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## NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2023

Letter 1

8<sup>th</sup> September

### Headteacher's notes...

Welcome back to the new term and the first Newsletter of the school year! This is sent out each Friday and is always available on the school website if you need to refer to any of the information. 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.



I hope that everyone was able to have a good summer break and is ready for everything that lies ahead. It has been good to welcome all of the children back to school and thank you for your support with their uniform, as they all look very smart. In Assembly on Monday, we looked at 'being positive', encouraging each other to do our best and thinking about what we might achieve this year. 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. We have also had new staff starting with us, including Miss Lague who is teaching 1 Willow, and Mrs Gensale as a Midday Supervisor. Congratulations as well to Mrs Burling who is expecting a baby in the Spring.

We are a large and busy school with over 615 children on roll, 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 and should help to answer many of the questions we often get asked.

### Clubs

A number of clubs for KS2 are due to start again in the next few weeks. Please look out for more information.

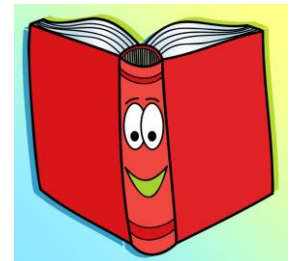
Children in Y3-Y6 will be able to sign up to join the School Choir which will take place on Thursday mornings before school.

### Summer Reading Challenge

We have had an update from staff at Huntingdon Library...

*Brampton are doing really well and are in the top 5 again this year and the leader board shows the number of children who have completed the challenge at Huntingdon Library.*

*This summer, lots of children from Brampton School signed up to do the challenge at Brampton Community Library thanks to all the library visits each class went on last academic year.*



*If there are any children who have started the challenge and would like to finish it, there's still time! All they need to do is pop into the library where they signed up and tell us about the 6 books they have read over the summer. All children who complete the challenge will get a special Summer Reading Challenge medal and certificate! The last official date for finishing the challenge is Saturday 9th September although late entries may still be accepted.*

Well done to everyone who took part!

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### Vacancy

As you may be aware Mrs Potts, who works in our school office, will be going on maternity leave around half term. We are advertising for cover and details can be found on the school website.

### Parent Guide

Knowing how to keep our children safe online is always a challenge as new things emerge almost daily. The latest parent guide is all about live streaming and has been sent out with today's Newsletter.

### Parking

We know that the start and end of the school day are very busy times but as always we ask you to park with consideration for local residents, other road users and pedestrians. Already this week we have received complaints about driveways being blocked and residents unable to make important appointments.



### Electrical Safety – E Bikes and E Scooters

We have been asked to share the following information:

*You may be aware of a house fire that occurred in Cambridge at the end of June 2023 which sadly took the lives of two children and their mother. It is believed that the house fire was caused by an e-scooter charger/battery. These resources have been shared by the Fire and Rescue: [E-bikes and e-scooters \(cambsfire.gov.uk\)](https://www.cambsfire.gov.uk)*

*They also offer a free online home fire safety check, it can be completed individually, as a family or possibly with a neighbour/friend that may be vulnerable [Home fire safety \(cambsfire.gov.uk\)](https://www.cambsfire.gov.uk).*

### Parents' School Preference Adviser for Cambridgeshire

Tiff Christian is the Parents' School Preference Adviser for Cambridgeshire, as part of the SENDIASS team.

The service offers families advice and support when applying for schools, either when admissions open for transition on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 or for in-year applications. He is able to advise how the transfer and admissions process works, as well as supporting the understanding of policies and criteria for different schools.

To make contact please email [Choosingschool@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Choosingschool@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

## PTA News

### Informal Meeting

The PTA is currently run by 3 named trustees, Amy, Karen and Katie, but due to increased commitments outside these roles, we are not able to continue to dedicate as much time or effort that such a wonderful cause deserves. We have a large and enthusiastic group of people willing to lend a hand at events and behind the scenes, but are looking for people to make the big decisions. None of us plan to abandon the PTA, so any new comers will have our full support. The banking and financial records are up-to-date and we have a very healthy bank balance, so your first job could be deciding how to spend some of it!

We will be having an informal get together at Hare on the Green on Tuesday 19th September from 7.30pm if anyone would like to chat about the roles or generally find out more. Hope to see you there!

### Bag-2-school

The next clothing and textile collection will be on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September**. Please leave your donations by the yellow fence outside Kids Club by 9am. The following items are accepted: Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing; Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around); Handbags; Hats; Scarves and ties; Jewellery; Lingerie; Socks; Belts; Soft toys; Household linen; Household curtains; Household towels; Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers). Please note that if we cannot recruit a new committee, this will be the last collection for the foreseeable future.

### AGM

Our AGM is on **Wednesday 11th October, 7.30pm**, everyone is welcome. We will decide nearer the time if it is to be on Teams or at school. Please find attached more information and nomination slips if you are interested in joining the committee.

Thanks,  
PTA team

### **What's On Next Week**

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Curriculum Letters sent home
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	HSSP Yr 3&4 Mixed Football 3:15 – 4:15pm Yr 6 Mixed Tag Rugby 3:30 – 4:15pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	HSSP Yr 5 Mixed Football 3:20 – 4:20pm Yr 6 Mixed Football 3:30 – 4:15pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	

### **General Reminders: Please take time to read these carefully.**

<b>Cleaning and Hygiene</b>	<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"><li>- Cleaning hands thoroughly and regularly.</li><li>- Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.</li><li>- Maintaining enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces, throughout the day.</li><li>- Ensuring spaces are well ventilated.</li><li>- If any child shows symptoms we will contact parents immediately.</li></ul>														
<b>Uniform</b>	<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> <table><tbody><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Monday and Wednesday</td></tr><tr><td>Year 2</td><td>Monday and Friday</td></tr><tr><td>Year 3</td><td>Tuesday and Wednesday</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Beech and 4 Maple - Tuesday and Friday</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Willow - Tuesday and Thursday</td></tr><tr><td>Year 5</td><td>Monday and Thursday</td></tr><tr><td>Year 6</td><td>Thursday and Friday</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Children should wear appropriate shoes, no jewellery, except for watches and stud earrings or make-up or accessories</p>	Year 1	Monday and Wednesday	Year 2	Monday and Friday	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
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	<p>PE kits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• white /blue round-necked T-shirt (football tops <u>must not</u> be worn)</li> <li>• blue/black shorts</li> <li>• for outdoors school sweatshirts (no hoodies) and dark blue/black jogging trousers should be worn</li> <li>• pierced earrings must be removed for PE and long hair must be tied back for PE and games</li> </ul> <p>Uniform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sweatshirts – navy (with or without logo)</li> <li>• Polo shirts - white or navy</li> <li>• Trousers / shorts - grey, black or navy (trousers may be worn by boys and girls but no leggings)</li> <li>• Skirts / pinafores - grey, black or navy</li> <li>• Socks / tights - white, grey or black</li> <li>• Summer Dress - navy and white checked, or striped, summer dresses</li> <li>• Footwear should be sensible - black, flat shoes (high heels, boots or boot style trainers are not permitted)</li> </ul> <p>Please remember:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All clothes should be clearly labelled with your child’s name.</li> </ul>																		
<b>Lunches</b>	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 at all possible through <i>Reach More Parents</i> .																		
<b>Parents/Carers</b>	Parents and carers must not come into school unless it has been arranged. All enquiries should go through the school office, ideally by email. <a href="mailto:office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk">office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk</a> .																		
<b>Collecting Children</b>	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.																		
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<b>Attendance</b>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parents’ duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school.</li> <li>- Schools’ responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence.</li> <li>- The availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities’ codes of conduct. This will be reviewed regularly by Governors.</li> </ul> <p>All requests for term time leave will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and must be submitted in advance using the appropriate form. This is available from the school office or the website.</p>																		
<b>Lost Property</b>	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.																		
<b>Parking and Transport</b>	<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>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</p>																		

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Dogs</b>	Dogs must not be brought onto the premises unless prior permission has been sought.
<b>Snacks</b>	<p>We have a number of children in school with nut allergies. Please avoid sending nuts into school as a snack in their packed lunches.</p> <p>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, cakes, cereal bars or crisps are not permitted.</p>
<b>Contact Details</b>	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.
<b>Sickness/Diarrhoea</b>	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.
<b>Water Bottles</b>	The children should bring a named water bottle to school each day, containing still water only and not juice or flavoured water please.
<b>Absence</b>	<p>Please contact the school office by either telephone (01480 375063) or email (<a href="mailto:pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk">pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk</a>) before 9.15am on each day of your child's absence.</p> <p>Alternatively please use the Weduc Reach More Parents app to report your child's absence.</p>
<b>Medicines</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Children should not bring in any medication in their bags, eg, cough sweets, etc.</p>

## AUTUMN TERM 2023

**Please check school newsletters and the website as some dates may change.**

September	11 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Letters Home	
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Phonics meeting Year 1 Phonics meeting	2.30pm 3.15pm
	25 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Bags2School	
	26 <sup>th</sup>	School Photographs Governing Body meeting	9.30am
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival	
October	11 <sup>th</sup>	Open Afternoon	After school until 4.00pm
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations <i>(virtual using Parents Evening System)</i>	
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	23 <sup>rd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term	
November	10 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Mexicolore visit	
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Anti Bullying Week	
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning for new Reception parents	9.30am and 11.00am
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Children In Need	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Governing Body meeting	
December	5 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Performance	2.00pm
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Performance	2.00pm
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner	
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Production	2.00pm
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Production	2.00pm
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Performance	9.30am and 2.30pm
	18 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Carol Services	2.00pm
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term	