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## Headteacher's notes...

We have held 'Open Classrooms' for the first time this term and the feedback has been very positive. I hope that those of you who were able to attend enjoyed having the opportunity to share work with your children and to see how hard they have all been working. Next week Parent Consultations are taking place on Wednesday and Thursday. There are still spaces available and I would encourage everyone to sign and attend if possible. Please note that some clubs may not run next week.

Well done to the children in Upper Elm who shared some of their work with us during Assembly this week. Next week it is the turn of Upper Cedar when parents are welcome to join us at **9.15am on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** in the KS1 Hall.



Yesterday we had a visit from Jonathan Lewis who is the Service Director for Education in Cambridgeshire. He learnt much about the school and could see for himself how well the children were working and their behaviour which he called 'impeccable'. We were able to share our successes as well as our challenges and opportunities for the future.

We are very fortunate that we have a team of Governors who are all committed to ensuring the best for the whole school community. At our meeting last night they again expressed their wish to be able to address genuine concerns that parents may have. Please do not forget that questions or comments can be sent to [governorquestions@brampton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:governorquestions@brampton.cambs.sch.uk).

## School Email

Due to changes taking place in Cambridgeshire schools this term our email will not be working on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February. We expect things to be back to normal on Friday but we will post a message on the website with further updates. Please call the school to report any pupil absence on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**.



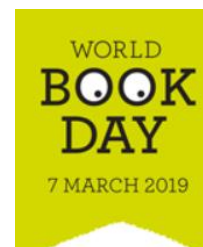
## World Book Day

A reminder that World Book Day is on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** and we will be having the Scholastic Book Fair after school in the KS1 hall from **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** and until **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**.

The children are enjoying reading the hundreds of new books that have been purchased with the money raised from last year's World Book Day Readathon! Thank you again for your support of this.

This year to celebrate World Book day, in addition to dressing up as their favourite book character, we are going to have a competition to see how many Brampton / AR books can be found at home: hiding under beds; loitering on book shelves; at the back of the coat cupboard etc!

Donated books will also count in the final tally, so if you're planning a half-term book cull, we would be very happy to benefit from any books that your child has outgrown!



## Term Dates

The term dates for 2019-2020 have now been set and are available at the bottom of this letter. A copy has also been put on the school website.

## Parent Drop In

Our Family Worker is holding another 'drop in' for parents on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 9.00 – 10.30am**. If you would prefer a 1:1 appointment then please contact Kayleigh on 07741 830017 or email [Kayleigh.Fry@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Kayleigh.Fry@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) to book these. The Family Worker is available to work and support parents with any issues at home, including sibling rivalry, school refusal and general behaviour.

## Vacancies

There are vacancies for two full time Midday Supervisors to start after the February half term. Application forms are available from the school office or can be downloaded from the school website.

## Year 6

There will be a meeting about this year's KS2 SATs for all parents of children in Year 6 on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**, at **5.30pm**.

## Years 5/6 Boys' Football

There will be no Yrs 5/6 boys' football after school until **5<sup>th</sup> March** when it will recommence with Yr 5.

## Tag Rugby

Tag Rugby is cancelled next week.

## Music News

Please note that there is no orchestra on the following dates this term:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

There is no choir on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March.



## Pupil Absence

Just a reminder about our new email address which has been set up to report all pupil absence. Please remember to use [pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk) when reporting sickness or other absences (except 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February).

There have been a number of children off with various illnesses this term. Please make sure that your child is well enough to be in school and note that our policy is that children should be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode of any sickness or diarrhoea. We do implement this as it is in everyone's interests that children and staff stay fit and healthy – thank you for your support with this.

There have been some cases of both headlice and threadworm reported in Reception which can both spread very easily. Further advice and information is available from <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>.

## Reception Classes- REMINDER!

Superhero Dressing Up Day next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February- please come dressed either as a hero from the community e.g. doctor, dentist , a fictional Superhero or one of your own!.



## Writing Competition

As you may already be aware: BBC Radio 2 have launched their annual 500 words writing competition, and we want to encourage as many of our pupils to enter this competition as possible!

It is a great opportunity for them to show off their creativity in story writing. Indeed, the website states that the competition celebrates imagination and creativity - not spelling and grammar - so all children of all abilities are invited to enter.

We will be sharing more details with the children next week, but feel free to explore with your child:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/50pnqLfDywb9CFxjNvth5l0/about-500-words>.



## Brampton Kids Club Half Term Holiday Club

Brampton Kids Club will be open in the school holidays between **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019, 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

Hi all, you will have had a flyer for the Curry and Quiz night on the 8<sup>th</sup> March in your child's book bag this week. Please come along and support the school; we're hoping to make it a really fun event, chicken or vegetable curry is included, bring your own drink! If you want to get a team together beforehand that's great, if you don't have a team we can make teams on the night.

Funds raised through the PTA have funded the upcoming KS1 trip to the Amey Waste Management Park, which is great. Please help us raise more by supporting events. Many thanks, PTA team

## Activities During Half Term

One Leisure have various activities during the half term holidays, please check the school website for more information.

### What's On Next Week:

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Art Club Y1,2,3,4 Football Club NFL Flag Football Club – Year 5/6
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Amy's Acro Netball
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Upper Cedar Assembly 9.15am Handchimes (lunchtime) Y1,2,3,4 Multiskills Club Parent Consultations 3.30 – 7.00pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Choir String Group (lunchtimes) Y3,4,5,6 Dodgeball Parent Consultations 3.30 – 6.00pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 swimming Drama Club

### Term Dates 2019-2020

Professional Day	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	staff training
Professional Day	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	staff training
Autumn term begins	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	children return
Autumn half term	21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> October	
Autumn term ends	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	
Professional Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	staff training
Spring term begins	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	children return
Spring half term	17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February	
Spring term continues	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	
Spring Term ends	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	
Professional Day	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	staff training
Summer term begins	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	children return
Summer half term	25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	
Summer term ends	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	
Professional Day	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	staff training