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Headteacher's notes...

This week the children have enjoyed Assemblies and workshops led by the Dogs Trust. They work across many schools and their 'Be Dog Smart' programme looks at safe behaviour around dogs. This programme aims to develop safe relationships between children and the dogs they share their lives and social settings with. This is done by encouraging the children to adopt safe and kind behaviours towards dogs and those of you who have a dog will know how important this is.



Thank you for all your donations in support of Children In Need, which have now raised over £550.



Performances

The children have been busy rehearsing for their forthcoming performances and we are looking forward to having audiences back in school. Bookings are open for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - please visit [SchoolCloud - Brampton Village Primary School](#) for more details.

Christmas Post Box



This year we will be having the Christmas Post box out as usual but at a time when we are thinking about our environment and recycling more and more, can we encourage you to perhaps send a class card rather than lots of individual ones? Alternatively, why not send in a donation for charity? Last year we had far less cards in school but if your child would like to send any, please put the cards in the post box outside the school office. Deliveries will commence from Wednesday 7th December – Friday 16th December. Please don't forget to put the full name and class on the envelope.

Carol Services

We are looking forward to our Carol Services at St Mary Magdalene Parish Church on Monday 19th December.

- Reception/KS1 9.45am
- KS2 1.45pm

If you are able to volunteer and help walk the children please let your child's teacher know. Numbers will be limited due to space. We recognise that for some children there may be specific reasons why they should not attend the Carol Services. If this is the case please email the school office.

Christmas Dinner

It is Christmas Dinner Day next Friday. If you have not yet booked a Christmas dinner you can do so on Pay360 before the end of Saturday. Alternatively, please email the school office with your child's choice (Turkey or vegetarian).

Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day is next week and as part of this the children can wear their Christmas jumpers for our dinner **next Friday**. Please do not feel that you have to get something especially for this as anything with a Christmas theme or decoration is fine.



Donations for Save the Children can be made by going directly to our fundraising page - <https://www.justgiving.com/Brampton-Village-Primary-School1>.

JustGiving sends your donation straight to Save the Children and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more. Thank you for your support

School Uniform

We appreciate your support with ensuring that the children are wearing the correct uniform each day. However, there are a variety of clothes being worn for PE and after suggestions from parents we are making a slight change from next term.

PE kits:

- white **or blue** round-necked T-shirt (football tops must not be worn)
- blue/black shorts
- for outdoors school sweatshirts (**no hoodies**) and dark blue/black jogging trousers should be worn
- pierced earrings must be removed for PE and long hair must be tied back for PE and games

On non-PE days please ensure that school/navy sweatshirts are worn (no hoodies).

Thank you

Staffing Update

We are pleased to let you know that Mrs Pettitt has agreed to stay on in a reduced role to support with the transition whilst we recruit a new SENCo from Easter. In the meantime, Mrs Tucker, who has been seconded from the Specialist Teaching Team within the Local Authority, will be working in school as well to support us.

Diamond Hampers

Thank you for the food donations which have been left in the main Reception area. These will be collected by the local charity Diamond Hampers after Friday 16th December.

PTA News

ONLINE RAFFLE IS LIVE

The Christmas online raffle is now live. There are over 70 fantastic prizes up for grabs which have been generously donated by many wonderful companies. Tickets are only £1 each and the draw will be at 5pm on Friday 9th December.

Please do share this raffle link with all your friends and family.

<https://raffall.com/320160/enter-raffle-to-win-bvps-christmas-raffle-22-hosted-by-brampton-pta>



[Enter Raffle to Win BVPS Christmas Raffle 22 hosted by Brampton PTA](https://raffall.com/320160/enter-raffle-to-win-bvps-christmas-raffle-22-hosted-by-brampton-pta)

It's hard to believe that the most wonderful time of the year is almost upon us again! Brampton Village Primary PTA have been busy collecting a fantastic selection of prizes for the 2022 Christmas online raffle! Thank you so much to all the businesses that have donated. -- For just £1 per ticket you could be in with a chance of winning – please do pass this link on to all your friends and family. -- The proceeds of this raffle are added to our annual fundraising pot, from which we can buy, among many other things, leavers' gifts for two year groups and Christmas gifts for all 22 classes. Did you know that the PTA pay £5,500 per year to our school towards the cost of nearly 600 pupils going on class trips and educational visits? So, as you can see, the more tickets you buy the more money we have to spend on all our children. -- Good luck and thank you for your support!

raffall.com

SANTA SLEIGH

It's already that time of year when Santa is beginning to prepare his Sleigh for visiting Brampton, Thursday the 8th (Brampton Park start) and Monday 12th December (Belle Isle start). Would you be interested in volunteering to walk alongside Santa collecting donations as part of the PTA? We will meet at 18:00 for a 18:30 start finishing at 20:30.

We would appreciate advance commitment on numbers, with a reminder that children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the collection. Please email bramptonpta@outlook.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 8th December, village Santa sleigh collection walk.

Friday 9th December, Raffle live draw.

Monday 12th December, village Santa sleigh collection walk.

Wednesday 21st December, non-uniform day

Thanks,
PTA Team.

Clubs

Please note that there is no Year 6 Mixed Football or Choir next week

What's On Next Week:

Monday 5th December

Tuesday 6th December

Football match against Thorndown

Reception Christmas performance 2.00pm

No Year 6 Mixed Football club

Amy's Acro has now finished for this term.

Wednesday 7th December

Christmas Post box out

Thursday 8th December

No Choir

Reception Christmas performance 2.00pm

Year 6 Tag Rugby - 3.30-4.15pm

Year 5 Mixed Football (HSSP) 3.15-4.15pm

Friday 9th December

Christmas Jumper Day

School Christmas Dinner

Christmas Events

If you have any questions about any of these please contact the school.

December	6 th	Reception Performance	2.00pm
	7 th	Christmas Postbox	
	8 th	Reception Performance	2.00pm
	9 th	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner	
	13 th	Y1 Christmas Performance	2.00pm
	15 th	Y1 Christmas Performance	2.00pm
	16 th	Brambles Assembly Y2 Carols	1.00pm -2.30pm 9.15am and 2.30pm
	19 th	Carol Services at Church KS1 KS2	9.45am 1.45pm
	21 st	Last day of term : Non Uniform	

Here is some information from this term's 'Way 2 Go' update from the Cambridgeshire County Council Road Safety Team. The full Newsletter is available on the school website.



With a little preparation, walking to school is easy and good for you, regardless of the season!

Winter weather conditions should be no reason to avoid going outside. It's usually just a matter of planning ahead and being prepared for outdoor activity, such as walking to and from school. To make it enjoyable it's important to be dressed warmly. It may seem obvious, but being properly dressed makes such a difference in taking pleasure from the weather!

Don't forget, children spend upwards of 30+ minutes outside at school for break and over the lunch hour, so they'll be out and need to stay warm then. It's a good idea to send spare mitts, hats, etc. to school so they have items to change into if needed.

Regarding traffic concerns, by walking with your child or planning and practicing the route together, you can teach them important road safety skills. This includes making sure vehicles have stopped and eye contact with the driver has been made before stepping on the curb, looking both ways (and double checking) before crossing. This is an especially important lesson given the influence road conditions can have on a vehicle's ability to stop quickly and the risks associated with fewer hours of daylight.

There may seem to be less incentive to being outdoors during the winter, but showing your child that it can be easy and fun promotes a more positive outlook. It's about embracing winter for what it is and steering away from the negativity. Redirect conversations about the "horrors" of winter to the opportunities and benefits of the season instead.

A less stressful start to the school day:

- ✓ *Delegate, encourage children to get their breakfast themselves if possible*
- ✓ *Get out school uniform the night before or better yet get the kids to put their uniform out*
- ✓ *Get out the breakfast bowls etc. out the night before*
- ✓ *Make sure that school bags are packed and by the door*
- ✓ *Keep school shoes and wellies by the door, no more last minute rush searching for that missing shoe!*



Are You Ready for Winter Driving?

With fewer daylight hours and winter weather conditions here are some useful tips to get you and your vehicle ready for the road.

Use this handy **'POWDERY'** checklist:

- **P**etrol (or diesel) - don't run out of fuel
- **O**il - check levels once a month
- **W**ater - check radiator and screen wash once a month
- **D**amage - check wipers, lights etc for signs of wear and tear or damage
- **E**lectrics - check lights, indicators and controls are working properly
- **R**ubber - are your tyres well inflated, legal, with good tread and free from damage?
- **Y**ourself - are you fit to drive? - have you slept well? - are you taking any medication(s) that could make it unsafe for you to drive?



Slow down, lights and wipers on to keep your windscreen demisted.

If the word fog is shown on a signal, but the road is clear, be prepared for a sudden bank of fog or drifting patchy fog.

Do not use full beam, because the fog reflects the light back reducing visibility even further.

Try not to use the taillights of the car in front, as these can give a false sense of security

If visibility is very limited, wind down your windows at junctions and cross roads to allow you to listen for traffic.

If you really cannot see, consider stopping until it is safe to continue

Winter Weather and travel Alerts

Check for news and updates **Before** and **During** your journey on:

[@BCambs_Traffic](#) / [Twitter](#)
[Travel Updates - Highways England](#)
[BBC Weather](#)

Following these winter driving tips will help you get there safely

- **LIGHTS ON** - As soon as visibility is reduced in fog, rain, snow etc. Automatic lights do not work in mist or fog, so switch on manually. Switch your lights on **before** driving off.
- **SLOW DOWN** - Increase your stopping distance in poor weather by leaving a bigger gap between you and the car in front.
- **SNOW & ICE** - stick to the main roads which will have been gritted and only travel if necessary
- **WINTER SUN** - Can dazzle, especially on wet roads so wear sunglasses and keep windscreens clear.
- **HEAVY RAIN** - Slow down if steering becomes difficult or if the rain and spray from vehicles makes it difficult to see and be seen.
- **AVOID DEEP WATER** - Especially on roads near rivers and drains. Drive at a suitable speed and overtake only when safe to do so.
- **FOG** - Make sure you know where your fog-light switch is before you set off