



Brampton Village Primary School

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Newsletter

Spring Term Letter 2

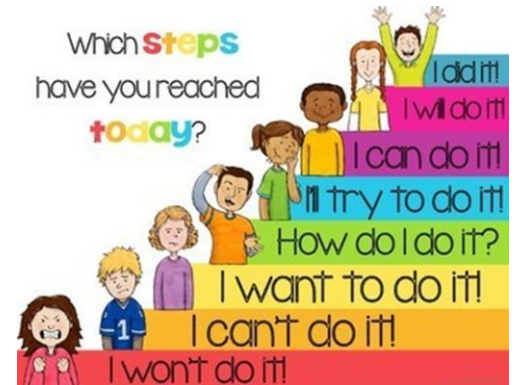
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Headteacher's notes...

Since we returned last week we have been thinking about what we can do to make a positive difference, both in the classroom and around the school. There have been a number of 'Headteacher Stickers' awarded already this term for some excellent work and it is great when the children are able to share their successes in this way. We have also thought about how we can improve lunchtime and our 'Dining Hall Volunteers' do a wonderful job of helping. The Governors met with Senior Leaders yesterday to look at the many strengths of the school and how we can all work together to make it even better. There are occasionally comments, either in the Press or on social media, that are not always positive but these do not truly reflect what goes on each day in and around the school. Your contribution as parents is valued as always and thank you for your continued support.



Class Assemblies start again next week with Middle Beech who will be sharing their work on **Wednesday 23rd January**, starting at **9.15am** in KS1 Hall. Our choir will also be taking part in the Young Voices concert next Thursday in Birmingham and I know that they are very excited!

Pupil Absence

We have set up a new email address for all pupil absence. Please use pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk when reporting sickness or other absences from next week. You will receive an automated response acknowledging receipt of your message.

Concert dates

The dates and times for the Y3 and Y4 Spring Term concert have now been confirmed. They are:

Monday 25 th March	2.15pm
Tuesday 26 th March	6.00pm
Wednesday 27 th March	2.15pm

Parent Consultations

These are being held on **Wednesday 13th February** and **Thursday 14th February** and booking will be through our electronic sign-up system which will become 'live' on **Wednesday 23rd January** at **7.15pm**. It may be worth checking that you can log on before this although bookings will be 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/>.

On **Tuesday 5th February** we will be having 'Open Classrooms'. These will start after school and will finish at 5.00pm and are an opportunity for you to come with your children to look at their work before Parent Consultations the following week.

Parent Drop In

Our Family Worker is holding another 'drop in' for parents on **Wednesday 27th 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 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.

Vacancy

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Miss Vicki in Brambles who will be leaving at half term. This means that we have a vacancy for a Pre-School Assistant, working for 14 hours a week. The post is to start after the February half term and application forms are available from the school office or can be downloaded from the school website.

Term Dates 2019-2020

Term dates for the next academic year will be agreed by Governors at their meeting in February along with additional training days for staff.

Adverse Weather

We would just like to remind you of the following guidance should we have to make the decision to close the school for any reason. We will always endeavour to stay open but if we have to close, the decision will be made as soon as possible. For information about any possible emergency school closure, please tune in to BBC Radio Cambridgeshire or Heart FM. As well as messages via In Touch, information should also be placed on our website and the Cambridgeshire County Council website: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-&-learning/school-term-dates-&-closures/school-closures/>.

There should be a link to this page from the front page of www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk on bad weather days or it can be accessed by searching for 'Cambridge School Closure'.

Online Safety Concerns

Some of our children have been discussing playing online games such as Fortnite, which concern us. Our concerns are around:

- contact with unknown people online;
- unsuitable content for the age group;
- ability to share personal data;
- in-game purchases with real money.

Fortnite is an online game, Battle Royale is a part of Fortnite where players do not have to pay to play. 100 players compete against each other to be the last person standing in player vs player combat. Users are playing against people of different ages from across the world and Fortnite has in game audio chat, so that players can talk and interact with each other as they play. The game does not allow you to turn this off. It has a PEGI rating of 12. PEGI have said this is due to the: 'frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age'. This PEGI rating only takes into account the content in the game and not the contact element, where players may be exposed to swearing and offensive language from strangers in voice or on-screen text chat. If you would like to read more information about this subject then please follow Childnet link <https://www.childnet.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-fortnite-battle-royale> or speak to your child's class teacher.

PTA News

We had a great disco last night, the children all seemed to have fun! We'll update you with a total as soon as we have it. We are still looking for a Treasurer to join our team. The Treasurer is in charge of money and banking, and also legal requirements of the PTA. It would involve a few hours a week at most and we really need somebody to step up so we can continue. A job share is great, if two people want to work together?

Our next meeting is **Thursday 24th January at 7.30pm** at school we'd love to see you all there.

PTA team

What's On Next Week:

Monday 21 st January	Art Club Y1,2,3,4 Football Club NFL Flag Football Club – Year 5/6
Tuesday 22 nd January	Amy's Acro Netball Yr 6 Boys' Football Club
Wednesday 23 rd January	Middle Beech Assembly 9.15am Handchimes (lunchtime) Y1,2,3,4 Multiskills Club
Thursday 24 th January	Choir Young Voices Y3,4,5,6 Dodgeball PTA meeting 7.30pm
Friday 25 th January	Y3 swimming Orchestra