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Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021 22nd October Letter 8



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Headteacher's notes...

We have reached half term already and there have been many successes to celebrate with the children since we returned in September. I know that the teachers have enjoyed meeting with you at the Parent Consultations this week and I hope that you have found them useful and informative as always. We have ended the week with a non-uniform day, flu vaccinations and a visit from Mexicolore for Year 6.

We said goodbye to Mrs Gibbs yesterday as she left the school after 21 years. We thank her for all she has contributed to the school and wish her all the best for the future.

Over half term Miss McAuley will be getting married and will return to school as Mrs Slater. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her and her future husband!

Thank you for all your co-operation and support during a challenging time as we deal with the continuing impact of coronavirus. At the end of this week, we currently have 7 children isolating with confirmed cases of coronavirus. We will be maintaining our preventative measures when we return.

The children return after half term on **Tuesday 2nd November**.

3 Willow Parent Consultations

We are sorry that we had to cancel the Parent Consultations for 3 Willow at short notice on Tuesday evening. These have been rescheduled for Tuesday 9th November and bookings can be made from 7.00pm on Tuesday 2nd November by going to [SchoolCloud - Brampton Village Primary School](#). If you have any problems please contact the school office. There is also a link on the school website under 'links'.

Year 6 Transition to Secondary School – Application Process

The deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October 2021. If you apply online by this date, you will get an offer for a place on 1st March 2022 by email.

If any parents are experiencing difficulties with their online accounts, or need any other help, please contact the school office.

Headlice

We have recently been informed about cases of headlice across the school. It is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any headlice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread and the half term break provides a good opportunity for all families to do this.

As there have been cases, we suggest that you check your child's head as soon as possible. Here is some simple advice you may wish to follow to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

- ✓ Check your child's hair once a week.
- ✓ Use a proper detection comb – with teeth no more than 0.3mm apart to trap head lice. The comb is usually white in colour so that lice can be easily identified.
- ✓ If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist and check the whole family.

Further advice on the treatment of head lice can be found on NHS website. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Social Media

We have become aware of comments on social media from a few parents following this week's meetings with staff. Please can we remind you that the use of Social Networking sites such as Twitter, Instagram, Whatsapp or Facebook to comment openly on school issues or members of staff is not appropriate.

We hope you understand and appreciate our position on such matters and that you will support us by removing any comments of this kind. We are looking to maintain the strong relationship that we have with you as parents/carers and wish to work with you in the best interests of all children.

School Attendance

We recognise and appreciate the support that we receive from parents regarding attendance and that this term has been difficult with many illnesses about. However, a number of issues have arisen since September and we would like to clarify our procedures. As a school, we fully adhere to County Policy, which means that requests for leave of absence will only be approved in very exceptional circumstances and any unauthorised leave of absence may result in a Penalty Notice fine being issued.

We continue to receive requests for authorised absence during term time. Parents have a legal responsibility, as stated under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996, to ensure that any child of compulsory school age attends the school at which they are registered, regularly and punctually. Along with all schools, we expect attendance to be 100%, unless there are exceptional or unavoidable reasons for absence, which would then be authorised.

The doors open at 8.45am and close when the bells ring at 8.55am, which is when school starts. If a child arrives after this time, they should come to the main office.

Children arriving late on a regular basis is also becoming more common. Sometimes there are very good reasons for a child arriving late but repeated unauthorised absence due to lateness meets the criteria to issue a fine in the same manner as general unauthorised absence from school.

We want to continue to work with families and if there are specific concerns or issues please contact the school as early as possible so that any support or advice can be offered.

After half term...

We will be taking part in activities to do with Anti-Bullying Week 2021 which is from Monday 15th - Friday 19th November. The theme this year is *One Kind Word*.

BBC Children in Need 2021 – Friday 19th November

We will also be taking part in Children In Need once again which is on Friday 19th November.



Look out for more details when we return.

PTA News –

So half term is now with us and we have lots to do with your children, first being Vegetable carving fundraiser: why not get the kids carving a vegetable or fruit and send us your entry. We have different categories and you can enter as many as you want at £2 an entry. Payment either in a clearly labelled envelope or by BACS. Competition closes on the 3rd November. We can't wait to see the pictures. Winning pictures will be featured in the Hunts Post so get carving !!

Pizza competition: You now have some more time for the pizza idea. We have extended this until the 8th November. So use your best ingredients and get the designs to the Hare on the Green. Just drop both £1 and design to them. It is that easy!

Bags to school: So in between these other two fun activities why not have a sort out and fill a bag or two. Collection is on 8th November. Before 9am. Let us see if we can get more than last time!

School uniform: Are you in need of any uniform, we are having a half term sale? If you would like to get in contact with what you need we can email you back with if it is available. Just message us at bramptpta@outlook.com
If you would like to join our PTA meeting on the 3rd November here is the link. It would be great to see new faces and new ideas -

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89723438479?pwd=SjZwTVdkM2NqVE11Zm9JcEhyNmJqUT09>

Meeting ID: 897 2343 8479

Passcode: d25VcY

If you would like to be involved with us here at the PTA just give us a message bramptonpta@outlook.com Have a lovely half term.

Thank you

PTA team

Although we are not contact tracing, please continue to notify the school of positive cases up to 48 hours after the end of school on Friday 22nd October so that we can let other parents know.

Please can we remind you of the importance of going for a PCR test if a child is symptomatic and do not rely on a negative LFD test, which are only to be used as part of asymptomatic screening and for children over 11 years old.

Please email pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk .