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NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2024

Letter 8

1st March 2024

Headteacher's notes...

I hope you all had a good half term break. We have a relatively short half term ahead of us with lots taking place once again. It has been a busy first week back and we have already seen some wonderful homework projects. At the end of this letter is an updated calendar for the rest of the term- 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 10 other schools. The evening was good fun and the children did very well. Thank you to the staff and parents who came and supported.

Sports News

Teams from Year 6 took part in the HSSP Quicksticks competition on Tuesday. Well done to all involved and thank you to those parents who were able to come and support.

World Book Day



A reminder that World Book Day is fast approaching next week on **Thursday 7th 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.

Comic Relief

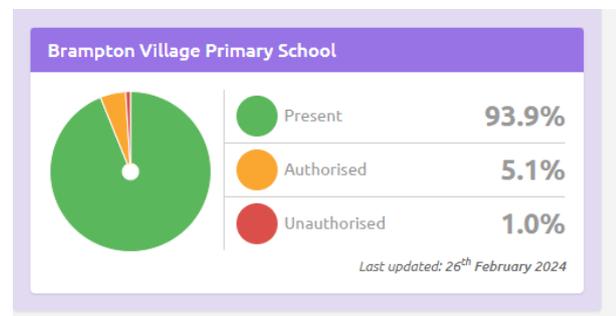
On Friday 15th March it is Red Nose day for Comic Relief. As part of this the children can wear something red in return for a suggested £1 donation which can be made by going to [Brampton Village Primary School is fundraising for Comic Relief \(justgiving.com\)](http://www.justgiving.com)



Attendance

As you are aware we monitor attendance and lateness on a regular basis and contact is made with any families where there may be concerns. Our overall attendance this year is 93.9% which is slightly below both Cambridgeshire and national averages.

Regular attendance, including arriving on time each day, is extremely important as missing school can have an impact on learning and is a legal requirement. Good attendance enables children to keep up with the work required.



Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any particular circumstances, that the school may not be aware of, which are having an influence on your child attending school regularly.

The DfE has launched a national attendance campaign, **moments matter, attendance counts** which continues to focus on what it calls 'avoidable absence' – odd days lost because of mild colds or coughs. A letter from the Local Authority has been sent home today with further information.

Thank you for your support.

Contact

Please note that the school phone number is **01480 375063** and messages can only be left when using this number. Staff may ring from other extensions across the school but these do not accept messages.



Please remember to update any contact details when necessary, for example, phone numbers, addresses, email addresses, adults who can collect.

Vacancies

We are currently recruiting Midday Supervisors to start after Easter. If you are interested, please look on the school website for further information.

Headlice

We have recently been informed about cases of headlice across the school. It is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any headlice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread.

As there have been cases, we suggest that you check your child's head as soon as possible. Here is some simple advice you may wish to follow to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

- ✓ Check your child's hair once a week.
- ✓ Use a proper detection comb – with teeth no more than 0.3mm apart to trap head lice. The comb is usually white in colour so that lice can be easily identified.
- ✓ If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist to check the whole family.

Further advice on the treatment of head lice can be found on NHS website. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Parent Guide

This week's guide focuses on mental health and is all about supporting children with self-regulation.



Cambridgeshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The Cambridgeshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme offers free holiday scheme places. It runs during the 2024 Easter, Summer, and Christmas school holidays. Eligible primary and secondary school children and young people can attend. The Department for Education funds the HAF Programme.

The next HAF Programme will run during the Easter school holidays between 2 April 2024 to 12 April 2024. Registered holiday schemes will offer up to 16 hours of free attendance for eligible children and young people. A range of fun experiences, a healthy meal and snacks will be offered.

If you are eligible for this programme, **book as early as possible** (bookings open 4 March) with the holiday scheme of your choice to avoid disappointment. This is especially important for children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals who have additional needs or SEND. Booking early will enable the holiday scheme to work with parents or carers to understand and plan for any additional support needs a child may have. It is likely that providers will require at least 6-8 weeks' notice prior to the scheme commencement.

Making a booking

- Easter eligibility codes will be issued on 4 March 2024. The HAF Team will support code requests and eligibility queries from this date.
- The Easter Provider Directory will be available [here](#) from 4 March 2024.
- Bookings will open on 4 March 2024 across all holiday schemes taking part.

[Please click here for further information about the HAF Programme](#)

Parking



Once again please can we remind you about parking with consideration for other road users, pedestrians and residents. Parking on the zebra crossing or at junctions is extremely dangerous and is putting other people at risk. We advise residents to contact the Police if issues continue.

PTA News



It's Cake Friday on 8th March! Please could those in Brambles and Maple Classes bring in cakes for the event.

Key Stage 1 Hall will be open from 3pm. Key Stage 2 Hall will be open from 3:15pm.

As normal, we need volunteers to make the event run smoothly (we'll be split across the two halls again) so if you can help please use the link below to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CADA82AA2FB6-48116283-cake>



Don't forget to get your **World Book Day Image Exclusive drawing competition** entries in by **Friday 8th March!** Plenty of prizes to be won!

Many thanks

PTA Team

What's On Next Week

Monday 4 th March	2M Parent Consultations 3.30 – 6.00pm
Tuesday 5 th March	Girls' football tournament HSSP Y5/Y6 Netball 3:10 – 4:10pm Year 6 NFL American Football 3:20 – 4:15pm
Wednesday 6 th March	
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day Choir 8.20am HSSP Girls Football Y3 -6 3:20 – 4:20pm Year 5 Football 3:20 – 4:15pm
Friday 8 th March	PTA Cake Friday

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<i>Please note that events are subject to change depending upon circumstances.</i>			
March	4 th	2M Parent Consultations	
	7 th	World Book Day	
	8 th	PTA Cake Friday	
	12 th	Y2 Medieval Castle Day	
	20 th	Governing Body meeting	6.30pm
	22 nd	Y5 History Off The Page	
	28 th	Last day of term	
Summer Term 2024			
Monday 15 th April	Training Day		
Tuesday 16 th April	Training Day		
Wednesday 17 th April	Children return		
Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st May	Half Term		
Monday 3 rd June	Children return		
Friday 19 th July	Children's last day		
Monday 22 nd July	Training Day		