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NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2024

Letter 2

12th January

Headteacher's notes...

We started the week with water everywhere and the floods on the fields were higher than for many years but luckily, we escaped without any damage, unlike other places locally, unfortunately. We wait to see what next week may bring. We do go out in all weathers so please make sure the children come to school dressed appropriately with coats and sensible shoes.



The first full week of the term has gone well and there has been some wonderful work from across the school. Curriculum Letters will be sent home next week with information for you about what the children are learning this term and we also have our Open Afternoon and Parent Consultations before half term in February – further details will be sent home shortly.

We say goodbye to Mrs Burling today as she starts her maternity leave. We wish her all the best and will keep you updated with any news!

Miss Naseri, who has been in school this week, will be teaching 4 Willow from next Monday.

Adverse Weather

We always remind you at this time of year of the following guidance should we have to make the decision to close the school for any reason. We will always endeavour to stay open but if we have to close, the decision will be made as soon as possible. For information about any possible emergency school closure, please check the front page of our school website and messages will also be sent via email or on Weduc. Details should also be placed on the Cambridgeshire County Council website: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-&-learning/school-term-dates-&-closures/school-closures/>.

Please make sure that we have correct email addresses. It has become clear over the past few weeks that the contact details we hold for a number of parents, both email addresses and phone numbers, are no longer correct. Please can you ensure that we have the up to date details so that we can contact you as soon as possible when needed.

Car Parks

The car parks are for members of staff and visitors only and must not to be used for dropping off or collecting children unless permission has been given beforehand – this will only be given in exceptional circumstances and for a limited period of time. Due to pressure on spaces for staff there will not be any parking permits issued. Despite requests there are still a number of adults and children walking or cycling through the car parks. Please avoid doing this as it is not safe for anyone.

Applications for Reception 2024

The deadline for applications for a place in Reception in September 2024 is 15th January.

Donations

We would be grateful for any donations of trousers/skirts/dresses/underwear that is suitable for children in Reception/KS1. There are sometimes accidents and it is always helpful to have a supply of clothes for the children to change into. Thankyou

PTA News

After a brilliant Christmas event at the end of last term, we wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you for all those who volunteered either in planning of the event and the raffle, the set up, clear up and to those that came along to support us on the day! The school choir made us all feel suitably festive, hot food from Hare on the Green kept us all smiling in the drizzly weather and the snowmen on the tuck stall sold out in record time! We're just waiting for some final figures to come in and then we'll be announcing how much you've helped us to fundraise over last term - keep an eye on our socials to see this first!

Now we're into the new year, we're gearing up for our main fundraising event of the term - the much loved **school discos!** Pop the below dates in your diary now!

Discos

- Tuesday 6th February - Years 1 & 2 followed by Years 3 & 4
- Thursday 8th February - Brambles & Reception followed by Years 5 & 6

We have a fantastic team of volunteers who have come forward to help organise the discos and we'd love to see as many of your children there as possible. They will also need support on the night to make sure these events can run safely so look out for sign up details in future PTA News, book bag slips and on socials.

Full details for the discos will follow.

PTA Meeting - 25 January - 7:30pm in the School KS1 hall

Could you help?

We have our next PTA meeting coming up towards the end of January. We had a great turnout at the AGM and it would be great to see lots of people there again. As a new committee we have been finding our feet but we'd love to hear how you'd like to get more involved so come along and share your ideas.

We would also like to take this opportunity to particularly thank Naomi and Victoria who stepped up to fill vacant committee roles this year and put in huge amounts of effort last term to put on some lovely events for the children and raise money for the school at the same time. Whilst they are keen to stay involved, other commitments mean that they would like to step away from the formal committee roles. As a result, the meeting on the 25th January will be an extraordinary general meeting and we'll be looking to elect a new Secretary (although we are looking at ways that we could break this role up so that it could be shared so if you'd like to be involved but are a bit daunted do get in touch). If you'd like a chat before the meeting to discuss the role, please email bramptonpta@outlook.com with your contact details and we'll get in touch.

The PTA Team

What's On Next Week

Monday 15th January

Tuesday 16th January

Curriculum Letters home

Panathlon Tournament

HSSP Yr 1 & 2 Multisports 3:10 – 4:10pm

NFL Yr 6 Mixed 3:30 – 4:20pm

Wednesday 17th January

Thursday 18th January

Football Tournament (at Brampton)

HSSP Girls Football Yr3 -6 3:20 – 4:20pm

KS2 Choir Yr3 – 6 8:20am

Friday 19th January



Top Tips for...
MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

GET OUT AND ABOUT
If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME
Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you