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Newsletter

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Letter 11

Autumn Term

Headteacher's notes...



We all like to have routine and know what is coming up, especially at the start of a week. However, it is also good to be ready for the unexpected and so it was on Monday morning when we discovered a pipe had been leaking all weekend and flooded two classrooms. The children in 2 Willow and 2 Maple have been so resilient and coped brilliantly with being in different classrooms all week and thank you to the staff who got things up and running so quickly. The good news is that we hope the children can return to their classrooms early next week.

Year 4 had a successful visit to West Stow Anglo-Saxon village yesterday. The village is a reconstruction of an Anglo-Saxon settlement near Bury St Edmunds and the children spent the day as 'History Detectives', looking for clues in order to learn about the past. Despite the cold, they all had a fantastic time and thank you to the staff and volunteers who went and supported them.



Next week children in Year 2 are holding their Victorian Day as part of their topic this term. They have produced some wonderful homework all about Queen Victoria which they have enjoyed sharing.

Congratulations to those children who took part in the Panathlon competition on Tuesday.



Thank you for all your donations in support of Children In Need. So far we have raised over £360 and our Just Giving page is still open. It can be found by clicking on [Brampton Village Primary School is fundraising for BBC Children in Need](#)

Performances

Rehearsals for the various Christmas performances are well under way with the sound of singing throughout the school. Bookings are open for the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas events – please visit [SchoolCloud - Brampton Village Primary School](#). If you experience difficulties or do not have access to a computer, please contact the school office.

Staff Update

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Synan (1 Maple teacher and Higher Level Teaching Assistant) at the end of this term as she relocates with her family and we wish her all the best. Mrs McIntyre will continue to teach 1 Maple each week Monday – Wednesday.

Miss Ross in 1 Beech is due to start her maternity leave after Christmas. We are currently recruiting for this and also for a teacher two days a week in 1 Maple and will keep you updated.

After Christmas we welcome back Mrs Burling who will teach in 5 Willow alongside Mrs Clipsham.

Governors

The Governing Body met earlier this week and welcomed three new governors:

Nathan Broadbent (co-opted Governor)

Stephen Gallagher (Parent Governor)

Sangeetha Harper (co-opted Governor)

Adverse Weather

We always remind you at this time of year of the following guidance should we have to make the decision to close the school for any reason. 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 check the front page of our school

website and messages will also be sent via email or on Weduc. Details should also be placed on the Cambridgeshire County Council website: [School closures | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

Please make sure that we have correct email addresses. It has become clear over the past few weeks that the contact details we hold for a number of parents, both email addresses and phone numbers, are no longer correct. Please can you ensure that we have the up to date details so that we can contact you as soon as possible when needed.

Christmas Dinner

This is being held on Friday 6th December and if you have not yet booked a Christmas dinner, you can do so on Weduc by Monday 2nd December.

As part of this the children can wear Christmas jumpers/tops along with their uniform. Please do not feel that you have to get something especially for this as anything with a Christmas theme or decoration is fine.

Attendance

You will be aware of the changes to attendance that were introduced this term. We have been informed that there are some amendments being made with regards to Unauthorised Leave which we will write to you about once they are confirmed.

Music Update

We are looking to invite children that learn a musical instrument in either school or privately to perform in a short concert on **Wednesday 11th December at 6.00pm**. Please can those that want to take part email Mrs Cunningham via the office by next Friday.



The choir has also been invited to sing carols to members of our local community:

Year 3 and Year 5 **Memorial Hall** **Friday 6th December** **10.30 – 11am**

Year 4 and 6 **Montague Care Home** **Tuesday 17th December** **10.30 – 11am**

Any parents/carers able to help escort the children on these dates are very welcome. Please email Mrs Cunningham via the office by next Friday.

Finally, the choir is working hard in preparation for Young Voices next term. Please can children make sure they are ready for choir each Thursday at 8.15am ready to begin at 8.20am. Further Young Voices information will be sent out in due course. T-shirts have arrived and will be distributed in the new year.



Vacancies

We will shortly be advertising for Midday Supervisors to start after Christmas. Please look out on the school website for further details soon.

Cambridgeshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The Cambridgeshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme offers free holiday scheme places. It runs during the 2024 Easter, Summer, and Christmas school holidays. Eligible primary and secondary school children and young people can attend. The Department for Education funds the HAF Programme.

The next HAF Programme will run during the Christmas school holidays from 23 December 2024. Registered holiday schemes will offer up to 16 hours of free attendance for eligible children and young people. A range of fun experiences, a healthy meal and snacks will be offered.

See full details of the HAF Programme and information on eligibility [here](#).

Contact the Cambridgeshire HAF team HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

PTA News

We're into full Christmas swing now so don't forget:

Next Friday (29th Nov) is our **Wreath Making Workshop** and with gold, silver and bronze pine cones at the ready and Holly, Ivy and Conifer foliage collected, the Wreaths are going to look great (plus your £30 raises funds for both the school and the local Netball club) - **Final chance to get your tickets** at:

<https://brampton-pta.sumupstore.com/product/wreath-night-ticket-school-ticket>



On Sunday 1st Dec, we are supporting the Huntingdon Round Table with their Santa Round (and in addition to being festive, we receive a share of the collection). There are two rounds with the first meeting at the Lady Olivia Centre at 4pm and running to the Green and the second leaving the Green at 6pm before finishing at Howitt Close. If you can volunteer and help at either or both, let us know at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CADA82AA2FB6-53394985-2024>



What's On Next Week:

Monday 25th November

Tuesday 26th November

Wednesday 27th November

Thursday 28th November

Friday 29th November

Y5/Y6 NFL club 3.30 – 4.15pm

Y3 Author Visit

Y2 Victorian Day

Choir 8.20am

JS Sports KS1 Multi-sports 3:20 – 4:20pm

Y5 Football club 3.30 – 4.15pm

JS Sports Dodgeball 3:20 – 4:20pm

Please look out for the following leaflet that has been sent home today.

