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Newsletter

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Letter 6

Spring Term 2025

Headteacher's notes...

It has been a busy and at times eventful few weeks since the start of term but there are many positives to look back on. I know that staff have valued the opportunity to meet with you this week and I hope that you have found the Parent Consultations useful and informative.

Earlier this week we hosted a meeting of Headteachers from local schools who all took the opportunity to walk around the school and see the children at work. There were many complementary comments, particularly about the consistency and quality of writing they saw which is a result of all the work on Talk for Writing we are doing.

We had further sporting success this week when we took part in the Hunts School Sports Partnership Year 3 and 4 *Rise Gymnastics Event* and won it for the very first time with some individual success as well – we have 3 trophies on the way! Congratulations to all involved and thanks to those who helped coach and support the children.



We wish you all a good half term and look forward to seeing you when we return on **Monday 24th February**. As we finish today, we send our best wishes to Miss Atlay as she starts her maternity leave.

World Book Day

A reminder that World Book Day is fast approaching on **Thursday 6th March** and as part of this, we will be inviting children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or to come with a small prop/badge/accessory or object linked to their book. Please do not feel that elaborate or expensive costumes are necessary.



Parent Governor Election

If you would like further details about the Parent Governor vacancy please contact the school. Completed application forms must be returned no later than noon on Thursday 27th February.

Y3 Swimming

This starts after half term in the 'Pop Up Pool' that will be located on the KS2 playground. This will be in place for at least two weeks so please keep away from this area.

School Payments

Coming soon: new parent app and electronic payment system

Parents who have logged onto WEDUC (Reach More Parents) recently to book or pay for meals or trips will have seen a notice that sQuidcard Limited will not provide payment processing services after 14 March. While WEDUC, despite the short notice, are currently sourcing an alternative provider, at Brampton we will be taking a different path.

The school is already in the process of changing management information system from SIMS to Bromcom. Bromcom has its own payment processing partner, and a parent app called My Child At School (MCAS). We had planned to launch MCAS at a more convenient time, not midway through a term, but the surprise announcement by sQuid means that we will be bringing this forward.

Parents do not need to do anything now, except to please keep lunch accounts up to date and settle any outstanding balances. Once the school is ready to launch MCAS (preparations are well under way) we will let you know – invitation emails and other details will be sent out in the first two weeks of March. Because of the impending change, school meals

can currently be booked on WEDUC only for the week we get back and this will be kept under review with further dates available if needed.

If you have credit remaining on WEDUC at the end of 14 March, you will be able to claim it back after this date, but please do not do this until we confirm that all funds have been applied as far as possible to meal accounts. Parents who are still paying for the Y6 Laches Wood residential will be given instructions on how to settle any remaining amounts as soon as we are able to access the new electronic payment system.

Apologies that this change is all a bit of a rush, but it has been forced upon us. The alternative would be to move payment provider twice in quick succession, which would have meant additional disruption for everyone.

PTA News

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With another half term complete we wanted to thank you for all your support and we hope all the children enjoyed non-uniform day today. Don't worry, you can still make your donation using the link below:

Next half term is set to be action packed as well but a couple of reminders for now:



Drawing Competition

Entry forms are due back to your class teacher by **Wednesday 26th Feb** (Wednesday after half term). There are prizes for each year group and the school receives funding from every entry. Get creative and encourage your child to choose their favourite book character to draw! Don't forget to make sure your child's name, year group and class are clearly written on the form as otherwise we cannot enter them into the competition.



Cake Friday

Our popular Cake Friday is back on 14th March - save the date! This time we're asking all those in Maple and Brambles classes to bake/bring in cakes please. Don't forget to send your children in with tupperware to carry their purchases home so we can reduce the amount of waste.

We love seeing the smiles on the faces of all the children so we need your help to run the event - can you spare an hour to help with set up or clear up and if your children will be attending the sale anyway, could you help on a stall - its really easy and our children always love to help sell the cakes alongside us once they've spent their money. Please use the sign up below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CADA82AA2FB6-55087848-2025#/>



PTA Meeting - 10 March @ 7:30pm - Save the Date

We'll be holding our next PTA meeting on Monday 10th March at the school - this is open to all and we love to see new faces. We'll be talking about the rest of the fundraising events for the school year including plans for our showcase summer event. If you've got ideas and can help (even sparing an hour a month makes a big difference), then do try to come along. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions please contact us at bramptonpta@outlook.com

What's On After Half Term:

Monday 24 th February	Y3 swimming starts Y6 Booster swimming sessions start Y5/Y6 Netball Club 3.30 - 4.15pm Hockey Tournament
Tuesday 25 th February	
Wednesday 26 th February	
Thursday 27 th February	Choir 8.20am Football Tournament (at Brampton) Book Fair JS Sports KS1 Multi-sports 3:20 – 4:20pm Y6 Rotary Quiz
Friday 28 th February	Football match (at Brampton) JS Sports KS2 Dodgeball 3:20 – 4:20pm Book Fair

Community Information

Diamond Hampers

As you are aware, we provide a broad range of support to families all across Cambridgeshire, including families in Brampton.

This includes support with making referrals with and for the beneficiaries.

Referrals to agencies for support in a variety of ways, including energy support, household issues, domestic abuse, addiction support, pet support and much more! We can also provide emergency food and clothing and household essentials to those in need along with what we have in our affordable stores:

- *The Attic*
A place you can shop affordably for clothing, school uniform, household items, toys, books and much more.
- *The Pantry*
A place where you can fill an entire basket of food for just £4, and where you can also get a hot meal, join in with our Chatty Cafe and much more besides.

We have developed a small pot of funding recently, specifically for families of Brampton, so we would like to extend our help to support with things families may need, such as school uniform, clothing, warm coats, hats and gloves. Our brand new FREE breakfast club runs Tuesday to Saturday at The Pantry. 7:45am-8:30am on All Saints Passage in Huntingdon which is for families that may struggle to afford a breakfast.

We are here to help.

