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Newsletter



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Headteacher's notes...

Welcome - I hope you are all keeping well and that you have survived all the rain this week. Half of the KS2 playing field has been under water along with some of the Reception outdoor area. I have heard of some families who have been out taking advantage of all the puddles and having fun!

You and your children continue to do a fantastic effort with all of the learning from home and thank you as ever for all your support. We appreciate how difficult it is and please remember that it is really important to get the right balance of work and play. I received some wonderful 'Well Done' certificates earlier in the week from children for a variety of reasons – please keep sending your photos in.



This week has been Children's Mental Health Week and we have included a link below with resources and information to help support children and young people through the pandemic.

Supporting children and young people through the pandemic - BBC Children in Need.

There is a new Assembly on the website – click on the 'Coronavirus' tab and then 'Assemblies'.



Please keep contacting us through closure@brampton.cambs.sch.uk if you have questions or need any support.

Term Dates

The term dates for 2021-2022 have now been agreed by Governors and are being sent home today. They are also available on the school website.

Staff Update

Next week we say goodbye to Mr Fivash who has been working as a Midday Supervisor and supporting children in Key Stage 2. We wish him well and thank him for all he has done as he will be missed.

At the start of March we will be welcoming Mrs Clipsham back to school as her maternity leave comes to an end. She will be teaching 2 Beech on Thursdays and Fridays, working alongside Mrs Grimbaldeston who will be in Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week. This means that sadly we have to say goodbye to Mrs Foster whose last day will be Wednesday 3rd March. We would like to thank her for all she has done for the children and the way she has supported the school during this very challenging year. I know that she will be missed.

Adverse Weather

We have been asked to remind parents about procedures should the school have to fully close due to an emergency or adverse weather. We will always endeavour to stay open but if we have to close, the decision will be made as soon as possible. For information about any possible emergency school closure, please tune in to BBC Radio Cambridgeshire or Heart FM. As well as messages on our website and via In Touch, information should also be placed on Cambridgeshire County Council's website:

https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/school-term-datesclosures/school-closures

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PTA News

Sponsor a laptop - We have been so moved by Brampton's response to our appeal for donations towards new laptops that we wanted to share a word of thanks with you all. Some of our donors wish to remain anonymous, but all have been amazingly generous and every penny will benefit the school and your children's learning. A special thanks goes out to:

Acton Security Ltd.;

Tim, Jo and Kate Berrington with Mrs Ann Callow; and Karen Pickering.

The High Street branch of Co-op is launching a Valentine's raffle today, with all proceeds going towards our laptop appeal. Details of prizes can be found in store.



As you can see from our poster we have a big THANK YOU to say to everyone that has helped us achieve these amounts. We still need all the support to continue in these strange times so feel free to email us with any idea/suggestions to achieve this.

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Thank You, PTA Team.

Critical Worker/Vulnerable Children Bookings

Bookings for spaces for the week commencing 22^{nd} February. These will open at 11.00am tomorrow, Saturday morning, and will close at 3.00pm on Monday 8^{th} February.



Bookings for spaces for the week commencing 1st March
These will open at 11.00am on Saturday 20th February, and will close at 3.00pm on Monday 22nd February.

When booking you will receive an email confirmation – this is just to confirm that your booking request has been received and it does not guarantee a place. Once bookings close we will go through all of the requests and allocate places.

Please use https://bramptonvillage.parentseveningsystem.co.uk for bookings.

Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. The Local Authority is clear that the offer for children of critical workers or those who are vulnerable is an offer, not an automatic guarantee. Everything will be guided by our risk assessment as we consider staff availability, the need to deliver remote learning to pupils at home, the need to ensure as much social distancing

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as possible, including avoiding overcrowding of the school, and maintaining the bubble structures which have protected our children and staff to date.

During this very difficult phase of the pandemic, the number of children attending school should be as low as possible in order to have the maximum effect on lowering transmission.

We absolutely understand that families are worried about being able to work but these are extraordinary times and we are all having to make some very difficult decisions and sacrifices. Please do not take up the space if you do not need it as it may be needed urgently by someone else. If you are able to make alternative arrangements please let us know so that places can be offered to other families.

Take care and stay safe.

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Mr Peter Allen Headteacher

Anxiety Workshop

Would you like to know how you might support your child's anxiety (or your own worries about your child)? Join our experts from Centre 33 to hear about things you can try and the help that's available.

https://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk/event/anxiety-workshops-with-centre-33/?fbclid=IwAR3Tnesr97su2DQy0Ecfw5ABGf p7Av7tTP0ii8yYtvnNzfzSTT19MENaPQ



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