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Newsletter

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Letter 4

Spring Term 2025

Headteacher's notes...

January always feels like a very long month and it has been no exception this time around. There have been various challenges already this term and thank you for your support and understanding during this time. Everyone in school is focused on learning, on supporting every child to do their best and to be successful, working in partnership with you. Next week we look forward to welcoming you to our Open Afternoon and more details about this are below.



Sports News

Yesterday some of our Year 5 and 6 girl footballers played in a Henson Cup match against Crosshall Junior School which Brampton won 2:0. Well done to all who played and thank you to those who came and supported the team.



Home Learning

Home learning is an opportunity for children to practise what has been taught at school, for example reading, spelling and maths fluency. Learning is far more likely to be remembered if children have lots of opportunities to revisit what has been taught at home. We have invested heavily in tools to support children with home learning, including TT Rock Stars, Spelling Shed and Accelerated Reader. We see the benefits in school of children accessing these regularly at home, and this includes reading at least 4 times a week with an adult, and we ask for your continued support in making sure that the children can do this. If you have any questions please ask staff at the meetings before half term.

Open Afternoon

We are holding an Open Afternoon on Wednesday 5th February which starts straight after school and will finish at 4.00pm. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to come into the classrooms and view some of their child's work from this term ahead of Consultations the following week, but this is not the time to discuss individual matters with the teachers.

Parent Consultations

Bookings for the Parent Consultations later this term are now open. Please go to [SchoolCloud - Brampton Village Primary School](#). If you have any problems please contact the school office.

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week with the theme of 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. It is important we understand what makes us tick, our likes and dislikes, strengths, fears, hopes and dreams. Our emotions play a key role in telling us just that, and being aware of how to listen to and express ourselves is a major part of building self-awareness. It is through knowing ourselves and speaking with others, that we can build resilience, grow and develop.'



The children will be doing some activities next week around this and further information has been sent home today which includes how to support children to develop their emotional literacy.

Parent Governor Election

Details about the Parent Governor vacancy were sent home earlier this week. If you would like further information please contact the school.

PTA News



Final Countdown to our Winter Discos!

Don't forget - Our Winter Discos are next week (**Tuesday** for Brambles / Reception & Years 3/4 and **Thursday** for Years 1/2 and Years 5/6)

We are still looking for a few more volunteers and a DJ for each session - if you're able to help out with Refreshments, Glow in the Dark Tattoos, the Dice & Guessing Game stalls or by 'manning the decks', please sign up here:

- **Tuesday 4th February** - <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30E0B4CADA82AA2FB6-54366148-2025>
- **Thursday 6th February** - <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30E0B4CADA82AA2FB6-54366150-2025>

Look forward to seeing you all there!

PTA Team

What's On Next Week:

Monday 3 rd February	Y5/Y6 Netball Club 3.30 - 4.15pm
Tuesday 4 th February	NFL Club Years 5 and 6 3:20 – 4:15pm
	PTA Disco
	Brambles and Reception 5:00 – 6:00pm
	Years 3 and 4 6:30 - 7:30pm
Wednesday 5 th February	Open Afternoon 3:20 – 4:00pm
Thursday 6 th February	Choir 8.20am
	Year 5 Football Club 3:30 – 4:15pm
	JS Sports KS1 Multi-sports 3:20 – 4:20pm
	PTA Disco
	Years 1 and 2 5:00 – 6:00pm
	Years 5 and 6 6:30 - 7:30pm
Friday 7 th February	JS Sports KS2 Dodgeball 3:20 – 4:20pm

We are very aware and apologise for the recent disruption and inconvenience that has been caused by closures in KS2 this term. We share your frustration and are doing all we can to resolve the situation as we are in regular contact with the Local Authority, contractors and our Property Manager about the matter. Regular maintenance and servicing takes place across the school but when things need repairing we are dependent upon contractors ordering parts and then being on site promptly to fit them. The added complication in this case is that specialist parts are needed which have to be made to order abroad. This means there is delay and a limit on how much we can control. We are hopeful that full repairs to all of the boilers and pipework in KS2 will take place by the end of half term.

We are exploring alternative, temporary solutions which may be possible as we cannot guarantee that temporary repairs will hold. We never want to close classes at any time because we know of the impact it has on children and families but we do have to consider all aspects, including safeguarding and organisational priorities. With the number of children and staff on site each day we have to make sure that we have the right facilities, including toilets, in place and these vary in size for different year groups and are not appropriate to share across the school.

We will always try to give as much notice as possible, after doing everything we can to remain open and operational.

Peter Allen
Headteacher

Emma Spencer
Chair of Governors