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Newsletter

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Letter 7

Spring Term 2025

Headteacher's notes...

I hope you all had a good half term break. It has been a busy first week back and with plenty of things planned before Easter an updated calendar has been included today. There have been some wonderful homework projects coming into school, especially the medieval castles from Year 2 and Roman Villas from Year 3. Our School Improvement Adviser was in school earlier in the week and commented upon the positive learning behaviours and attitudes of many of the children that she saw in class. There are always things that we can develop further, and staff are continuing to have high expectations of what the children can achieve. As we go through the next few weeks let's hope we start to see some Spring weather soon!

A number of children took part in the annual Rotary Club of Huntingdon Primary Schools' Quiz last night along with 9 other schools. The evening was good fun and the children did very well, coming 4th overall, missing top spot by just 5 marks. Thank you to those who came and supported.

Thank you for all the kind words and messages that have been sent in following the news that was shared by governors yesterday. I have very mixed feelings about leaving Brampton as it has been a unique school to work in but having been a Headteacher in Cambridgeshire for 21 years, I now feel that the time is right for a new challenge. However, in the meantime there is still lots to look forward to and things that we want to achieve as a school this year.

Y3 Swimming

It has been a frustrating week for Y3 and Y6 swimmers, with low water pressure issues and a broken heater creating a delay in lessons starting. We are expecting them to start on Monday and we are in discussions with the providers about continuing them into the following week if possible.

Sports News

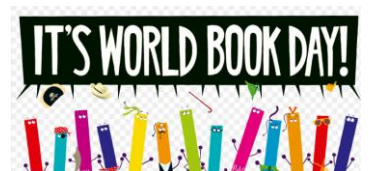
It has been a busy sporting week. On Tuesday Teams from Year 6 took part in the HSSP Quicksticks competition and we hosted the HDPSFA A Team tournament on Thursday with Brampton coming 3rd overall. Today a team are playing in a Henson cup match against Bushmead Primary.



Well done to all involved and thank you to everyone who has helped and supported the teams.

World Book Day

A reminder that World Book Day is fast approaching and is next week, on **Thursday 6th March**. As part of this, we will be inviting children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or to come with a small prop/badge/accessory or object linked to their book. Please do not feel that elaborate or expensive costumes are necessary. The Book Fair continues today and finishes next Tuesday.



We are inviting the children to take part in our *Story Spoons Challenge*! The children can design and create a story spoon around a book character. (see examples) and there will be a prize (book) for each class for the most creative spoon!



Parent Governor Election

Nominations for Parent Governor have now closed and more details will be available soon.

School Payments

Coming soon: new parent app and electronic payment system

Following information sent out before half term, which has been repeated below, please continue to book meals on Weduc for the week commencing 3rd March. Whilst we are in the process of completing the setup of our new app, please keep lunch accounts up to date

Parents who have logged onto WEDUC (Reach More Parents) recently to book or pay for meals or trips will have seen a notice that sQuidcard Limited will not provide payment processing services after 14 March. While WEDUC, despite the short notice, are currently sourcing an alternative provider, at Brampton we will be taking a different path.

The school is already in the process of changing management information system from SIMS to Bromcom. Bromcom has its own payment processing partner, and a parent app called My Child At School (MCAS). We had planned to launch MCAS at a more convenient time, not midway through a term, but the surprise announcement by sQuid means that we will be bringing this forward.

Parents do not need to do anything now, except to please keep lunch accounts up to date and settle any outstanding balances. Once the school is ready to launch MCAS (preparations are well under way) we will let you know – invitation emails and other details will be sent out early in the first two weeks of March. Because of the impending change, school meals can currently be booked on WEDUC only for the week we get back and this will be kept under review with further dates available if needed.

If you have credit remaining on WEDUC at the end of 14th March, you will be able to claim it back after this date, but please do not do this until we confirm that all funds have been applied as far as possible to meal accounts. Parents who are still paying for the Y6 Laches Wood residential will be given instructions on how to settle any remaining amounts as soon as we are able to access the new electronic payment system.

Apologies that this change is all a bit of a rush, but it has been forced upon us. The alternative would be to move payment provider twice in quick succession, which would have meant additional disruption for everyone.

PTA News

Thanks for all those who supported the drawing competition - we've had some fantastic entries and the winners should be announced on World Book Day.



PTA Meeting - 10 March @ 7:30pm - Save the Date

We'll be holding our next PTA meeting on Monday 10th March at the school - this is open to all and we love to see new faces. We'll be talking about the rest of the fundraising events for the school year including plans for our showcase summer event. If you've got ideas and can help (even sparing an hour a month makes a big difference), then do try to come along. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions please contact us at bramptonpta@outlook.com



Cake Friday - Can you volunteer? - 14th March

Can you help set up or sell cakes? We are currently short of volunteers so please do sign up if you can help.

Please use the sign up below:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CADA82AA2FB6-55087848-2025#/
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This time we're asking all those in Maple and Brambles classes to bake/bring in cakes please. Don't forget to send your children in with tupperware to carry their purchases home so we can reduce the amount of waste.

What's On Next Week:

Monday 3 rd March	Y3 swimming – all week Y6 Booster swimming sessions – all week Book Fair (after school) Y5/Y6 Netball Club 3.30 - 4.15pm
Tuesday 4 th March	Book Fair (after school) Yr 5/6 NFL 3.20 – 4.15pm
Wednesday 5 th March	Y5/6 Cross Country 3.20 – 4 .15pm
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day Choir 8.20am
Friday 7 th March	JS Sports KS1 Multi-sports 3:20 – 4:20pm JS Sports KS2 Dodgeball 3:20 – 4:20pm

Key Dates	
Monday 3 rd March	Book Fair in school
Tuesday 4 th March	Book Fair in school
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Monday 10 th March	Y5 Bikeability week PTA meeting 7.30pm
Monday 17 th March	Y6 SATs meeting 3.30pm
Tuesday 18 th March	Y2 Medieval Castle Day
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 26 th March	Y3 Roman Day
Wednesday 2 nd – Friday 4 th April	Y4 Grafham Residential
Summer Term starts Tuesday 22nd April with the children back on Wednesday 23rd April	