



Brampton Village Primary School

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Newsletter

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Headteacher's notes...

As we break up today I would like to say on behalf of everyone at the school a big thank you for all your help and support this year. It is always much appreciated and we have enjoyed reading all the positive comments on the report slips that have been returned. Thank you also to all the staff and Governors for everything that they have done – we are fortunate to have such a dedicated and committed team.

We celebrated with our Year 6 children at their Leaver's Evening on Wednesday. There have been many things to celebrate this year and we are extremely proud to see how all the children have developed and how prepared our Year 6 leavers are for the next stage of their education. We wish them and any other children who are leaving us every success for the future.

We have also said goodbye to Mrs Cole and Miss Lee who are leaving to do other things. We wish them all the best and thank them for all they have done over many years at the school. We also send our best wishes and congratulations to Miss Stradling who is getting married over the summer and will become Mrs Clipsham.



Well done to our Year 6 footballers who played Hartford Junior School in the cup final on Thursday. After a tense match which ended 1:1 at the end of extra time we had a penalty shootout which Brampton won. Congratulations to the whole team who were a credit to the school once again in the way that they played. Thank you to those who have been running the teams all year and to all those who have supported the children.



Parent Survey

Always very happy with the school as a whole.

The school has a lovely ethos.

Great school. Brilliant staff who clearly work really hard. My children are very happy and eager to go to school everyday. Thank you.

I think the school is a fantastic environment and feel lucky that my child gets to attend such a good school.

Once again many thanks to those of you who were able to complete the recent Parent Survey. We received 37 responses to the questions and 22 comments. The Governing Body looked at all the answers at their meeting last week and I know that everyone at the school takes the views of all parents seriously. We greatly appreciate the support that we receive and are pleased that the overwhelming response showed that you have very positive feelings about the school, and that you feel your children are happy and making good progress in a caring environment.

Whilst we continue to celebrate the many positives, there are, as we expected, some areas where we could look to improve further which we will see how we can address over the coming year.

When Governors met they also discussed the value of educational visits and how they enrich the curriculum for the children. Unfortunately we have had to cancel two trips this year due to a shortfall in donations but we are committed to doing what we can, within reason, to ensure that this does not happen unless absolutely necessary. We are very fortunate that the PTA kindly provide money to subsidise school trips for each class which is used to reduce the costs equally for all participants and Governors will be meeting again to look at ways that all trips can be supported when necessary.

Learning

Enjoying

Achieving

E Safety Advice

The latest advice that has been issued by The National Online Safety Team is about Snapchat. It has been sent home and is also available under the e safety tab on the school website.



Attendance

At their recent meeting Governors agreed that as of September we will be following the school policy in relation to unauthorised non-school attendance as per the guidance issued by the Local Authority and the Law. Any unauthorised leave of absence could result in a Penalty Notice fine being issued.

As parent(s) it is your legal responsibility, as stated under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996, to ensure that your child of compulsory school age attends the school at which he/she is registered, regularly and punctually. If a child fails to attend regularly at the school, his/her parent is guilty of an offence under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

Confirmation of medical / dental appointments may also be requested. Further information will be sent home in September.

Lost Property

We do not intend to keep lost property next year as we are no longer able to store it. Named items will be returned to the children so please ensure that new uniform is clearly named in September.

Funding

We have been asked to publicise the following message from the Local Authority as any support you can give would be much appreciated.

Before the summer holidays please help to spread the word to staff, parents and others who care about education and schools in Cambridgeshire and encourage them to sign the petition calling for fair funding.

So far almost 800 people from across Cambridgeshire have signed the petition with South East Cambridgeshire (nearly 300 signatures) and Cambridge (more than 220) leading the way. Cambridgeshire is one of the worst funded education authorities in England. The County receives £400 less per child than the average funded authority and £1600 less per child than Westminster.

Please sign the petition before 1st August <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/211156>

Brampton Kids Club Summer Holiday Club

Brampton Kids Club will be open in the school holidays between **Monday 6th August** and **Tuesday 4th September 2018**. To book your child's place, please take a booking form from the rack outside the school office or download it from the school website.

PTA News

Thank you to everyone who has helped us raise funds for our school this year and to all the volunteers who came and helped at our many events. We hope to raise further funds for our school and for our children in the future and for this we will be asking for your support again. Have a lovely 6 week holiday break and we shall see you in September.

PTA VACANCIES - For the next term we have the following vacancies within the PTA team: Chair and Secretary. If you would like to know more or interested in applying then details are on the school website. Or you can come to speak to us directly and we can give you details.

AGM MEETING- **25th September at 7.30pm**. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone for one of the above positions, leaflets will be going out the first week back to school.

GDPR - Following the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation within the school, as part of the PTA your email is on a mailing list. We are planning to clear this and now ask if you wish to receive information from PTA, such as minutes, agendas and notifications of help that is needed for events then please send your email to bramptonpta@outlook.com.

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

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

Community News

Ever wondered what happens to your recycling? - Why not visit the Recycling Centre to find out, have a tour and create some recycling fun craft! It is free! Children must be 6 years or over and accompanied by an adult.

Where: Amey Waterbeach Waste Management Centre.

When: Family Fun days are 10th, 16th, 17th, 21st, 29th, 31st August 10am - 12.

To book your place: 01223 815490 or email wasteeducation@amey.co.uk. Mention Brampton Primary School and we will get a free compost bin for the school!

Huntingdon Tennis Club are running tennis camps over the summer holidays. Please pick up a leaflet from outside the school office or visit www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/huntingdонтennisclub/coaching/camps for more details.



We hope you have a great summer and look forward to seeing you in September – the children return on Wednesday 5th September.

2018/2019 term dates

Autumn term 2018

Tuesday 4 th September	Professional Day
Wednesday 5 th September	Children return
22 nd October – 26 th October	Half term
Wednesday 19 th December	Last day of term

Spring term 2019

Thursday 3 rd January	Professional Day
Friday 4 th January	Professional Day
Monday 7 th January	Children return
18 th February – 22 nd February	Half term
Friday 5 th April	Last day of term

Summer term

Tuesday 23 rd April	Professional Day
Monday 6 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
27 th May – 31 st May	Half term
Monday 3 rd June	Professional Day
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term