



Brampton Village Primary School

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Newsletter

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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 I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work. The festivities have continued today with our Christmas Dinner and the PTA Christmas Fair which we have all been looking forward to. Again thanks to the PTA for all the work they have done to make it a success and for all the donations that have been sent in.

Next week children in Key Stage 1 will be performing their play 'Baubles', Brambles are having a special Assembly and children from the Choir will be singing carols at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital.

This week we held our Commendation Assemblies where we recognised the achievements of over 50 children in the school who received their Headteacher Certificates – well done to everyone.

Music Events

Thank you to the children from the Choir and to those who supported them at the Christmas Lights, which were switched on last Sunday. Next week the Y6 Choir is going to Hinchingsbrooke Hospital on **Tuesday 10th December**. The children will leave school at **12:45pm** and are to be picked up from the Hospital Foyer (near Costa) at **4:45pm**. The school mobile number is 07391 774143.



Next **Wednesday, 11th December** there is the KS2 Festive Music Evening where the school Choir, orchestra, handchime and KS2 string groups are performing. It starts at **6.00pm** but string players need to arrive at **5.40pm** and other performers at **5.50pm**. School uniform to be worn. At the end there will be a 'silver collection'.

On **Friday 13th December** the Y5 and Y6 choir are carol singing at Hilary Lodge (**10.00am**) and Brampton Befrienders (**11.00am**).

Brampton School Choir have been invited to join in with the community carol concert being held at **The Manor (Leonard Cheshire Home) in Brampton on Monday 16th December at 6.00pm**. If you and your child would like to come along please could you email Mrs Crozier directly to let her know. The concert will **finish by 7:30pm** at the latest. Please note that children will need to be accompanied by an adult for this event.

It is good to be able to be part of our local community and we are fortunate to have so many musicians and singers. Thank you to all the staff who are involved with these events.

Staffing Update

After 18 years at the school, at both Brampton Infants School and the Primary School, our Finance Assistant Mrs Ball has retired. We thank her for all she has done and send her our best wishes.

We are delighted to share the news that Miss Wilkinson and Mr Knight are expecting a baby early in June. We will be making arrangements over the next few months to cover her maternity leave but in the meantime we all send our congratulations and best wishes to them both.

We are pleased to inform you that Mrs Foster and Mrs Lane-Petter, who have been teaching Lower Cedar and Middle Willow respectively since half term, will be returning to teach at the school next term.

Absence

If your child is absent due to illness 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. Please provide as much detail as possible.

Accelerated Reader

For those children who use Accelerated Reader further information is now available on the website to explain how it is used to support reading: <http://www.brampton.cambs.sch.uk/website/english/223828>.

Post Box

If your child would like to send Christmas cards to other children in school, please put the cards in the post box outside the school office during the school day. Deliveries will commence from next Wednesday until **Friday 13th December** – please don't forget to put the full name and class on the envelope!



Times Tables Rock Stars

In order to support the development of children's maths skills we are subscribing to 'Times Tables Rock Stars' which is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice.



Each week concentrates on a different times table, with a recommended consolidation week for rehearsing the tables that have recently been practised every third week or so.

Your child will be provided with a login, starting with children in Upper Phase before the end of term - once they have this, have fun together with your tables!

KS1 Performances

There are still a few tickets available for the KS1 Christmas performances on **Wednesday 11th** and **Thursday 12th December**. Please visit <https://bramptonvillage.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>.

Tickets have not been issued as we will have a register for each performance; however please note that admission for each performance will be allowed only to those who have booked a ticket online. We would suggest that you arrive in good time for the performances as it will take some time to check in all of our audience. At the end there will be a 'silver collection'.

Younger siblings must have a seat and we would discourage very young babies from attending as they can quite often be distracting for the children performing. All children attending the school will see their siblings perform during the school day at the dress rehearsals.

Head Lice

As some of you will be aware, there is a recurring problem of head lice. We know that some parents are treating their children but that then they catch it again very soon afterwards. Please would **all** parents please check their child's head regularly and if they find head lice please treat as soon as possible.

Volunteers

We would be very grateful for any parent volunteers who are able to assist in walking KS1 and/or KS2 children to and from the church on **Monday 16th December**. If you are able to help, please contact your child's class teacher directly or via the school office.

Non Uniform Day

The last day of term, **Wednesday 18th December**, will be a non-uniform day as the children take part in various Christmas activities.

Year 1 Violin Project

The Year 1 violinists will be making a brief presentation to parents at **2.45pm** in the music room on **Friday 13th December**.

Buy a child a book

Thank you so much for all the donations towards this great cause. We really appreciate every penny. We have beaten our target after 2 weeks which is amazing, having raised £1240 but will continue to collect donations as this will allow us

to buy even more books and improve all of our libraries. Any donations would be gratefully received. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/buy-a-child-a-book>.

Poster Competition

The Cambridgeshire SEND Strategy – ‘*Making SEND Everybody’s Business*’ has now been published on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough council websites. To involve young people in their work to bring this aspiration to life, they have launched an art competition.

A pledge poster is being created that will illustrate how everyone will work together with children and families to help them to achieve their potential. The winning pictures will feature in the final design and children are being asked to create entries inspired by the following terms included in the pledge:

1. *Welcome everyone*
2. *Celebrate each other*
3. *Trust each other*

Entries can be drawing, painting, photography, collage. More details are on the front page of our website.

Support with Managing Children’s Anger Workshop

A workshop is being held at Huntingdon Youth Centre to support parents who would like some tips for managing children’s anger at home. There will be a focus on different strategies and looking at local support for families.

Wednesday 11th December 10.00am – 11.00am

The workshop is free to attend, but places are limited. It is advised to book on to reserve a space. For more information or to book on, please contact: Kayleigh Fry, Early Intervention Family Worker on (01480) 372602 / 07741 830017 or email: Kayleigh.Fry@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

PTA NEWS

Please join us at the Christmas fair this afternoon from **3.15**.

We still need some help for this to be a safe and a fun fair. If you can spare any time please get in touch by emailing bramptonpta@outlook.com or go onto our Facebook page.

Next meeting- **Friday 13th December at 2pm**

Thank you PTA Team

What’s On Next Week:

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| Monday 9 th | Year 1-3 Football Club Year 4-6 Dodgeball |
| Tuesday 10 th | Choir at Hinchinbrooke Hospital KS1 Performance 2.00pm Amy’s Acro |
| Wednesday 11 th | Handchime group 12.30pm Y6 to Hinchinbrooke to see ‘the Snowman’ KS1 Performance 10.00am KS2 Music Concert 6.00pm |
| Thursday 12 th | No Choir Year 4-6 Hockey Club Year 4-6 Dance Club No String Ensemble KS1 Performance 2.00pm |
| Friday 13 th | No Orchestra Brambles Assembly 11.00am Y6 at Hilary Lodge and Brampton Befrienders PTA meeting 2.00pm Y1 violin concert 2.45pm Drama Club |



**Don’t forget....
Extreme Reading
Challenge....**

SPARKLE AND SHINE!

Be as creative as you wish when taking a photo of your child(ren) reading independently or with you. Please send your printed copies into school with your child before the end of term and have fun!