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Headteacher's notes...

Welcome back after the half term break. The children have returned raring to go which is good as there is plenty to look forward to over the next few weeks. An updated diary is at the end of this letter and details are also on the website. Children in Key Stage 1 enjoyed their visit to Warwick Castle yesterday and thank you to all those who gave up their time to help on the trip – it was much appreciated. Next week children in Year 3 and Year 4 are visiting West Stow.



Please help us by ensuring that the children come to school wearing appropriate clothing, especially now that the weather is changing and can be cold and wet. We have also been reminding the children to be safe, especially at this time of year with the darker evenings. The message of 'Be Bright Be Seen' is as important as ever and we would ask that everyone takes care on the roads around the school in the mornings and afternoons.

On **Wednesday 7th November** Upper Beech are leading our Class Assembly, starting at **9.15am** in the KS1 Hall. Parents/carers are welcome to join us.

Staffing Update

Mrs Hill will be reducing her teaching commitments at the school from the end of this term for personal reasons. She will no longer be teaching Lower Maple, but will be in each Tuesday afternoon for Lower Cedar. We are recruiting someone to work alongside Mrs Wallace and we will update you as soon as we can.

Following interviews earlier this week I am delighted to inform you that Mr Rayner has been appointed as the new teacher for Middle Elm as well as Phase Leader. He is an experienced teacher and we will ensure that there are opportunities for him to meet with the children, Mrs Hammond and parents before the end of term so that the transition is as smooth as possible.

Come to Learn

These sessions start next week. Please can parents come in via the main entrance and use the KS1 Hall to sign in. Parents of children in Reception should wait outside the classrooms on **Wednesday 7th November** as there will be an Assembly taking place in the Hall.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations are due to be carried out in school on **Tuesday 27th November 2018** for Reception to Year 5. The NHS immunisation team who deliver the flu vaccines have introduced a new system and details will be emailed to parents on **Tuesday 6th November** in accordance with their instructions. Please note that if you do not provide consent, your child will not be able to have the flu vaccine.

Sports News

On Tuesday Brampton's Year 5 team took on Millfield School in the cup. We had a fantastic start and were up 2-0 at half time. The second half was much tougher and after a couple of ricochets, we found ourselves 4-2 down. We fought hard and to 4-3 but unfortunately ran out of time. Well done to the team who showed great resilience. A big thank you to all the parents for their support.



The Year 6 football team took part in a mini tournament at Westfield Junior School on Thursday afternoon. Our first match was against Westfield and ended in a 1-1 draw. A 4-0 and 3-1 win followed and Brampton came out the tournament victors. Well done to all those who took part. A big thank you to all the parents and helpers for their support.

Parent Drop In

Our Family Worker is holding another 'drop in' for parents on **Wednesday 5th December, 9.00 – 9.30am**. As well as the drop-ins, from 9.00- 9.30am, there is also the offer of 1:1 appointments from 9.30 to 10.30am. To book these please contact Kayleigh on 07741 830017 or email Kayleigh.Fry@cambridgeshire.gov.uk . The Family Worker is available to work and support parents with any issues at home, including sibling rivalry, school refusal and general behaviour.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for the shoeboxes that have already been sent into school. The deadline for them being brought in has been extended until **Monday 12th November**.



Anti Bullying Week – 12th November – 16th November



This year's anti bullying week begins on **Monday 12th November**. The theme this year is 'Choice'. Over the course of the week, we will be exploring how we have a choice about our actions, the words we use, how we make others feel and how we choose to respond if we see something happen that is unkind. We are asking the children to wear brightly coloured odd socks on **Monday 12th November** to show their support for anti-bullying week. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs. Hammond.

Children in Need 2018 – Friday 16th November

This year our dressing up theme is pyjamas, in exchange for a donation. Please remember that the children should wear appropriate footwear for the playground as they will still be going out for break/lunch play.

Year 3 children who have signed up for Bikeability will need to bring a change of clothing so they can still participate fully and safely.

In addition to dressing up, children will have the opportunity to enter a 'Create Your Own Pudsey' competition. It will cost 20p to enter. Entries need to be sent into school on **Friday 16th November**.



Music Events

Community Festive Lights - the school choir have been asked to perform some Christmas carols on The Green for the Festive Lights switch on which will take place on **Sunday 25th November**. Choir will need to meet on The Green at **4pm** to sing for about 30 minutes.

Carol singing at Hinchingbrooke Hospital - the **Y6 choir** have been invited to sing carols at the Chapel Service and around some of the wards on **Tuesday 11th December**. Y6 choir will walk to the hospital after lunch and will need to be picked up from the hospital at **4:30pm**. More details about this will be given out to Y6 choir nearer the time.

School KS2 Festive Music Evening - the school choir, orchestra, handchime and KS2 string group are invited to perform at the school Festive Music Evening on **Wednesday 12th December** at **6pm**.

Young Voices - T-shirts, torches and the children's coach payments are now available to pay for on Agora for all children who are attending the Young Voices choir event. The deadline for T shirt and torch orders is **9th November**.



Poppies

Next week we will be sending poppies around the school to give all the children an opportunity to purchase one should they wish, in exchange for a donation. This year, we also have the following poppy themed items available for purchase at breaktimes:

Friendship bracelets	- suggested price:	£1.00 each
Flexi Rulers	- suggested price:	£1.00 each
Wristbands	- suggested price:	50p each
Reflective Tags	- suggested price:	50p each



PTA NEWS

Hello all, our first Cake Friday of the school year went really well with just over £250 raised. Thanks to everyone who bought cakes in, purchased them after school and volunteered their time to help run the event.

To help with the Operation Christmas Child boxes, we, at the PTA, thought we could wrap them for you. (For a small fee of course!) We'll be wrapping boxes on **Thursday 8th November** straight after morning drop-off so please come and help if you can. There will be younger siblings about so feel free to bring little ones with you.

Please email bramptonpta@outlook.com if you can make it. We'll also need lots of wrapping paper so if you can't make it, please find or buy some and bring to the office to donate.

Our next big event is the Christmas Fair and we need raffle prizes. Please can everyone ask their employers, ask friends and family to ask their employers and ask any self-employed business owners who can donate prizes. We'll publicise every company we get a donation from so it's a great way to market a business.

As ever, if you have any time to spare then please get in touch via the email address above as help is always needed.

Thank you, PTA team

What's On Next Week:

Monday 5 th Nov	Y3/Y4 Come to Learn Art Club
Tuesday 6 th Nov	Yrs 1-4 Football Club Y5/Y6 Come to Learn Amy's Acro Y3-6 Wildcats Girls' Football Y6 boys football
Wednesday 7 th Nov	YR Come to Learn Upper Beech Assembly 9.15am Tag Rugby
Thursday 8 th Nov	Y3/Y4 at West Stow Choir Football Tournament Drama Club Yrs 1-4 MultiSkills Sports Club
Friday 9 th Nov	Y3/Y4 at West Stow Y1/Y2 Come to Learn Orchestra

Dates for Autumn Term

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November	5 th	Y3/Y4 'Come to Learn'	
	6 th	Y5/Y6 'Come to Learn'	
	7 th	Upper Beech Class Assembly YR 'Come to Learn'	9.15am
	8 th	Y3/Y4 visit to West Stow	
	9 th	Y3/Y4 visit to West Stow Y1/Y2 'Come to Learn'	
	12 th	Anti-Bullying Week	
	13 th	YR 'Come to Learn'	
	14 th	Y1/Y2 'Come to Learn' Y5/Y6 'Come to Learn' Open Morning for new Reception parents	
	15 th	Y3/Y4 'Come to Learn' PTA Meeting	7.30pm
	16 th	Children In Need Y3/Y4 Bikeability	
	21 st	Upper Maple Class Assembly	9.15am
	28 th	Upper Willow Class Assembly	9.15am
29 th	Governing Body meeting		
December	4 th	YR Production	2.00pm
	5 th	Family Worker Parent Drop-In	
	6 th	YR Production	2.00pm
	7 th	Non Uniform Day Christmas Dinner PTA Christmas Fair	
	11 th	KS1 Production	2.00pm
	12 th	KS1 Production Music Concert	10.00am 6.00pm
	13 th	KS1 Production	2.00pm
	14 th	Brambles Assembly	11.00am
	17 th	YR visit to Chapel Key Stage 1 Carol Service Key Stage 2 Carol Service	
19 th	Last day of term		