



Brampton Village Primary School

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# Newsletter

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## Headteacher's notes...

It has been a good first week back in school and the theme of the week has been 'Change'. This has linked into various Science activities that have been taking place which included a fantastic Science Assembly on Monday morning led by a visiting teacher. She performed a number of experiments which excited the children and certainly got them talking!



Class Letters are being sent home today which outline the work that the children will be doing and their topics for the term. As always, if you are able to help or have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. This is best done through the Office if at all possible.

Next week Rev Jason is leading Assembly for Reception and KS1 and then Reception are holding their 'Make A Difference' Day on Wednesday. As always there is lots going on so please keep an eye on the school website and for any letters sent home.

## Free School Meals & Pupil Premium – are you eligible?

On 18<sup>th</sup> January it will be a school census day. There will be a change of menu on this day and a revised menu will be emailed to you early next week. 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>.

## Governors

We have a vacancy for a parent Governor and further information was sent home earlier this week. If you have any questions about the role in the meantime please email [governorquestions@brampton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:governorquestions@brampton.cambs.sch.uk).

The Governing Body are also seeking someone who has the necessary skills to be Clerk. It is a paid, part-time job and further details can be obtained by contacting the school office if you or someone you know may be interested.

## Headlice

There have been some reported cases of headlice once again. Please help us by checking your child's hair regularly and treating as appropriate.

*Learning*

*Enjoying*

*Achieving*

### Parent Consultations

These are being held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February and booking will be through our electronic sign-up system which will become 'live' on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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/>.

### Choir/Orchestra/Handchimes

Orchestra will begin on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January

Choir will start on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January

Handchimes (Y3/4) starts Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January lunchtime

Handchimes (Y5/6) starts Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January lunchtime

### La Jolie Ronde French Spring 2018

This club will start again on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January and runs until Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

### French Course

A complete French language course has been donated to the school. It is taped based and is suitable for an individual to use at home. It is completely free and will be on a first-come-first-served basis from the office.

### Year 5 and 6 Football/Girls Football

Year 6 football begins again on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January and will run on alternate weeks.

Year 5 will have their first session on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, again this runs on alternate weeks.

Girls Football begins on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January and runs weekly.

### Terry Mason's Football Club

This club will restart after school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January and will run for 3 weeks. The booking form is available from the rack outside the office or can be downloaded from the school website.

### PTA NEWS

**Bags to school-** These should be in children's school bags this afternoon. If you had a influx of toys/clothes and need the space then bags for school are here to help. Fill a bag or two and bring to school. Please bring bags and drop off outside railings on day of collection which is Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

**Cake Friday-** Our very popular cake Friday is coming on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Details to follow so keep a look out.

**Next Meeting - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2pm.**

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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Art Club Y3/4 Handchimes - lunchtime
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Rev Jason Assembly (Reception and KS1) Amy's Acro Year 6 football and girls' football
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception 'Make A Difference Day' French Club Yr 6 Tag Rugby Dance Club
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5/6 Handchimes - lunchtime Drama Club
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Orchestra Y3 swimming