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Headteacher's notes...

Welcome back and a Happy New Year - I hope that you all had a good Christmas. It has been good to see the children back in school and they seem to have returned ready for the term ahead. Please help us to keep everyone healthy by making sure that your child is fit and well to come to school and that they come with suitable clothing for the weather.

As always we have lots planned for the coming term and a list of dates is included at the end of this letter. Details about some of the events will be sent home nearer the time and the Class Letters from each class will be available next week.

Key Stage 2 School Meal Costs – Spring 2018

The price of school meals for pupils in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 is £2.30 per day.

Weekly	5 days at £2.30	£11.50
First half term	27 days at £2.30	£62.10
Second half term	29 days at £2.30	£66.70
Whole term	56 days at £2.30	£128.80

All school dinners should be paid for in advance via the school's e-payment system, Sims Agora.

- If you do not have access to a computer or prefer to pay in cash, please request a barcoded letter which can be used at local stores such as Brampton Co-op or the Post Office.
- If you require an online account activation letter or wish to order a barcoded letter, please contact the school office as soon as possible.
- If you are intending to change your child's eating arrangements during the term, please confirm in writing via letter or email to the office giving one week's notice.

Free School Meals & Pupil Premium – are you eligible?

On 18th January it will be a school census day. The number of pupils on roll and information collected are used to calculate the school's funding for next year. The money the school receives includes a basic amount per pupil, but in addition we can receive additional funding called pupil premium. **Please can you consider if your family is eligible to apply for the pupil premium due to free school meal eligibility.** Please be aware that this is not the same as the universal infant free school meals provided for all children in reception and key stage 1 classes. This funding makes a significant impact on our ability to ensure the best educational support is given to all pupils. (We also receive a smaller amount in respect of children from service families, we collect eligibility information for this funding on our admissions forms.)

Pupil premium (related to free school meals) is paid to the school in respect of children whose parents are in receipt of any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit but who are not entitled to working tax credit and whose annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) does not exceed £16,190
- Universal credits
- Guarantee element of state pension credit

Even if your child does not want to eat school meals (though these are worth over £400 per year), or already receives universal infant free school meals, **if you are eligible to apply for free school meals it is well worth doing so as there are many benefits for your child.** School Governors have approved a number of ways in which the school will help children eligible for statutory free school meals. The school will offer financial assistance for educational visits (including residential trips), individual music tuition, clubs and a sum towards school uniform.

Even if your circumstances change and you no longer qualify, the school will continue to receive pupil premium payments, and you will continue to qualify for support, for some years.

If you think you might be eligible, please complete an application as soon as possible! We have paper forms in the area outside the school office, which you can complete and hand to the office to be scanned and sent in, or you can apply online at <http://www4.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>.

Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent Governor. Please look out for further information which will be sent home soon. If you have any questions about the role in the meantime please email governorquestions@brampton.cambs.sch.uk.

Year 3 Swimming

Year 3 start their swimming lessons on **Friday 12th January**. Please remind your child to bring in their swimming kit.

Amy's Acro

This popular club is starting again on **Tuesday 9th January 2018**. Please note that this club is now only running on Tuesdays. For more information, please take a leaflet from the rack outside the school office or download it from the school website.

Kiernan Theatre Academy

Just Drama Club starts again on **Thursday 11th January 2018** and runs until **Thursday 8th February 2018**.

YR 6 Tag Rugby

Year 6 Tag Rugby begins on **Wednesday 10th January**.

Change for Life Club

This club is not due to run this half term

Football

Please see next week's newsletter for more details about the football clubs.

PTA NEWS

Hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and a very happy new year. We look forward to the next term and to start you off there is...

NEXT PTA MEETING - This will be on **Wednesday 10th January, 7.30pm**. We look forward to seeing you there and everyone is welcome.

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

COMMUNITY

NHS Blood are holding two sessions on **Thursday 18th January 12.50pm – 3.45pm and 4.45pm – 7.30pm** at the Cromwell Suite, Huntingdon Racecourse. Please see the school website for contact details or the poster outside the school office.

What's On Next Week:

Monday 8 th January	Art Club
Tuesday 9 th January	Amy's Acro
Wednesday 10 th January	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
	Yr 6 Tag Rugby
Thursday 11 th January	Drama Club
Friday 12 th January	Class Letters sent home
	Y3 swimming starts

Dates

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

January	Wednesday 10 th	PTA Meeting	7.30pm
	Friday 12 th	Class Letters sent home	
		Y3 swimming starts (every Friday until 23 rd March)	
	Tuesday 16 th	Rev Jason Assembly (KS1)	
	Wednesday 17 th	Reception 'Make A Difference 'Day	
	Thursday 18 th	Choir starts	
	Friday 19 th	Orchestra starts	
	Monday 22 nd	Reception and Y6 Height and Weight checks	
	Tuesday 23 rd	Rev Jason Assembly (KS2)	
	Wednesday 24 th	6W Assembly	9.15am
	Friday 26 th	Y6 at Huntingdon Racecourse <i>A separate letter has been sent home about this.</i>	
Wednesday 31 st	2M Assembly	9.15am	
February	Thursday 1 st	Y4 Grafham Residential visit meeting	5.15pm
		Governing Body Meeting	
	Friday 2 nd	PTA Meeting	2.00pm
		Cake Friday	3.15pm
	Tuesday 6 th	Safer Internet Day	
	Wednesday 7 th	2W Assembly	9.15am
		Parent Consultations	3.30 – 7.00pm
	Thursday 8 th	Y6 at Huntingdon Racecourse <i>A separate letter has been sent home about this.</i>	2.00pm
		Parent Consultations	3.30 – 6.00pm
	Friday 9 th	PTA Meeting	2.00pm
	12 th - 16 th	Half Term	
	Monday 26 th	Bikeability Week (Y5)	
	Tuesday 27 th	Rev Jason Assembly (KS1)	
Y3/Y4 Concert		6.00pm	
Wednesday 28 th	1M Assembly	9.15am	
	Y3/Y4 Concert	2.00pm	
March	Thursday 1 st	World Book Day	
	Tuesday 6 th	Y2 visit to Raptor Foundation	
		Rev Jason Assembly (KS2)	
	Wednesday 7 th	3W Assembly	9.15am
	Monday 12 th	Science Week	
	Wednesday 14 th	3M Assembly	9.15am
	Wednesday 21 st	1B Assembly	9.15am
	26 th – 28 th	Y4 Residential Visit to Grafham	
Thursday 29 th	Last day of term		
Summer term 2018	Monday 16 th April	April Professional Day (school closed)	
	Tuesday 17 th April	Children return	
	Monday 7 th May	May Day Bank Holiday	
	28 th May – 1 st June	Half Term	
	Friday 20 th July	Children finish	
	Monday 23 rd July	Professional Day (school closed)	
	Tuesday 24 th July	Professional Day (school closed)	