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Newsletter

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Headteacher's notes...

We have reached half term already and it has been a very busy few weeks and there have been many things to celebrate with the children. I know that the teachers have enjoyed meeting you at the Parent Consultations to talk about the children's successes and I hope that you have found them useful and informative as always. Children in Year 3 and Year 4 looked fantastic in their Roman costumes on Tuesday and seemed to really enjoy their marching activities! They have also had a visit today from a member of the Muslim community talking about their faith as part of their RE topic.

We wish you all a good half term and we return as usual on **Monday 29th October**.

Come to Learn

Please make sure that you have received the letter about our 'Come to Learn' sessions in November when we will be having a Literacy focus.

Operation Christmas Child

Details about this were sent home earlier in the week. There is also a link to further information on the front page of the school website. We will start collecting the boxes at the beginning of November.



Parent Drop In

Our Family Worker is holding another 'drop in' for parents on **Wednesday 5th December, 9.00 – 9.30am**. As well as the drop-ins, from 9.00- 9.30am, there is also the offer of 1:1 appointments from 9.30 to 10.30am. To book these please contact Kayleigh on 07741 830017 or email Kayleigh.Fry@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. The Family Worker is available to work and support parents with any issues at home, including sibling rivalry, school refusal and general behaviour.

School Attendance

We recognise and appreciate the support that we receive from parents regarding attendance but a number of issues have arisen since September and we would like to clarify our procedures. The Governors agreed that we would fully adhere to County Policy, which means that requests for leave of absence will only be approved in very exceptional circumstances and any unauthorised leave of absence may result in a Penalty Notice fine being issued.

We continue to receive requests for authorised absence during term time. Parents have a legal responsibility, as stated under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996, to ensure that any child of compulsory school age attends the school at which they are registered, regularly and punctually. Along with all schools we expect attendance to be 100%, unless there are exceptional or unavoidable reasons for absence, which would then be authorised.

The doors open at 8.45am and close when the bells ring at 8.55am which is when school starts. If a child arrives after this time they should come to the main office.

Children arriving late on a regular basis is also becoming more common. Sometimes there are very good reasons for a child arriving late but repeated unauthorised absence due to lateness meets the criteria to issue a fine in the same manner as general unauthorised absence from school.

If there are specific concerns or issues please contact the school as early as possible so that any support or advice can be offered.

West Stow Visit

We are pleased to be able to confirm that this trip for Y3 and Y4 will be going ahead.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Please remember to apply as soon as possible as the closing date is **31st October 2018**. The best way to apply is online but if you have any queries, please come to the school office.

Anti Bullying Week – 12th November – 16th November



This year's anti bullying week begins on **Monday 12th November**. The theme this year is 'Choice'. Over the course of the week, we will be exploring how we have a choice about our actions, the words we use, how we make others feel and how we choose to respond if we see something happen that is unkind.

We are asking the children to wear brightly coloured odd socks on **Monday 12th November** to show their support for anti bullying week.

Children in Need 2018 – Friday 16th November

Mrs Hammond has met with the school council to discuss ideas for this year's dressing up theme. The representatives will be visiting their classes on today to allow children to vote for their preferred option.

The decision of this year's dressing up theme will be shared on **Friday 2nd November**.

In addition to dressing up, children will have the opportunity to enter a 'Create Your Own Pudsey' competition. It will cost 20p to enter. Entries need to be sent into school on **Friday 16th November**.

If you have any questions about anti bullying week or the school council, please speak to Mrs. Hammond.



Parking

Please can we remind everyone once again to park with consideration for our neighbours and other road users. We have received a number of calls from residents about being unable to access or leave their own driveways. Thank you.

Brampton Kids Club Half Term Holiday Club

Brampton Kids Club will be open in the school holidays between **Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October, 8am until 6pm**. 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

Hello everyone, your child should have had a 'Bag2School' bag in their book bag. Please fill with old clothes over the half term and drop off outside the school on **Tuesday 30th October** before **9.00am**. Every bag we fill raises money for the school so please get sorting; you can fill extra bags of any kind so please don't stop at one!

We are starting to plan for the Christmas Fair and will be needing lots of raffle prizes; please think if you have any connections that may be able to donate a raffle prize? Employers, family, friends and business associates have all donated prizes in the past so please ask anyone you know that may be able to help us; alternatively, pass us an email or contact number and we can approach them. We also need people to approach local Brampton businesses but please get in touch with us first as we don't want them to be asked more than once! If you would like to join the Christmas Fair team then please email us on bramptonpta@outlook.com to get involved.

Our next meeting is today, **Friday 19th October** at **2pm** (meet outside the office). Please come along and give us your ideas/feedback, see what we do and how you could help; we always need volunteers at both events and behind the scenes; if you can't make meetings then get in touch through email as there plenty to do behind the scenes.

Thanks

PTA team

What's On After half Term:

Monday 29 th Oct	Art Club Yrs 1-4 Football Club
Tuesday 30 th Oct	Amy's Acro Y3-6 Wildcats Girls' Football Y5 Boys' Football match v Middlefield
Wednesday 31 st Oct	Tag Rugby
Thursday 1 st Nov	Choir KS1 trip to Warwick Castle Drama Club Yrs 1-4 MultiSkills Sports Club
Friday 2 nd Nov	Orchestra