



Newsletter

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Headteacher's notes...

Welcome to this week's Newsletter. We now know that schools are not going to fully re-open before 8th March at the earliest so staff are busy planning for remote learning to continue after half term. We will soon be sending home Curriculum Newsletters so that you can see what is being taught over the next few weeks. There is also a new video on the school website for you to have a look at. Thank you for all the feedback we continue to receive and your constructive comments help us to review what we are able to offer. Keep contacting us through closure@brampton.cambs.sch.uk if you have questions or need any support.

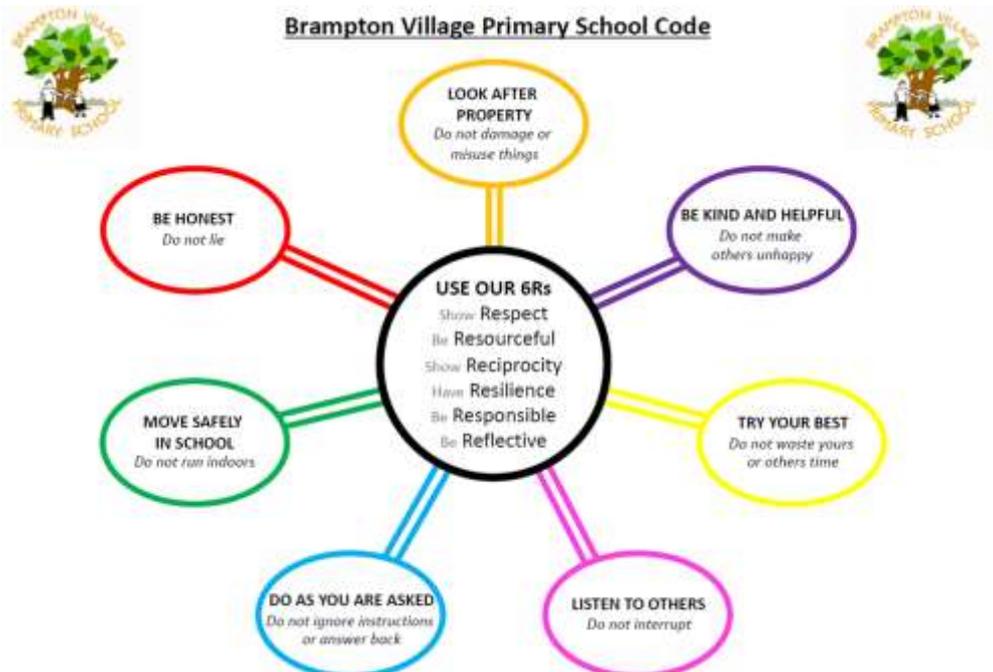


We fully appreciate that working from home and remote learning is becoming even more challenging for many families and it is important to get the balance right between work and play. Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and there is a free Assembly put together by Place2Be, BAFTA Kids and Oak National Academy on the theme of *Express Yourself*. There are also resources available on our school website under the 'Safeguarding and Well-being' tab with more ideas at <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>.

The assembly will be available to all schools and families at 9.00am on Monday 1st February – and will feature pupils and well-known faces discussing the theme of Children's Mental Health Week, as well as ways that children and young people can get involved at home. It will be hosted by Blue Peter's Lindsey Russell and CBBC Presenter and Place2Be Champion Rhys Stephenson.

As the majority of pupils are now at home, the assembly will provide an easy way to bring the nation's children together (virtually) with a positive message about the power of creative self-expression. Famous faces and contributors will also be taking part live from their homes.

I also know from staff about how hard children are working, either at school or at home. On a Friday we would normally celebrate and share our 'Stars of the Week' so why not cut out the certificate at the end of this letter and hold your own 'Assembly', presenting your child with their own certificate, for example at tea time. We normally link this to our School Code so perhaps they have been resilient and stuck at their work or perhaps they have been really helpful around the house – there are many reasons you can choose from. It would be great to see some pictures of them as 'Stars of the Week'!



PTA news

We hope you are all keeping safe at this hard time. We as the PTA are still trying to support the school but we still need your help and support. So this is why we have our upcoming 'Sponsor a laptop'.

This term the PTA is really proud to have spent £5,250 on new laptops to support home learning during this latest lockdown. These are already being used by families and once we are all back in school they will benefit every pupil when they are used in the classroom. We know that this is an issue that a lot of you care about, especially as the government provision of such technology has been featured in the news. If you, or anyone you know, would like to make a donation, please email Bramptonpta@outlook.com

Bags to school this term raised £154.80. So thank you everyone that filled a bag or two. We hope to have some more so look out for details to come!

A very big well done to all the lottery winners that we have had so far. If you would like to be one of them get some tickets and support our school.

<http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk>

We hope to see you all soon but in the meantime keep an eye out for hopefully more fun ways to support us. If you have any ideas please don't hesitate to contact us on bramptonpta@outlook.com

Thank you and stay safe
PTA Team

Critical Worker/Vulnerable Children Bookings

Bookings for spaces for the week commencing 8th February, will open at 11.00am tomorrow, Saturday morning, and will close at 3.00pm on Monday 1st 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 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.

Mr Peter Allen
Headteacher

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