



Brampton Village Primary School

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# Newsletter

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## Headteacher's notes...

It does not seem possible that we have arrived at half term already. I hope that you have found this week's Parent Consultations useful and informative and enjoyed looking at the work your children have completed. There have been many successes to celebrate once again and we enjoyed this week's Assembly led by 2W where they shared some of their work. Year 6 children have also had a good day at Huntingdon Racecourse where they took part in some Maths challenges.

We have many things to look forward to after half term. Next week we are hoping to have a canopy installed in the KS2 playground, thanks to the fundraising by the PTA. We have also received a donation from the Brampton Thrift Shop which we are very grateful for.

I hope you all have a good half term break. The children return on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**.

## Safer Internet Day

As you are probably aware Tuesday was *Safer Internet Day* and the children have been doing various activities connected with this. One of these has been a questionnaire and it is clear that many children have access to a variety of devices that connect to the internet. Most are aware of rules they have at home and what to do if they are unsure about what they see or hear but there are also quite a number who claim to spend a large amount of time playing games or on social media.



One of the games that the children play is Roblox. This has become one of the most popular games for children aged between 5-10 and we have been made aware of circumstances in other schools where children have received 'in game' messages from strangers which have not been appropriate.

We recognise that it is not always easy but we would encourage all parents/carers to keep talking about how to stay safe and to be aware of what children are doing and who they are online with.

## Year 3 and Year 4 Spring Performance

Booking details for the performances, which are on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** and **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**, have been emailed to you today. The booking system opens on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018** at **7.15pm**.

## Come to Learn

We are going to be running some sessions called 'Come to Learn' on selected dates in March (6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>). Each year group will be offering two of these dates and they will be opportunities to visit your child's classroom and work alongside them to see how we develop their skills and knowledge in either Maths or Literacy. More details will be sent home after half term as the sessions will need to be booked in advance.

## Parking

In response to the item in last week's Newsletter we have received the following information about how to encourage more children to develop their confidence when cycling.

"Go-ride" is a cycling initiative thought up by British Cycling to encourage bike skills for youngsters to encourage them to ride more and get involved with the sport. St Ives Cycling Club operates "go-ride" sessions during term times for children that can already ride. More details can be found at [www.stivescycling.org.uk/go-ride](http://www.stivescycling.org.uk/go-ride).

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*Enjoying*

*Achieving*

## Parent Governor Elections

Following a re-organisation of the Governing Body we are delighted to welcome Mrs Emma Spencer and Mrs Sarah Parsons as Parent Governors.

Please do not forget that if you have any general questions or suggestions please email [governorquestions@brampton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:governorquestions@brampton.cambs.sch.uk) .

## Yr5/6 Cross Country Club

Mr Whitehouse is looking for parent volunteers to help with the Yr 5/6 cross country club. It is planned to run on **Thursdays** from **3.30pm** to **4.15pm** on **22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> March** and **22<sup>nd</sup> March**.

## Orchestra

Orchestra will start again after half term.

## Respect Poster Competition

Don't forget entries for the Respect poster need to be sent to Mrs Hammond by **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**. These can either be paper copies, or if completed on a computer, can be emailed to [shammond@brampton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:shammond@brampton.cambs.sch.uk).

## Supporting Children with Mental Health

You are probably aware that the issue of children's mental health has been in the news recently. At a time when resources are very limited we try to support children as best we can and we are often asked about other agencies who can advise and support. We have made two leaflets available on our website under the 'Parents' tab which we hope you will find useful (Supporting Children With Mental Health).

## PTA News

CAKE FRIDAY - Thank you to everyone that helped on the day. We had a very successful turn out and raised £234 which will help towards school class trips. Again another massive thank you.

MOVIE NIGHT - This will be taking place on **9<sup>th</sup> March**. More details to follow.

NEXT MEETING – **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm**.

If you are able to help or have any comments or feedback or would like further information about the PTA please contact [BramptonPTA@outlook.com](mailto:BramptonPTA@outlook.com)

For those of you that are new to Brampton Village Primary School the PTA raises funds for the school to help with the cost of items the school may need. We are always looking for help to run events smoothly and would appreciate any time that you can give even if it is only for half an hour.

PTA Team

## What's On After Half Term:

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Art Club Y3/4 Handchimes – lunchtime
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Amy's Acro Year 6 football and girls' football
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	French Club Yr 6 Tag Rugby Dance Club
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Choir Y5/6 Handchimes - lunchtime Drama Club Y5/6 Cross Country Club
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Orchestra Y3 swimming