



*Brampton Village Primary School*

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# Newsletter



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## Headteacher's notes...

I hope that you all had a good half term although it probably feels like a while ago. It is good to have the children back and they have settled in quickly. We are pleased that the school remains 'open' as it gives us all some normality with day-to-day routines. Thank you for your efforts in helping the school to operate effectively in these challenging times and at the moment we are continuing to run as we did before but we will let you know as soon as we can if anything changes. There are reminders and information below so please take the time to read them and take note.

In the meantime we continue to celebrate the many achievements of the children and plan events as we are able to, including Year 2 who will be working with History Off the Page next week. Thank you to the PTA who met again this week and who are doing all they can to support the school at this time – please support them too if you can.

## Social Distancing Reminders

Now that the national lockdown is in place it is essential that everyone continues to do all that they can to protect our school and village community. Until we receive updated guidance we will continue to operate with the safety and wellbeing of children and staff as a priority.

We all have a responsibility and there are some reminders that we have been asked to pass on:

- Two adults under an umbrella without face masks is not social distancing.
- Adults lining up to drop off children at 2m distance and then standing talking on the pavement in groups for minutes afterwards is not social distancing.
- Parents who are not in the high risk age or medical needs bracket may still be at risk of debilitating 'long Covid'.
- We all need to take extra care to keep the R rate low here in the community.
- For the school to remain open, your community behaviour is critical for the continued safe running of school.
- Please avoid mixing in cars and we would only expect families to form a support bubble with one other household for childcare reasons.
- Avoid 'playdates' and other gatherings with other families.

## Measures around and within school from next week:

- ✓ From Monday we are requesting parents dropping children off and collecting them to be wearing face masks/coverings, unless medically exempt.
- ✓ Staff outside may wear masks/visors when bringing children out or to meet families.
- ✓ Staff may be wearing masks/visors in communal spaces in school but not in class.
- ✓ Staff will be able to wear visors in class when working closely with children.



**Classtime or Facetime?**

**CORONAVIRUS HASN'T GONE AWAY**

We don't want our school to close.  
Following safety measures at home will help keep our classrooms open.



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## Pupil Absence

Please continue to keep the school office informed each day if your child is absent for any reason, either by phoning 01480 375063 or emailing [pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk).

## Uniform and PE

The children are to wear school uniform (trainers permitted) but on PE days they should continue to come in PE kits to avoid the need to change. They should come prepared for PE in all weathers, wearing trousers and tops which they can keep on during the lesson if necessary.

Additional warm layers are also a good idea every day as we need to ensure a reasonable amount of ventilation all of the time in classrooms and corridors, as recommended in the guidance.

## Road Safety

Whilst we encourage cycling to school please can we remind you that the children should be wearing helmets for their own safety. Please remember 'Be Bright Be Seen'!



## Is your child starting school in September 2021?

Due to the current restrictions in place we are unable to hold our usual 'school tours' for prospective parents. We will be holding 2 Zoom meetings for prospective Reception 2021 parents this term on the following date:

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am and 1.30pm.**

The presentation will be available on the school website after this date. Please contact the school office by email [Office@Brampton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:Office@Brampton.cambs.sch.uk) to request a Zoom invitation to one of the meetings.

Applications for a place at our school need to be completed online on the county [Admissions website](#) by **15th January 2021**.

## Y6 Residential to Laches Wood

The deadline for bookings is **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**.

## BBC Children In Need

We will be supporting BBC Children In Need on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November** when we will be having a non-uniform day. There is a Just Giving Page for the school linked to the charity so please use this and do not send any money to school.

Go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bramptonvillageprimary>



## Food Banks

We are collecting food for local Food Banks once again and donations can be left in the baskets in the main Reception. Thank you for all your donations – they have been greatly appreciated.

## 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 each day so should not bring one in from home.

## Online Safety

We continue to have a number of reports of older children misusing various social media apps, including TikTok and WhatsApp. Age restrictions should mean that the children are not using these but it is clear that some of them are doing so and that the content is not being monitored which then leads to arguments and disagreements in school. Further advice is on the school website under the e-safety tab.

## Anti Bullying Week – 16<sup>th</sup> November – 20<sup>th</sup> November

This year's anti bullying week begins on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. Over the course of the week, we will be exploring how we have a choice about our actions, the words we use, how we make others feel and how we choose to respond if we see something happen that is unkind. We are asking the children to wear brightly



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coloured odd socks on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November** to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

### **PTA NEWS**

Hi all, the PTA has been busy this week trying to plan events to replace one of our biggest earners of the year, the Christmas Fair- thanks to all who joined the Zoom meeting on Tuesday.

Firstly, well done to all who entered the conker competition. The biggest conker collections for their year groups were by Isabella Meehan, Alexander Handy, Eddie Schofield, Jersey Danvers and Evie Roebuck. We also gave an award to Johnny Roebuck, who was the highest runner up, collecting more than some year groups put together! Two artistic merit medals were given to Mileja from Brambles for her rainbow and Ava Toseland for her composition 'Walking the dog'. Thanks to everyone who took part.

Secondly, we have launched a virtual pet show, which all children and friends of the village can enter. An email was sent out yesterday with full details on, there are seven categories including garden visitors for those without pets. Entry is only £2 and closes on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** so please support this event.

We are still running our Christmas raffle, we will be selling tickets online and hope to make this one just as successful as previous years! Before we can launch we do need prizes - the good thing about this year is that we will list each prize online, along with the business who donates it so please get asking! Can your employer donate anything? Do you have a neighbour, friend, family member who can donate? Please contact a member of the PTA if you are willing to help with this in any way. Do you have spare gift sets / new toys etc that you could donate? Even the smallest of prizes will be most appreciated so please do get asking!

**Christmas Mugs** – If you ordered a mug from your child's Christmas design please come and collect from outside the school office as of **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**.

Finally to replace our Christmas Fair we have launched an online fair, search for 'Brampton PTA Virtual Christmas Fair' on Facebook or see out PTA Facebook page for details, it's a great way to shop for presents and buy locally.

As always if you have any time to help us out then please get in touch, we're always looking for volunteers!

Thank you  
PTA team