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Newsletter

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Headteacher's notes...

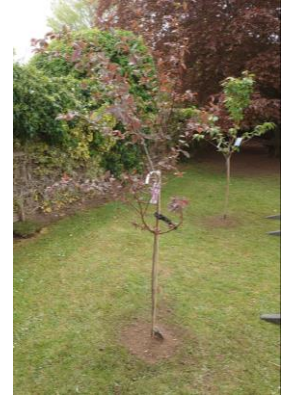
We started this week exploring the benefits of walking as part of our daily exercise. As well as May being 'National Walking Month' this week has also been Mental Health Awareness Week with the theme of 'Nature'. As part of this we have planted two trees on the back field which were donated to the school and Brambles by Frosts Garden Centre to mark their 75th anniversary.

The challenge given to the children on Monday was to find ways to do more walking this month as it not only helps us to look after our health but also gets us outside to look after our minds.

Some simple strategies could include:

- walking to and from school, or parking the car further away
- walking to the local shops rather than going in a car
- walking up the stairs rather than taking the lift

Why not join the children in this as well? We are so fortunate with all the space we have and it has been good to see all the classes outside at different points during the week.



Reading

Just a reminder that we are asking parents to send in children's reading diaries on **Friday 21st May**. We will be sending them back out at the end of the following week.

Parking

A meeting was held this week to discuss parking issues around the school at the start and end of the day and ways to encourage more people to walk, cycle or scooter instead. We continue to have incidents each week and the safety of children and parents is being put at risk. Please consider pedestrians and other road users at all times.



School Lunch

Please ensure you log onto SIMS Pay to inform us of what your child would like for lunch each week. Please note that this needs to be completed even if your child is having a packed lunch. Orders should be placed on Saturday for the following week.

Email

We are aware that some parents have missed emails from the school. Please check your junk/spam inbox regularly as sometimes they do go there instead of your usual inbox.

Year 2 Bird Scarers

During the last week of term the children in year 2 will be designing and making bird scarers so that the birds don't eat the seeds we have sown!

To help us with this project, please could you send in clean empty tin cans, lids from jars, bottle tops and any old CDs you may have. Please can these resources be brought in next week to give them time to quarantine before we use them during the last week. Thank you.

Residential Visits

Following the announcements earlier this week the Y4 visit to Grafham will be going ahead next week. A letter has been sent home today with further details and we hope they all have a great time. Those children in Y4 not going to Grafham will be doing activities in school and do not need to wear school uniform.

The Y6 trip to Laches Wood in June will also be taking place as planned. All the adults going will be staff from school but thank you to all those who volunteered. There is a parent meeting about this visit which will be held via Zoom on Thursday 20th May, starting at 5.30pm. The link will be emailed out next week.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have vacancies on the Governing Body and details will be sent home next week. We thank those parents who have recently stepped down for their contribution to the work of the school.

Young Voices



Due to the pandemic last year's Young Voices Concert was cancelled which was a real shame as it was due to be the 25th anniversary and as a school we have taken part for many years. To make up for this they are trying to get as many children as possible singing on 15th June in the 'Biggest Sing' celebration.

All of the children in KS2 are learning the songs and the words and music are available on Teams to help them practice. If you would like to purchase one of the t-shirts these are available from

<https://www.johnrobertsassociates.com/product/yv-t-shirt-choir-pack/>.



PTA News

Dare to be Different day - On the last day of this half term (Friday 28th May) we will be holding a non-uniform day quite unlike any other. The children are invited to come to school dressed in a way that shows they 'dare to be different'. This may include dressing up back to front, odd socks/tights, hats/mad hair, superhero (dressing up) but please no pyjamas or face paints. The children will need to wear sensible shoes as they will be outside as usual and for some classes they will need to be able to do PE as well. As you can imagine it is helpful if items are named! Please make a £1 donation in cash on the day or by bank transfer to Brampton Village School Association, Account number 00734748, sort code 20-43-63.

Thanks and enjoy the weekend,
The PTA Team

As always we really appreciate all your support and co-operation as we follow our Covid Risk Assessment. Although there are more changes coming in from next week, the Local Authority guidance is clear and we will not be making any changes to what we are doing in school for the time being. This means that start/finish times, lunch arrangements, hygiene controls, face coverings and our bubble structure will all remain in place. Like every other school we are looking at what events we may be able to hold later in the term, including transition arrangements, and we will update you as soon as we can. *Thank you*



Please keep your child at home if they are unwell or show signs of COVID. If someone in your house tests positive, please inform us immediately. We will have to continue to close bubbles of classes/ year groups if there is a positive case confirmed amongst either children or staff. You do not need to inform us of negative results, although this is helpful, but we MUST know about positive results immediately.

If a child becomes unwell or shows any symptoms of COVID-19 we will contact parents/carers immediately. We will then expect the process for booking a test to be followed. If there is a positive test this may impact on the bubbles with them having to close whilst staff and children isolate.

Please continue to inform the school each day by phoning or emailing

pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk .

Please use this address if your child becomes unwell and needs a test at a weekend.

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