



Brampton Village Primary School

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Newsletter

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Headteacher's notes...

We have reached half term and what a busy few weeks it has been. After the success of the Year 2 visit to Warwick Castle last week, Year 6 went to Stibbington on Monday for an 'Evacuee Day' and they all looked great in their costumes. They were able to enjoy a variety of experiences, including spam sandwiches!

There have been many successes to celebrate and I know that the teachers have enjoyed meeting you at the Parent Consultations to talk about these and the next steps for your children. I hope that you have found them useful and informative as well. The PTA Newsletter given out contains lots of information for the year ahead – please support them if you can.

We wish you all a good half term and hope that the children manage to recover from the various bugs that are going around. We return as usual on **Monday 30th October**.

Service Forum

On **Wednesday 8th November** there will be an opportunity for parents of all service children to meet with staff from school and RAF Wyton. This will be from **3.30 – 4.30pm** in the spare classroom opposite Year 3. Please can you email office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk if you are able to attend so that we have an idea of possible numbers.

Scooters

Local residents have been in touch with the school this week with safety concerns. A number of children in Key Stage 2 have been observed scootering down the middle of roads with no regard for other road users. As we are at half term and the evenings draw in, please can you remind your children about being safe when they are out and about. We will be reinforcing this message at school as well.

Sports Update

Our tag rugby teams took part in a tournament recently and Mr Whitehouse said that they all played really well. After half term we are hosting a football tournament and wish all those taking part good luck.

Social Media

We have been made aware of recent comments on social media which have referred to our school. As you know we take any parental concerns very seriously and are pleased that the vast majority are resolved quickly. However, we feel it is appropriate to remind all parents and carers about the use of social networking sites such as Twitter or Facebook as the use of these and other social networking sites to comment openly on school issues is not appropriate at any time.

Social networking sites are not the correct forum if you have issues or concerns about the school, staff or pupils as any negative remarks on these sites can be seen as defamation of character, harassment or slander, which means that you could be prosecuted by the Police. Individuals should not be named, either children or members of staff. If at any time you have an issue, your first port of call should be the class teacher. If it remains unresolved then contact the Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher. If you are still dissatisfied then you should put your complaint, in writing, to the Chair of Governors. We will take legal advice if we feel that the good name of the school or staff is in any way brought into disrepute and will request that parents/carers remove posts.

Learning

Enjoying

Achieving

Parking

You may well have seen the Police at school earlier this week when they came to enforce parking restrictions. As always, please help us to keep everyone safe by driving and parking with consideration for others. The Governors are in contact with the Parish Council about possible ways to alleviate the situation as the school grows. Photographs of cars parked illegally or dangerously have also been posted on a public Facebook page. If you are aware of anyone doing this please ask them not to.

Message from the Police

We have been requested to pass on messages about Halloween as the Police receive increased calls from members of the public due to unwanted door knocking from 'trick or treaters', especially from vulnerable residents. Posters saying 'No trick or treat' have been produced for those residents who wish to display them and further information was sent out on Thursday.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will be carried out in school after the half term for Reception to Year 4. Permission letters will be sent home the first week the children return after half term.

Brampton Kids Club Half term Holiday Club

Brampton Kids Club will be open in the school holidays between **Monday 23rd - Friday 27th 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.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Please remember to apply as soon as possible because the closing date is **31st October 2017**. The best way to apply is online but if you have any queries, please come to the school office.

Terry Mason's Football Club

Terry Mason's Football Club for children in Yrs 1- 6 will start on **Monday 6th November – Monday 27th November**. For more information, please take a booking form from the rack outside the office or download it from the school website.

PTA NEWS

Thank you if you filled up some of the BAGS TO SCHOOL bags. They went this morning and we wait to hear how much we shall receive.

PTA MEETING - **Today at 2pm**, come along and see what we are about. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

POP-UP CAKE FRIDAY- this afternoon at **3pm** outside the Brambles railings. Come along and buy the last of the cakes up before the half term.

If you are able to help or have any comments or feedback or would like further information about the PTA please contact BramptonPTA@outlook.co.uk

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. Next PTA Meeting is on **Wednesday 15th November**.

Thank you your PTA team.

Dates

A calendar for the term was sent home at the beginning of term and all dates are on the website as well.

What's On After Half Term:

Monday 30 th October	KS2 Handchimes
Tuesday 31 st October	Yr 5/6 Football Club
Wednesday 1 st November	Tag Rugby Gym Club French Club
Thursday 2 nd November	Choir Football Tournament at Brampton Drama Club
Friday 3 rd November	Orchestra Gym Club