week. If you are interested please visit the school website and look under the 'Vacancies' tab.

## PTA NEWS

Disco- I can now tell you that with all the support and help we made an amazing £980. So a big thank you to everyone, this money will help towards developments around the school.

Cake Friday- This is this afternoon please come along and get some cakes.

Next meeting- **Friday 14th February at 2pm**. Please come along, everyone is welcome.

PTA team

## What's On Next Week:

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Art Club Year 1 – 3 Football Club Year 4 – 6 Dance Club NFL Flag Football Club Football match against Westfield Junior
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Amy's Acro
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Lower Willow Assembly 9.15am Handchimes (lunchtime) Parent Consultations 3.30 – 7.00pm KS2 Golf Club
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Choir String Group (lunchtimes) Year 5-6 Netball Club KS2 Quidditch Club Parent Consultations 3.30 – 6.00pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 swimming Orchestra PTA Meeting 2.00pm Break up for half term

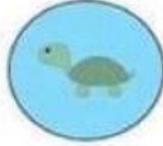
## Term Dates 2020-2021

Professional Day	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	staff training
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Autumn term begins	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	children return
Autumn half term	26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> October	
Autumn term ends	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	
Professional Day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	staff training
Spring term begins	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	children return
Spring half term	15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> February	
Spring term continues	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	
Spring Term ends	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	
Professional Day	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	staff training
Summer term begins	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	children return
Summer half term	31 <sup>st</sup> May - 4 <sup>th</sup> June	
Professional Day	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	staff training
Summer Term continues	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	children return
Summer term ends	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	

# How to nurture a child's mental health



Actively listen before offering your advice



Be patient



Share your feelings and validate theirs



Tell the truth



Model healthy behavior



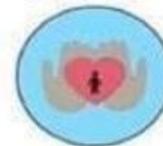
Surround them with healthy adults



Be consistent and follow through with what you promise



Teach them how to be safe



Believe them and in them



Use open ended questions



Have scheduled family time



Limit electronic time for everyone



Reach out and hug them



Practice relaxation exercises together



Model forgiveness



Respond calmly when their emotions are elevated



View their behavior as a window to their needs and feelings



Make play and exercise a requirement



Recognize positive choices

