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Newsletter

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Headteacher's notes...

Welcome back and a Happy New Year - I hope that you all had a good Christmas. It has been good to see the children back in school and they seem to have returned ready for the term ahead. Please help us to keep everyone healthy by making sure that your child is fit and well to come to school and that they come with suitable clothing for the weather.

As always we have lots planned for the coming term and a list of dates is included at the end of this letter. Details about some of the events will be sent home nearer the time and the Class Letters from each class will be available next week.

We are pleased to welcome Ms Barton to the school who will be teaching 5W every Monday and Tuesday.

Class Assemblies

These are being held on Wednesday mornings and start again on the **18th January** with the first one being led by 5M. They start at **9.15am** and are held in the KS1 Hall. Parents of children in this class are welcome to attend - please enter through the main school entrance and sign in.

Adverse Weather

We would just like to remind you 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 tune in to BBC Radio Cambridgeshire or Heart FM. As well as messages via In Touch, information should also be placed on Cambridgeshire County Council's website:

http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20059/schools_and_learning/281/school_term_dates_and_closures/3.

There will be a link to this page from the front page of www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk on bad weather days or it can be accessed by searching for 'Cambridge School Closure'.

Free School Meals & Pupil Premium – are you eligible?

On 19th January it will be a school census day. 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>.

Avoiding Nuts Reminder

We have a number of children in school with nut allergies. Please could you avoid bringing nuts into school by giving your child nuts as a snack or in their packed lunches. Thank you.

Amy's Acro

This after school Gymnastic Club has started on Wednesdays and Fridays for children of all ages. For more information, please take a booking form from the rack outside the school office or download it from the school website.

Choir/Orchestra

Please note that there is no choir on **Thursday 12th January**. Choir will start again on **Thursday 19th January**. Orchestra will start on **Friday 13th January**.

PTA NEWS

PTA Meeting – Friday 20th January, 2pm – Everyone welcome!

Movie Night (The Secret Life of Pets) - Friday 20th January, 3.30-5.15pm - More information and ticket request slips have now been sent home with children. Tickets are £3pp (payable in advance) which can be exchanged on arrival for a drink and popcorn. Please ensure all ticket requests are at the office by **Friday 13th January**.

Cake Friday – Friday 3rd February – Our popular bake sale is after school in the KS1 Hall. On this occasion, we are asking for donations of cakes from Reception classes and Year 2.

Spring Ball – Saturday 4th March – We are running a fabulous Spring Ball at the George Hotel in Huntingdon. Tickets are £30pp which includes a 3 course meal and a disco until midnight. All proceeds go towards the school. For more information and tickets please email bramptonPTA@outlook.com

If you have any comments or queries about Brampton PTA or if you have any ideas of new fundraising events that we could run, then please feel free to drop us an email at BramptonPTA@outlook.com. Don't forget to 'like' our Facebook page too!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Girls Football

At a recent FA meeting, it was decided that there has to be more opportunity for girls to participate at grassroots and elite level football. Please see the school website for details of a new Football and Development Centre for girls. To register your interest, please email: ECC.Centremanager@gmail.com

Family Health and Wellbeing

Everyone Health has been commissioned by Cambridgeshire County Council to deliver lifestyle services across the county. They will be delivering a new childhood weight management programme in Huntingdon at the Maple Centre on **Saturdays 09:30-11:00**. Taking a family based approach, the 12 week programme offers the child and their parent/carer the opportunity to spend 1 and a half hours together each week going through a nutrition topic, gaining advice on healthy mealtimes, taking part in fun activities and making new friends. Please see the school website for more details.

Pinpoint

This is a parent support group meeting for those who have children or young people who self-harm. The meeting is to be held on **Thursday 12th January, 10am-12pm** at Huntingdon Regional College, California Road, Huntingdon, PE29 1BL. The sessions are for any parents whose children or young people display any type of self-harmful behaviour which can include eating disorders. Parents can attend anonymously. For more information please see the school website or visit their dedicated website page <http://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk/self-harm>

Dates

Please keep an eye on the dates each week in case of any changes.

January	Friday 13 th	Y6 at Huntingdon Racecourse Y3 swimming	
	Wednesday 18 th	5M Assembly	9.15am
	Friday 20 th	Y3 swimming PTA Meeting PTA Movie Night	2.00pm 3.30 – 5.15pm
	Wednesday 25 th	4W Assembly	9.15am
	Thursday 26 th	Young Voices in Birmingham	
	Friday 27 th	Y3 swimming	
February	Wednesday 1 st	6W Assembly Service Families Forum	9.15am 3.30pm
	Thursday 2 nd	Grafham meeting	5.00pm
	Friday 3 rd	Y3 swimming Cake Friday	
	Tuesday 7 th	NSPCC in school leading Assemblies	
	Wednesday 8 th	Parent Consultations	3.30 – 7.00pm
	Thursday 9 th	Parent Consultations	3.30 – 6.00pm
	Friday 10 th	Y3 swimming	
	13 th – 17 th	Half Term	
	Monday 20 th	School closed – staff training	
	Tuesday 21 st – Friday 24 th	Y5 Bikeability	
	Friday 24 th	Y3 swimming	
March	Wednesday 1 st	2W Assembly	9.15am
	Thursday 2 nd	World Book Day – dressing up	
	Friday 3 rd	Y3 swimming	
	Saturday 4 th	PTA Spring Ball	
	Monday 6 th – Wednesday 8 th	Y4 Grafham trip	
	Wednesday 8 th	5W Assembly	9.15am
	Friday 10 th	Y3 swimming	
	Wednesday 15 th	2M Assembly	9.15am
	Friday 17 th	Y3 swimming	
	Wednesday 22 nd	4M Assembly	9.15am
	Friday 24 th	Y3 swimming	
	Tuesday 28 th	KS1 Easter Hat Parade	
	Wednesday 29 th	6M Assembly	9.15am
	Friday 31 st	Last day of term	
April	Tuesday 18 th	School closed – staff training	
	Wednesday 19 th	Children return	