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Headteacher's notes...

Welcome back – I hope you all had a good half term break. It is a very full half term once again with a number of events to look forward to over the next few weeks and there is an updated diary at the end of this letter. Thank you for your patience over the past few months whilst renovation work has been taking place at the front of the school. We are hopeful that everything should be completed by the end of term.

We came back on Monday to find a new 'hut' in the corner of the Key Stage 1 playground. This has been installed thanks to the fantastic fund raising efforts of the PTA so a huge thank you from everyone at the school to anyone who has helped with this. The children have certainly enjoyed using it and it survived the high winds yesterday! Plans are already in place for more events this year so please do think about how you can help as there is always a need for more volunteers.



Some of the children in Year 5 have been practising their cycling skills this week

with the help of the Bikeability instructors who have commented on the good behaviour and attitude of the children. It is important that all children who cycle remember to keep alert and safe when out and about. Staff from Godmanchester Foodbank also came into talk to children in Year 3 yesterday about the valuable work they do in our community. Children in Reception have finished the week with their 'Superheroes Day' and were greeted by Spiderman during the morning – not something that happens everyday!

On Monday we will be dressing up as a book character in preparation for World Book Day – more details are below. We also have workshops led by the NSPCC for Years 5 and 6, a visit to Hamerton Zoo for Year 1 and Assembly led by 2W at 9.15am on Wednesday.

World Book Day Events

Scholastic Book Fair

We have organised a Scholastic Book Fair which will run after school on **Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Monday 13th March**. We hope that you will support our Book Fair by encouraging your child to purchase a book. This has the additional benefit of raising money for books for our home reading libraries in school. If we sell £800 worth of books we will be able to take 60% of total sales as commission. Last year we were able to purchase £862 worth of books.

World Book Day Vouchers

All pupils should have received a World Book Day voucher. This is valid in participating book stores from **27th February to 26th March 2017**. They can be used to purchase special £1 books, or as £1 towards the cost of a book that is £2.99 or more. Alternatively, vouchers can be used towards the purchase of a book at our Book Fair.

Please support us with fundraising for reading books if you can.

The children are invited to dress up in as their favourite book character on **Monday 27th February** – it will be great to see them all share their colourful character creations and favourite stories with the rest of their class and buddies.

Each year group will be hosting their own activities but we would also like to invite all children to participate in our... *Extreme Read competition*! Each year group will host a competition to find the pupil that has been photographed reading in the most UNUSUAL or extreme place.

Please bring to school an A4 photograph or montage of photographs of yourself reading in the most unusual place. The more creative the better! Entries should be brought to school no later than **Monday 27th February**. Winners will be announced on **Tuesday 28th February** in Key Stage Assemblies.

Service Forum

On **Wednesday 1st March** there will be an opportunity for parents of all service children to meet with staff from school and RAF Wyton. This will be from **3.30 – 4.30pm** in the spare classroom opposite Year 3. Please can you email <u>office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk</u> if you are able to attend so that we have an idea of possible numbers.



Year 6 SATs Meeting

There is a meeting on **Tuesday 28th February** at **6.00pm** for all parents of children in Year 6 about the SATs which are being taken in May.

Reception Beech Parent Consultations

These have been re-arranged for **Tuesday 14th March**, starting at **2.00pm** and finishing at **6.30pm**. Appointments will be available to book via the electronic sign-up system which will become live on **Tuesday 28th February** at **7.30pm**. Please log onto the website before this to ensure that your details work and let the school office as soon as possible if there is a problem with this or any other issue. At the moment the appointment times are locked and you will not be able to book a slot but we need to know that parents can access the system.

The website you need is: <u>https://bramptonvillage.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/</u>.

Yr1 Trip to Hamerton

As Year 1 are off on their trip to Hamerton on Thursday, please ensure your child wears suitable footwear (old trainers or wellies, if wet) and a coat. The children should wear school sweatshirts/cardigans but could wear leggings or tracksuit bottoms. Also they will need a packed lunch if this is not being supplied by the school.

Yr 5/6 Football Training

This will re-start **Tuesday 28th February** with Yr 5.

PTA NEWS

PTA Meeting – Friday 17th March, 2pm – everyone welcome.

Family Bingo Night – Friday 21st April – more information to follow.

Summer Fair – Saturday 8th July, 11-2pm – if you would like to have a stall at our Summer Fair, please email <u>BramptonPTA@outlook.com</u>

PTA Vacancies – Do you have any spare time and would like to be involved more in Brampton School PTA? We currently have vacancies from September 2017 for a Secretary and a Chairperson. If you would like more information about what these roles entail, please email <u>BramptonPTA@outlook.com</u> or see the school website for more details. If you have any comments or queries about Brampton PTA or if you have any ideas of new fundraising events that we could run, then please feel free to drop us an email at <u>BramptonPTA@outlook.com</u>. Don't forget to 'like' our Facebook page too!

Dates

Please keep an eye on the dates each week in case of any changes.

February	Monday 27 th	'Dressing Up Day' for World Book Day	
	Tuesday 28 th	Y6 SATs meeting for parents	6pm
March	Wednesday 1 st	2W Assembly	9.15am
		Service Families Forum	3.30pm
	Thursday 2 nd	World Book Day	
		Y1 visit to Hamerton Zoo	
	Friday 3 rd	Y3 swimming	
	Monday 6 th – Wednesday 8 th	Y4 Grafham trip	
	Wednesday 8 th	5W Assembly	9.15am
	Thursday 9 th , Friday 10 th and	Book Fair	
	Monday 13 th March		
	Friday 10 th	Y3 swimming	
	Tuesday 14 th March	Reception Beech Parent Consultations	2pm – 6.30pm
	Wednesday 15 th	2M Assembly	9.15am
	Friday 17 th	Y3 swimming	
		PTA Meeting	2pm
	Tuesday 21 st	Y2 visit to Raptor Foundation	
	Wednesday 22 nd	4M Assembly	9.15am
	Friday 24 th	Y3 swimming	
	Tuesday 28 th	KS1 Easter Hat Parade	
	Wednesday 29 th	6M Assembly	9.15am
		Yr3/4 Roman Day	
		Y5 visit to Space Centre, Leicester	
	Friday 31 st	Last day of term	
April	Tuesday 18 th	School closed – staff training	
	Wednesday 19 th	Children return	