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# Newsletter

*Summer Term 2021 16<sup>th</sup> April Letter 1*



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## Headteacher's notes...

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a good Easter break and were able to make the most of the opportunities to get out and meet people. The children certainly seem refreshed this week and they have settled back into the routine of school. Next week we will be sending home Curriculum Letters so that you know what work your children are covering this term.



We continue to follow all of the guidance that was in place last term and thank you for your co-operation with this. We must continue to be mindful about social distancing and it has certainly been good to be outside enjoying the sunshine.

We have a number of things happening this term and a calendar has been included at the end of the letter. Please be mindful that things may be subject to change at short notice.

We are delighted that some after school clubs and music lessons are resuming next week. This is all another step towards 'normality' and we will look to see if we can provide further opportunities as the term goes on. It is great to see more children riding bikes and using scooters but please be vigilant when on the roads as we have been made aware of some near misses around the village this week.

## Staffing

We will be welcoming Miss Wilkinson back to school as she returns from her maternity leave at the start of May. She will be teaching 2 Beech alongside Mrs Clipsham on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week. There will be opportunities for both the children and parents to meet her before this in order to ensure a smooth handover. We will be sorry to see Mrs Grimbaldeston leave the class but she will be still be around in school. We thank her for all she has done with the children.

## Parent Consultations

We are holding Parent Consultations on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April. These will be held via video on the Parents Evening Booking System. Bookings will open on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm and more information will be sent out about how to do this on Monday.

## School Uniform

Now that a new term has started we will be reinforcing our expectations regarding wearing the correct school uniform. A number of hoodies of various colours have replaced school jumpers, along with leggings and thermal tops being worn under shirts instead of jumpers. Please can we ask for your support with this as staff will be reminding the children about what is expected. The only jewellery to be worn are watches and ear rings (studs) but these must be removed for PE. A full list of uniform is included further on in the letter.

## Science Week - Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> April - Bring in a bottle!

Due to remote learning, we delayed our annual Science Week from March to the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> April, where we will be focussing on Innovation and Space. As part of this week we are undertaking an experiment within our classes throughout the school. Therefore, to support us to do this we ask if your child could bring in an empty, clean, plastic bottle for the experiment. For example, lemonade bottles, milk bottles etc. Please send these into your class teacher by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to allow them time to quarantine

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before being used within the classroom. Thank you for your support and hopefully it will make for a fun science filled week throughout the school.

### Service Children

As you may be aware we have a number of children linked to Service families in the school and we recognise that there are often specific issues or concerns that need to be addressed. To support families we have a Transition Mentor, Mrs Powlson, who also works at the school as one of our Teaching Assistants. Service parents are welcome to contact Mrs Powlson via email, [cpowlson@brampton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:cpowlson@brampton.cambs.sch.uk) and it is always useful to know when parents may be deployed or away from home for extended periods so that children can be supported.

### Bikeability – Year 5

Bikeability begins on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and children taking part are required to have a helmet and a roadworthy bike in school from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April until Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April inclusive. Children may ride their bike to and from school each day or they can choose to leave their bike, as long as it is locked and secure, in the school bike shelters for the duration of the week. If children do not bring their bike or helmet to school, then they will not be able to take part in the training. Please note the training takes place in all weathers so come prepared.



### Residential Trips

We are still expecting the residential visits to Grafham and Laches Wood to go ahead later on this term, in line with the current guidance. Information about the Y4 trip to Grafham has been sent home and there is a meeting next Thursday at 5.30pm. If anything changes we will of course let you know as soon as possible.

### PTA News

Easter Walking Challenge - Thank you to everyone who took part in our first Easter Walking Challenge, we hope you enjoyed getting out and about during the holiday. We managed to raise an astonishing £526 in sponsorship and walked for more than 700 miles! That is far enough to get from Brampton to the Faroe Islands. The class that accumulated the most miles is Year 1 Maple, so a class prize is heading your way.

Bag2school - The next textile collection will be this coming Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Please leave clean bags of clothes, shoes, towels, soft toys and bed linen outside the yellow fence by 9am.

Thanks,  
The PTA Team

Please keep your child at home if they are unwell or show signs of COVID. If someone in your house tests positive, please inform us immediately. We will have to continue to close bubbles of classes/ year groups if there is a positive case confirmed amongst either children or staff. You do not need to inform us of negative results, but we MUST know about positive results immediately.

If a child becomes unwell or shows any symptoms of COVID-19 we will contact parents/carers immediately. We will then expect the process for booking a test to be followed. If there is a positive test this may impact on the bubbles with them having to close whilst staff and children isolate.

**Please continue to inform the school each day by phoning or emailing**  
[pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk) .

**Please use this address if your child becomes unwell and needs a test at a weekend.**

## School Uniform

Sweatshirts	Navy
Polo shirts	White or Navy
Trousers / shorts	Grey, Black or Navy (trousers may be worn by boys and girls)
Skirts / pinafores	Grey, Black or Navy
Socks, tights	White, Grey or Black
Summer Dress	Navy and white checked, or striped, summer dresses.

Footwear should be sensible black, flat shoes; high heels, boots or boot style trainers are not permitted.

### Children will also need to wear a PE kit to school on the days they have PE.

- PE kit of plimsolls, white round-necked T-shirt and black shorts.
- Trainers are not allowed for apparatus work.
- Games kit of a warm tracksuit, or something similar, to wear when the weather is cold, and outdoor trainers (but not during Reception year).

Please remember:

- All clothes should be clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Jewellery or make - up may not be worn in school. The only exceptions are watches and studs for pierced ears. Pierced earrings must be removed for PE.
- Long hair must be tied back for PE and games.
- Younger children may also require a change of underwear or spare uniform in case of accidents.
- Children go out to play in all but the worst weather and therefore they will need a coat most days of the year and boots in wet weather. The wearing of sunhats at playtimes is also encouraged in hot weather.

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April	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability training starts	
	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Grafham Residential Meeting	5.30pm
	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Grafham medical forms in	
	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations	3.30 – 6.00pm
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	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations PTA meeting	3.30 – 6.00pm 7.30pm
May	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed	
	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Governing Body meeting	6.30pm
	19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	Grafham Residential visit	
31 <sup>st</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> June Half Term			
June	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Day – school closed	
	21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Residential Visit	
	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Hichingbrooke Transition Day	
July	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Governing Body meeting	6.30pm
	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day of term	