



Brampton Village Primary School

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Newsletter

Autumn Term

Letter 1

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Headteacher's notes...

A warm welcome back to everyone for this new term and school year, especially to all those children and staff who have joined us for the first time. I hope that everyone was able to have a good summer break and is ready for everything that lies ahead. The children have all come back eager and looking very smart in their uniforms. Please help us by making sure that everything is named as we accumulated a lot of lost property last year which went unclaimed.

As always this is our regular Newsletter which is sent out every Friday. We have an exciting term to look forward to and there are some dates for your diary at the end of this letter which are also available on the school website. Class Letters will be sent home next week to let you know what your child is studying this term.

With a change in structure and classes there will be a time of transition as we get new routines established so thank you in advance for your patience.

PPA Time

You will be aware that teachers are entitled, each week, to PPA time, which is an allocated half day for planning, preparation and assessment. This will continue to be covered by Mr Steward, Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Cole, who are trained Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs) as well as Mrs Crozier and Mrs Cunningham will also continue with Music teaching. All of them know the children and the school very well and do an excellent job of maintaining continuity in the children's learning. This year we are also joined by Mr Partridge, Mr Puckey and Mr Goddard from Primary Sports Stars. They will be delivering PE sessions so it is important the all children have the correct kit in school at all times.



Meet the Teacher

We are inviting you to an early opportunity in the school year for you to meet your child's new teacher and hear about the work they will be doing, as well as the chance to ask questions. The sessions will be held on **Tuesday 18th September** at **3.30pm and 5.30pm**. Each presentation will last between 20 and 30 minutes and will be made available on the website for those unable to make these sessions. Younger siblings are the responsibility of parents and should not be left unsupervised.

Our SENCO, Mrs Pettitt, is happy to be contacted via the school office.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for a Senior Midday Supervisor as well as other Midday Supervisors. If you are interested and would like further details please ask at the office. It is essential that we have enough Midday staff in order to make sure that the children are as well looked after as possible.

Communication

We value the strong partnership that we have with you as parents and carers and all the staff work hard to maintain good working relationships and treat everyone with courtesy and respect. There are, however, occasions when a parent may have concerns about their child's education or about something that has happened in school. It is important that any concerns are raised in an appropriate manner treating the school staff with the same courtesy and respect that they will give to you. We will soon be sending home a protocol which is to be used if concerns are raised.

We are aware of a number of Facebook pages that have been set up by different year groups to help communication. These are independent of the school and should not be used to raise concerns or post images of children or inappropriate comments.



There are several important reminders at the start of the new school year to help everyone. Thank you for your co-operation.

- School Uniform** At the start of the new school year we will once again be reinforcing our expectations regarding the wearing of school uniform, including appropriate shoes and PE kits. The only jewellery to be worn are watches and ear rings (studs) but these must be removed for PE. It is important that the children have PE kits in school.
- Lost Property** We are no longer able to store lost property so please make sure that **all** belongings are named so that they can be returned to their owner. Items that do not have any name will only be kept for a very short period before being passed onto the PTA or disposed of.
- The School Day** The gates are not unlocked before 8.30am with the doors opening at 8.45am and closing at 8.55am. If a child arrives after this time they should come to the main office. Please do not use the 'short cut' access to the school through the main Reception door by the office.
- In the morning any urgent messages should be passed onto staff in the office rather than the teacher who will be looking after their class. A note or email can always be sent into school office (office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk) if needed. There is always a member of staff on duty at the doors for Reception and KS1 who can take any messages.
- Car Parks** The car parks are for members of staff and not to be used for dropping off or collecting children. Please do not walk through the car parks when dropping off/collecting children.
- Parking** Please park with consideration for the children, other road users and local residents. Parking remains an issue but we need everyone to be patient and to be prepared to walk a little further. We encourage biking, scootering and walking to school. Bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the premises.
- Dogs** Dogs must not be brought onto the premises.
- Avoiding Nuts** We have a number of children in school with nut allergies. Please could you avoid sending nuts into school as a snack in their packed lunches.
- Contact Details** Please remember to let the school know of any changes in contact details as soon as possible. They are updated on our system as soon as we receive them and it is important in case we have to contact you in an emergency.
- Sickness/Diarrhoea** Children should be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.
- Water Bottles** The children should bring a named water bottle to school each day, containing still water only and not juice or flavoured water please.
- Absence** Please contact the school office by either telephone (01480 375063) or email (office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk) before 9.15am on each day of your child's absence.
- Collecting children** Please can Reception and Key Stage 1 parents/carers wait on the playground and not on the path so that the teachers can see you more easily and ensure that the children are safe.

Music Clubs

Choir starts back on **Thursday 13th September 2018**.

Orchestra will start **Friday 21st September 2018**.

Amy's Acro

Amy's Acro starts on **Tuesday 11th September** and runs until **Tuesday 4th December**. Details for the club can be found on the school website or on the rack outside the school office.

PTA NEWS

Welcome back to this new school term. Hopefully all the children are settling in well. We look forward to a new term and raising the funds for the school.

PTA Annual General Meeting – 7.30pm, Tuesday 25th September – (to be confirmed)

FUTURE DATES/EVENTS - Details will be released shortly.

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

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



Dates

Please keep an eye on the dates each week in case of any changes.

Provisional Dates for Autumn Term			
September	14 th	Class Letters Home	
	17 th	Reception in full time	
	18 th	Meet the Teacher	3.30pm and 5.30pm
	19 th	School photos	
	27 th	Harvest Festival	
October	8 th	Resources Committee	
	9 th	Y5/Y6 to Stibbington	
	10 th	Y5/Y6 to Stibbington	
	11 th	Learning and Inclusion Committee Governing Body meeting	
	17 th	Parent Consultations	3.30 – 7.00pm
	18 th	Parent Consultations	3.30 – 6.00pm
November	1 st	Y1/Y2 visit to Warwick Castle	
	w/b 5 th	Parents 'Come to Learn' week	
	7 th	6B Class Assembly	9.15am
	8 th	Y3/Y4 visit to West Stow	
	9 th	Y3/Y4 visit to West Stow	
	w/b 12 th	Parents 'Come to Learn' week	
	14 th	Open Morning for new Reception parents	
	16 th	Y3/Y4 Bikeability	
	21 st	5M Class Assembly	9.15am
	28 th	6W Class Assembly	9.15am
29 th	Governing Body meeting		
December	4 th	YR Production (to be confirmed)	2.00pm
	5 th	YR Production (to be confirmed)	2.00pm
	7 th	Non Uniform Day Christmas Dinner PTA Christmas Fair	
	11 th	KS1 Production (to be confirmed)	2.00pm
	12 th	KS1 Production (to be confirmed)	2.00pm
	14 th	Brambles Assembly	11.00am
	17 th	YR visit to Chapel Key Stage 1 Carol Service Key Stage 2 Carol Service	
	19 th	Last day of term	