



Brampton Village Primary School

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Newsletter

Spring Term 2020

10th January Letter 1



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Headteacher's notes

Welcome back - I hope that you all had a good Christmas. It has been good to see the children back in school and they seem to have returned ready for the term ahead. As always there is much to look forward to and a list of dates is included at the end of this letter. Curriculum Letters have been sent home today with further information and details about some of the other events will be sent home nearer the time.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with you and have welcomed a number of new children and their families to the school this week.

Mrs Clipsham is expecting to start her maternity leave at half term and we all send our best wishes to her and her husband. I am pleased to inform you that Mrs C Taylor will return from her maternity leave and will teach Middle Cedar every Thursday and Friday. Mrs J Taylor, who has taught at the school regularly over the past few years, will be with the children Monday – Wednesday. We are looking to arrange a time for you to meet with the teachers before half term.

Music News

Music clubs will start back on the following dates:

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Choir: Thursday 16th January 8:30am

Orchestra: Friday 17th January 8:15am (No orchestra on Fri 24th Jan, Fri 31st Jan, Fri 28th Feb, Fri 20th Mar)

Handchimes: Wednesday lunchtimes from Wednesday 15th January

String Group: Thursday lunchtimes from Thursday 16th January



Attendance

We all know that regular attendance at school is crucial if children are to achieve well and make the progress that we all want them to. Your support is much appreciated and because of this we currently have an attendance rate of 96.1% which is positive. However, there remain a number of children whose attendance has fallen below the 95% threshold or who have unauthorised absences.

Attendance is monitored regularly by senior staff as well as by Governors and our Local Authority Attendance Officer. As part of this we have to know where every child is every day so please help us by contacting 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. It is also essential that we have up to date contact details as well. Thank you.

Year 3 Swimming

Year 3 start their swimming lessons on **Friday 17th January**. Please remind your child to bring in their swimming kit and a towel.

Parent Governor Election

Please make sure that you have received the information about a Parent Governor vacancy. Please contact Mr Allen for further details.

Service Families Forum

From 3.30pm on **Wednesday 5th February** there will be an opportunity for parents of all Service children to meet with staff from school and RAF Wyton. Please can you email office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk if you are able to attend so that we have an idea of possible numbers.

NFL Flag Football

Please note that NFL Flag Football will re-start on Monday 20th January 2020.

Learning

Enjoying

Achieving

Free School Meals & Pupil Premium – are you eligible?

On 16th January it will be a school census day. The number of pupils on roll and information collected are used to help calculate the school's funding for next year. The money the school receives includes a basic amount per pupil, but in addition we can receive additional funding called Pupil Premium. **Please can you consider if your family is eligible to apply for the Pupil Premium due to free school meal eligibility.** Please be aware that this is not the same as the universal infant free school meals provided for all children in Reception and Key Stage 1 classes. This funding makes a significant impact on our ability to ensure the best educational support is given to all pupils. (We also receive a smaller amount in respect of children from service families, we collect eligibility information for this funding on our admissions forms.)

Pupil Premium (related to free school meals) is paid to the school in respect of children whose parents are in receipt of any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit but no element of Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (as from 1st April 2018)
- Guarantee element of state pension credit
- Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work less hours per week.

Even if your child does not want to eat school meals (though these are worth over £400 per year), or already receives universal infant free school meals, **if you are eligible to apply for free school meals it is well worth doing so as there are many benefits for your child.** School Governors have approved a number of ways in which the school will help children eligible for statutory free school meals. The school will offer financial assistance for educational visits (including residential trips), individual music tuition, clubs and a sum towards school uniform.

Even if your circumstances change and you no longer qualify, the school will continue to receive pupil premium payments, and you will continue to qualify for support, for some years.

If you think you might be eligible, please complete an application as soon as possible! We have paper forms in the area outside the school office, which you can complete and hand to the office to be scanned and sent in, or you can apply online at <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

Parent Drop In

The Family Worker Service is holding a weekly parent drop in at Huntingdon Youth Centre every **Thursday, 2.00 – 5.00pm**. The aim of these sessions is to provide support in a friendly and informal atmosphere. For more information please call 01480 372700.

PTA NEWS

We hope everyone had a lovely new year and we welcome you back to our first meeting on the **13th January at 7.30pm**. Bags 4 school all need to be at the coloured railings **before 9am on the 30th January**.

We have the disco coming up on the **30th January** so planning for this is underway. If you would like to get involved then please email us at bramptonpta@outlook.com

What's On Next Week:

Monday 13 th January	Art Club Year 1 – 3 Football Club Year 4 – 6 Dance Club
Tuesday 14 th January	Amy's Acro Year 5 Boys' Football Club
Wednesday 15 th January	Handchimes (lunchtime)
Thursday 16 th January	Choir String Group starts (lunchtimes) Year 5-6 Netball Club KS2 Quidditch Club
Friday 17 th January	Year 3 swimming Orchestra

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January	10 th	Curriculum Letters Home	
	13 th	PTA Meeting	7.30pm
	17 th	Year 3 swimming starts	
	22 nd	Upper Willow Assembly	9.15am
	29 th	Upper Cedar Assembly Vision Screening	9.15am
	30 th	PTA Disco	
February	3 rd	KS1 Trip Governing Body Meeting	
	5 th	Lower Beech Assembly Service Families Forum	9.15am 3.30pm
	6 th	KS1 Trip	
	7 th	KS1 Trip Cake Friday	
	12 th	Lower Willow Assembly Parent Consultations	9.15am 3.30 – 7.00pm
	13 th	Family Worker Drop In Parent Consultations	9.00am 3.30 – 6.00pm
	14 th	PTA Meeting	2.00pm
	17 th – 21 st	Half term	
	27 th	Rotary Quiz	
March	4 th	Lower Elm Assembly	9.15am
	6 th	PTA event	
	9 th	Year 5 Bikeability all week	
	11 th	Middle Willow Assembly	9.15am
	18 th	Lower Maple Assembly	9.15am
	24 th	Middle Phase Concert	2.00pm
	25 th	Lower Cedar Assembly Middle Phase Concert Middle Phase Concert	9.15am 2.00pm 6.00pm
April	1 st	Reception Beech Assembly	9.15am
	3 rd	Last day of term	
Summer term Professional Day Monday 20th April staff training Summer term begins Tuesday 21st April children return Summer half term 25th – 29th May Summer term ends Tuesday 21st July Professional Day Wednesday 22nd July staff training			