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Headteacher's notes...

I want to start this week by saying 'thank you' to the PTA for last Saturday's Summer Fair. It was great to see so many people come and support it and I know that a lot of planning and hard work went into making it such a success. We were entertained by the Choir and dancers from Year 1 who all did so well.



On Tuesday Year 1 enjoyed their visit to Hamerton Zoo and managed to stay dry. Thank you to everyone who helped with this visit.



Wednesday was World Music Day and we celebrated it with a variety of events, including two performances of *Ode to Joy* with a wide collection of instruments! The children were also introduced to the Summer Reading Challenge as we welcomed staff from the Libraries into school.

MAKE MUSIC DAY UK

21 JUNE

Next week some of the children from Year 6 will be going on their residential visit to Laches Wood. We hope that they have a successful trip and are lucky with the weather. Daily updates will be available from the front page of the school website. In an emergency please call or email the school during normal hours. Outside of these times the school mobile number is 07786 419865. Those Year 6 children at school will be doing a number of different activities with Mr Palmer and they can come to school in non-uniform each day.

The PTA recently received an anonymous donation and this has been put towards this bench which is now being used on the KS1 playground – thank you!



Staffing Update

After nearly 20 years we are saying goodbye to Mrs Murray today. She has worked at the school as a Teaching Assistant and supported many children over that time. We will miss her and thank her for all she has done, wishing her all the best.

We also have some exciting baby news to share as Mrs Clipsham, Mrs Potts and Miss Edwards are all expecting additions to their families later next term. We wish them all the best!

We are currently making plans to cover their maternity leave and will share more details next term.

Sports Days

A reminder that we are holding our Sports Days for Reception and Key Stage 1 next week:

- Reception Thursday 29th June 9.15am – 11.00am
- Key Stage 1 Friday 30th June 9.30am – 11.30am

The format of both mornings will be based around a series of activities for all children to take part in and parents/carers are very welcome to come and support. Please make sure that the children have a hat and plenty of water to drink.

The children will need a t-Shirt for their house colour. If you are unsure, please ask your child's teacher.

- Diamond Yellow
- Sapphire Blue
- Emerald Green
- Ruby Red

Children can wear their usual PE shirts if they don't have a shirt for their house.

Open Afternoon

We have our Open Afternoon on Wednesday 12th July and this starts straight after school until 4.15pm. This is an opportunity for you to come into school to view some of your child's work from across the year and also to collect their Annual Report which will include results of any statutory assessments, including Y1 Phonics, KS1 and KS2 SATs. Please note that this is not the time to discuss matters with the teachers and Reports should not be opened until you are at home. Any Reports not collected will be posted home.

Next week a letter will be sent home about the 'Meet the Teacher' session after school on Tuesday 4th July as this is when children will meet their teacher for next year.

Young Carers

In previous newsletters, you will have read we are starting to support our Young Carers in school. We currently have a Young Carer group in KS2, with about 17 children attending regularly. This group have completed many activities together and have some great ideas for activities they would like to complete in the future.

Centre 33 also offer Young Carer support in school and Mrs Shears has recently successfully completed her Young Carer Champion Training.

If you feel your child is a young carer, whether in EYFS, KS1 or KS2, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Shears on cshears@brampton.cambs.sch.uk.

The definition we use to identify young carers is: "Young carers are young people under the age of 18 who are helping to care for a family member. This could be because their family member has a disability, is not well either physically or mentally, or misuses drugs or alcohol."

Healthy Snacks

We have a number of children in school with nut allergies. Please avoid sending nuts or chocolate nut spread into school, either as a snack or in their packed lunches.

Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are provided with a snack at morning break so they do not need to bring anything in. Children in Key Stage 2 can bring in something healthy to have for a morning snack, for example, a piece of fresh or dried fruit or vegetables. Chocolate, biscuits, sandwiches, wraps or crisps are not permitted.

Computing Guide

This week's Computing Guide is all about *Artificial Intelligence*.



Industrial Action

You will be aware that the National Education Union has planned strike action for Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July. At the moment we do not know what impact this will have and we will update you as soon as we can but the KS2 Sports day scheduled for 7th July has been provisionally re-scheduled for the 14th July. It would be worth having a contingency plan in place in case we have to close classes / year groups at short notice once again.

Please keep an eye on the school website, as this is where information about possible class closures will be posted.

Hinchingsbrooke School has informed us that the Transition Days for Year 6, which are 4th, 5th and 6th July, will not be affected.

PTA News

The PTA team want to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped us make the Summer Fayre the best yet! Whether you donated prizes, worked on a stall, helped us clear up or came along on the day, you made it possible for us to raise around £5,100. This money will be going directly to projects that will make the school a better place for our children to enjoy and learn, so thank you all again. Watch this space for details of what we spend it on.



Please can you give us your feedback in the following short survey to help us plan for next year:

<https://s.surveypal.com/t62qlsan>

Bake off winners

Congratulations to everyone who baked for our first ever Great Brampton Bake Off – every slice was sold before the end of the fayre. The winning *Show Stopper* cakes were made by Sophia, Aurora and Mylene, while the delicious *Signature* bake category saw top prizes for Isabella, Peyton and Emma Spencer, with an honourable mention for Malachi. Entering in a class of her own, Georgie was awarded a special prize for her incredible Venison and Stilton pie, which arrived fresh from the oven just in time for judging by GBBO finalist and genuinely lovely person, Ian Cumming.



Raffle prizes

All raffle winners have been contacted, so please remember to collect your prizes from the school office and accept them on the website.

End of Year Discos

Please note the new disco dates:

Thursday 6th July

Years 1 & 2 – 5-6pm

Years 5&6 – 6.30-7.30pm

Thursday 13th July

Brambles and Reception (adult supervision required) – 5-6pm

Years 3 & 4 – 6.30-7.30pm



As ever, we need help to make this a fun and safe event, so please look out for the sign up or email bramptonpta@outlook.com

Bag2School collection

Monday 10th July. Donations to be left before 9am, please.

Many thanks,
PTA Team.

What's On Next Week

Monday 26 th June	Y6 at Laches Wood
Tuesday 27 th June	Y6 at Laches Wood New Reception Maple 'Getting to Know You' visit Football match – Away - Somersham Primary School HSSP Y3/Y4 Tri Golf
Wednesday 28 th June	Y6 at Laches Wood Football match – Away - Westfield Junior
Thursday 29 th June	Y6 at Laches Wood Choir Y3 swimming Reception Sports Day (morning) New Reception Maple 'Getting to Know You' visit HSSP Y5/Y6 Lacrosse
Friday 30 th June	Y6 at Laches Wood Key Stage 1 Sports Day (morning)