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Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this continues to find you all safe and well during these rather different times. With the announcement from the Government yesterday about the lockdown continuing for at least 3 more weeks it is as important as ever that we remain in contact and offer what support we can.

Next week would have been the start of the Summer Term and whilst there has been a lot of speculation in the media about schools re-opening no decisions have been made. The Local Authority are working with schools at this time to ensure that the children of Key Workers and those who are vulnerable are supported as well as ensuring that all information is shared as necessary with our families. They have also assured us that there needs to be an appropriate approach in place for the children, families and staff in order to open schools safely.

Booking Child-Care at School

We remain open to provide care for those children of critical Key Workers and those who are vulnerable – we currently have between 15-20 children in most days. Again I am grateful to all the staff who have been able to support the children and I also know that there are many staff who are having to stay home as well – we continue to wish them all the best. Please can we ask that all bookings are made through our online booking system <https://bramptonvillage.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> as this enables us to plan the staff rota and will ensure that we have the right support in place. Parents of children in Brambles will need to email closure@brampton.cambs.sch.uk to book a place.

Free School Meals

There have been a number of issues across the country with the national scheme put in place by the Government but we are hopeful that most of these have now been resolved and vouchers should soon be in place.

Home Learning

Now that the 'school holidays' are drawing to a close we are once again making some home-learning materials available for the next few weeks. There is a wealth of material which different publishers are providing but staff at school have been working hard to make sure that what is available is relevant to our children. As has been said before, please remember that at this time, when many people are anxious and concerned, that the most important thing is the health, both physical and mental, of yourselves and your families. We know that you are supporting your children through a difficult time so please do not let their school work be something that stresses them or you, especially when you may also be trying to work. Ideally the children should be reading every day, doing some independent writing, doing some practical maths, having some physical exercise as well as opportunities to play. If supporting your child with their learning you may find it easier to adapt activities to make them more active, practical or related to real life such as telling the time and exploring nature. If your child is able to work independently, help them to choose two or three hours over the day to complete their tasks. It is worth keeping a check on different curriculum areas covered so there is a balance over time. With the school remaining open it does mean that some staff will be taking their own Easter break now and so there is no expectation that they support home learning during this as they need to have the opportunity to rest and recover.

Each year group and Phase will make materials available through the STARZ and Google platforms and will suggest a daily/weekly timetable although this is only for guidance. The children can also use the messaging system within Starz to contact their teachers with any queries regarding their work.

Visits

We have been asked by some parents about the Year 6 visit to Laches Wood which is due to take place in June. At the moment Entrust, who run the residential, have not cancelled any bookings. If the trip does not run then we will be in contact.

Music

Join a virtual Orchestra in an exciting new initiative!



We have been asked to share with you an exciting new ensemble initiative which will be of interest to the musicians in our school. This opportunity is open to anyone regardless of age or ability. Participants can play the appropriate part for their instrument, adapt a part or make up their own to fit with the backing track.

It's time to get creative and help make the largest Cambridgeshire music ensemble. Cambridgeshire Music are going to provide some projects to which you can all contribute at whatever level you are playing, on an instrument and make a large-scale online combined performance to be premiered for everyone to enjoy. The first piece is Hawaii 5-0. Arranged by Mark Aldous.

You can find parts available for your instrument via this link

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/tvder7jzbnmjia/AACCWtIhRTEHZBw2Az2C4zX7a?dl=0>

Anyone can take part however far in their musical studies they have reached and feel free to adapt parts as required.

You can send in a video file (mp4) or an audio file (mp3) via a wetransfer link to mymusic@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. Remember that if providing a video clip you are consenting for Cambridgeshire Music to edit and use in the final recording. To help everyone keep in time a backing track has been provided that you can use available to download on the webpage link below.

There is more information about this and other projects at Cambridgeshire Music

Net Aware

A message from the NSPCC:

Over the coming weeks, children will be spending more time online to play, create, learn and connect. So it's important to know how to keep them safe. That's why Net Aware is here, to provide you with simple, practical advice.

From the latest viral apps, like Houseparty, Zoom and Netflix Party, to the popular mainstays, like TikTok and Snapchat, we've got helpful tips just for you.

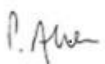
Visit Net Aware at <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> for online safety tips

Children might be using messaging apps more to keep in touch with their friends and family or playing games online to stay entertained. For safety tips on some of the most popular apps, sites and games check out our reviews.

Also keep an eye on our news pages for the latest emerging trends and news on the apps, sites and games children are using.

We are here to support you so please remember you can contact us on closure@brampton.cambs.sch.uk.

Take care and stay safe.



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