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# Newsletter

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## Headteacher's notes...

We had a very successful and enjoyable Harvest Festival celebration yesterday which was led by Rev Jason. I'm sure that many of you will have heard about the doughnuts! As you can see from the photograph we had a fantastic amount of donations which were collected by the Godmanchester Foodbank after school. Thank you for everything that was sent in.



Thank you to everyone who came along to the PTA AGM which took place earlier in the week. A new Committee was elected and plans are being put in place to raise lots of money. Thank you to everyone who works so hard to support the school.

## Parent Drop In

Our Family Worker, Zoe Hope, is holding a 'drop in' for parents on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** from **9.00am - 10.00am**. A poster has been sent home.

## Year 6 Secondary School Applications

All our Year 6 pupils took home a letter giving instructions on how to apply for their Secondary School place. Please apply as soon as possible because the closing date is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2018**. The best way to apply is online but if you have any queries, please come to the school office.

## Y5 and Y6 Choir trip to Young Voices in Birmingham Thursday 24th January 2019

I am pleased to say that all the children who have returned a slip for Young Voices have secured a place on the choir trip - 56 children in total. Tickets will be available to purchase (£20.50 each) from Monday and need to be ordered before **Friday 12th October**.



**No tickets will be available to purchase through school after this date.**

**Children in the choir do not require a ticket.**

**Children's coach payment and the T shirts order will be added at a later date.**

If you have any queries about the trip please email Mrs Crozier directly [kcrozier@brampton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:kcrozier@brampton.cambs.sch.uk)

## Parent Consultations

These are being held on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October** and **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October** and booking will be through our electronic sign-up system which will become 'live' on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October** at **7.00pm**. Please can you check that you can log on before this although it will show that bookings are currently locked. Please contact the school office as soon as possible if there is a problem with this or any other issue.

The website you need is: <https://bramptonvillage.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/> and there is a link to this on the front page of the school website. A guide is available at [http://www.brampton.cambs.sch.uk/website/parent\\_consultations/304481](http://www.brampton.cambs.sch.uk/website/parent_consultations/304481).

## Music Concert

There will be a concert for KS2 musicians on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** at **6.00pm**. More details to follow.

## Year3-6 String Ensemble

The String Ensemble meet Thursday lunchtimes at 12.40pm, all violin and cello students in Years 3-6 are invited.

### **Brampton Kids Club Half Term Holiday Club**

Brampton Kids Club will be open in the school holidays between **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Headlice**

There have been some reported cases of headlice once again. Please help us by checking your child's hair regularly and treating as appropriate.

### **School Photographs**

Proofs of photographs have been sent home. Orders can be placed online or the completed orders can be returned to the school using the blue self-seal bag. If you are ordering sibling photos, please write one of your children's names on the order form. If you are placing your order via the school, these should be returned by **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018.** After this date we will be unable to accept them and you will have to place orders online which may attract a delivery fee.

### **Residential Visits**

Please note that the deadline for parents to pay the deposit for the residential trips next year is **30<sup>th</sup> September.** Reminders were sent home earlier this week.

### **Funding Campaign**

You will be aware of the march in London today that has been organised by the 'Worthless?' campaign. This is being attended by 1000 Headteachers, some of whom are from Cambridgeshire and they are marching in protest at the challenges that schools up and down the country are facing. A mixture of rising costs and stresses on other support services has meant that for many years we have been asked "to do more with less". The letter to parents from 'Worthless?' states:



*Under a challenging period of austerity for the Government we understand that there is not a bottomless pit of money. Accordingly, schools have played their part to work even harder and with greater efficiency on behalf of the children and families that we serve.*

*It is clear to all Headteachers, however, that matters are unsustainable. Frequently, we do not have enough money to meet the demands placed on our schools. On the ground, services and resources are cut to the bone and class sizes are increasing. At times, schools are even having to prop up our budgets with monies that should be targeted at those students from the most disadvantaged backgrounds, or those that have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.*

*Under the umbrella of the campaign group 'Worth Less?', Headteachers have shone a light on the funding difficulties that we are facing. We acknowledge that the Government should be given credit for introducing a new National Funding Formula. Unfortunately, however, the formula itself is not adequately resourced/funded and therefore our budgets remain in an unacceptably poor state.*

*The support that we have enjoyed from parents and carers has been very welcome and we will continue to update you on all of our forthcoming actions. We are determined to campaign until a much better and fairer settlement is reached in order to support your child/children and the future prosperity of the country as a whole.*

### **PTA NEWS**

After our AGM on Tuesday, we are delighted to announce that Pete Robbins along with Victor Sacks will be joint Chair and Roxanne Pitteway will be joining us as secretary. MARRISA HARRIS will remain as Treasurer, but we will be needing a treasurer for next year as MARRISA has decided this will be her last.

The PTA will be looking for ideas as well as volunteers to come up with some fundraising activities and to help us with those we already have in the diary. We are for example, looking for our business owners, businesses in Brampton and Huntingdon who can sponsor our trips and experiences to ensure our children do not miss out on such events and might lead to the cessation of voluntary contributions for these trips, but that will only happen with parent/carer support.

Our first event is Cake Friday on 5<sup>th</sup> October with Years 3 and 4 doing the making and baking. For those new to the school, we do this 2 - 3 times a year, inviting a year once, to make cakes which are sold to pupils after school and funds received are then used by the PTA to help towards school trips, etc.

We will need some of you to come and help us set up, take money and clear away, so 'sign up Genie' will be available online, or feel free to come along to help us. As ever, we can't do anything without you and we look forward to a bumper year ahead.

Thank you so much  
The PTA Committee

**What's On Next Week:**

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Art Club Yrs 1-4 Football Club
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amy's Acro Y3-6 Wildcats Girls' Football Y6 Boys' Football
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tag Rugby
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Choir Drama Club Yrs 1-4 MultiSkills Sports Club
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Orchestra Cake Friday