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# Newsletter

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Letter 1

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## Headteacher's notes...

Welcome back to the new term and the first Newsletter of the school year!

This is sent out each Friday and is always available on the school website if you need to refer to any of the information. We have an exciting term to look forward to and 'dates for your diary' are at the end of this letter and are also on the school website. Curriculum Letters will be sent home soon as well to let you know what your child is studying this term.



I hope that everyone was able to have a good summer break and is ready for everything that lies ahead. It has been good to welcome all of the children back to school and thank you for your support with their uniform, as they all look very smart. Once again, we have welcomed a number of new families to Brampton and walking around the school it is clear to see the children already settled in. I have already seen a number of fantastic homework projects that were completed over the summer! We have had new staff starting with us, including Miss Cole in Y4, Mrs McIntyre in Y1, Mrs James, who is working across the school, and also welcomed back Mrs Slowe.

We send congratulations to both Miss Ross and Miss Ataly who are both expecting babies after Christmas as well as Mrs Knight who is with us until half term. We will let you know more details nearer the time about who will be teaching their classes.

Over the summer, we said goodbye to Mrs Evans from Y2 along with Mrs Smith, and Mr Grady, our Site Manager, and Mrs Cross, one of our Teaching Assistants, will both be leaving us during September.

We are a large and busy school with over 600 children on roll, and at the end of today's letter are some general reminders, including PE days for each year group. Please take time to read these through carefully as they will help everyone and should help to answer many of the questions we often are asked.

It has been a busy time in school over the summer with new toilets installed in Reception and KS1 and a number of other improvements made around the building. We have also changed our start times and thank you for your co-operation with this whilst it settles down. Lunchtimes have also been changed to allow the children more space outside and to make it a more positive experience for them.

## Clubs

A number of clubs for KS2 are due to start again in the next few weeks. Please look out for more information.

Children in Y3-Y6 are now able to sign up to join the School Choir which will take place on Thursday mornings before school. Separate details were sent out to children in KS2.

## Communication

We value the strong partnership that we have with you as parents and carers and all the staff work hard to maintain good working relationships and treat everyone with courtesy and respect. There are, however, occasions when there may be concerns about something that has happened in school so please contact us as soon as possible so that we can address any issues. Contacting staff is best done through emailing the school office ([office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk)) or phoning 01480 375063 as any messages will be passed on. It is important that any concerns are raised in an appropriate manner treating the school staff with the same courtesy and respect that they will give to you.

Please do not come into the classrooms, especially at the start of the day, as staff will not be able to speak with you at this point. If there is an urgent message please let staff in the school office know.

We are aware of a number of Facebook pages that have been set up by different year groups to help communication. These are independent of the school and should not be used to raise concerns or post images of children or inappropriate comments.

### Service Families

We are always pleased to welcome new Service families to our school. We recognise that there are often specific issues or concerns that need to be addressed and as part of this support we have a Transition Mentor, Mrs Powlson, who also works at the school as one of our Teaching Assistants. The funding we receive from the Service Premium enables us to provide support for transition and emotional well-being. Parents are welcome to contact Mrs Powlson via email, [cpowlson@brampton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:cpowlson@brampton.cambs.sch.uk). It is always useful to know when parents may be deployed or away from home for extended periods so that children can be supported.

### PTA News

We hope you enjoyed the summer break and we're excited to see you all at this term's fundraising events. Check out some key dates for activities coming up this term.

Ahead of those, **the PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7:30pm in the KS2 Hall** and we would love to see lots of you there. Even if you can only spare a little time to help out, why not come along and find out more.

With some longstanding members stepping down, we are also looking for some new committee members. We can't operate without a treasurer so if you are willing to give that a go please let us know. We are also looking at a slightly larger committee structure this year in order to make the roles more accessible and hopefully more bite size so if you can spare some time and would like to join the committee, get in touch. The more people we have the more manageable it is - we're conscious that everyone is a parent which is busy enough and many of us are working full time too. We'll share more on that in due course or feel free to email us at [bramptonpta@outlook.com](mailto:bramptonpta@outlook.com) if you have any questions.

### Key upcoming dates:

- **Bags 2 School** - The first of this is on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** so get sorting through all your clothes, shoes, bags, hats and jewellery so we can get a bumper collection of donations - remember the school gets money for every kg of items donated
- **Non Uniform Day** - The first Non Uniform Day will be on the last Friday of the first Half Term so **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**. We'll send out a reminder nearer to the time
- **Cake Friday** - The first Cake Friday is on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November** (after Half Term) with Beech classes being the first to provide cakes. Watch this space for more details nearer to the time
- **Wreath Night** - On **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** we will be running our first **Adults Only** event of the year with a Wreath Night. We'll be selling tickets in advance as space in the Hall will be limited so keep an eye out for when tickets go on sale!

### What's On Next Week:

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September - Choir 8.20am

- KS1 Multi-sports 15:20 – 16:20

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September - JS Sports Girls Football 15:20 – 16:20

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<p><b>Uniform</b></p>	<p>The children should wear their PE kits to school on PE days and on all other days are to wear School uniform Please be prepared for all weathers.</p> <p>PE days are:  Year 1 Wednesday and Friday  Year 2 Monday and Thursday  Year 3 Beech Monday and Thursday  Year 3 Maple Monday and Wednesday  Year 3 Willow Wednesday and Thursday  Year 4 Tuesday and Friday  Year 5 Monday and Wednesday  Year 6 Tuesday and Friday</p> <p>We are a 'school uniform' school and expect all children to come to school dressed appropriately.</p> <p>Children should not wear any make up or accessories, including jewellery (bracelets, necklaces). They may wear watches and stud earrings only and they will be asked to remove anything unsuitable. If they continue to wear these items then parents will be asked to come and collect the items.</p> <p>School uniform expectations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sweatshirts – navy (with or without school logo). No hoodies.</li> <li>• Polo shirts – white or navy</li> <li>• Trousers / shorts - grey, black or navy (trousers may be worn by boys and girls)</li> <li>• Skirts / pinafores - grey, black or navy</li> <li>• Socks / tights - white, grey, navy or black</li> <li>• Summer Dress - navy and white checked, or striped, summer dresses</li> <li>• Footwear should be sensible - black, flat shoes (high heels, boots or boot style trainers are not permitted)</li> </ul> <p>PE kits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White /blue round-necked T-shirt (football tops must not be worn). Ideally, these should be plain with no logos.</li> <li>• Blue/black shorts that are appropriate for PE.</li> <li>• For outdoors school sweatshirts (no hoodies) and dark blue/black jogging trousers should be worn. Ideally, these should be plain with no logos.</li> <li>• Pierced earrings must be removed for PE and long hair must be tied back for PE and games</li> </ul> <p>Please remember:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All clothes should be clearly labelled with your child's name.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lunches</b></p>	<p>We continue to offer a full hot menu and the children will eat in the KS2 Dining Hall. They can also bring in packed lunches. Lunches should be ordered in advance if at all possible through <i>Reach More Parents (The Weduc app)</i>.</p>
<p><b>Parents/Carers</b></p>	<p>Parents and carers must not come into school unless it has been arranged. All enquiries should go through the school office, ideally by email.  <a href="mailto:office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk">office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk</a> .</p>
<p><b>Collecting Children</b></p>	<p>Please can Reception and Key Stage 1 parents/carers stand back from the doors at the end of the day so that the teachers can see you more easily and ensure that the children are safe.</p>
<p><b>Attendance</b></p>	<p>New statutory guidance is now in place We will continue to work with families regarding any attendance concerns and please talk to us if you have questions. Usual rules on school attendance apply, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parents' duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school.</li> <li>- Schools' responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence.</li> <li>- The availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct. This will be reviewed regularly by Governors.</li> </ul>

	All requests for term time leave will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and must be submitted in advance using the appropriate form. This is available from the school office or the website.
<b>Lost Property</b>	We do not store lost property so please make sure that all belongings are named so that they can be returned to their owner. Items that do not have any name will only be kept for a very short period before being passed onto the PTA or disposed of.
<b>Parking and Transport</b>	<p>The car parks are for members of staff and not to be used for dropping off or collecting children unless permission has been given beforehand. Please do not walk or cycle through the car parks when dropping off/collecting children.</p> <p>Please park with consideration for the children, other road users and local residents. Parking remains an issue but we need everyone to be patient and to be prepared to walk a little further. We encourage biking, scootering and walking to school and helmets should be worn. Bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the premises.</p>
<b>Dogs</b>	Dogs must not be brought onto the premises unless prior permission has been sought.
<b>Snacks</b>	<p>We have a number of children in school with nut allergies. Please avoid sending nuts into school as a snack or in their packed lunches.</p> <p>Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are provided with a snack at morning break so they do not need to bring anything in.</p> <p>Children in Key Stage 2 can bring in a healthy snack to have for a morning break. Any snack must be nut free as we have a number of children in school with nut allergies.</p> <p>Please limit children to the list below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vegetable sticks – such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrot, a range of colour ensures different vitamins and minerals.</li> <li>• A piece of cheddar cheese</li> <li>• A piece of fresh or dried fruit, high in soluble fibre and vitamins would also be a great snack– pineapple, mango, kiwi, plain raisins, apricots, blueberries, banana slices.</li> <li>• Bread sticks, plain pretzels, oat/rice cakes are good snacks, providing children with carbohydrate to sustain them in-between meals.</li> <li>• Homemade snack - oat/whole grain based snack.</li> </ul> <p>We need the children to stay hydrated so please ensure they bring a named water bottle into school daily. Squash and fruit juice are not permitted.</p>
<b>Contact Details</b>	Please remember to let the school know of any changes in contact details as soon as possible. They are updated on our system as soon as we receive them and it is important in case we have to contact you in an emergency.
<b>Sickness/Diarrhoea</b>	Children must be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. We do enforce this policy in order to keep everyone as healthy as possible.
<b>Absence</b>	<p>Please contact the school office by either telephone (01480 375063) or email (<a href="mailto:pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk">pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk</a>) before 9.15am on each day of your child's absence.</p> <p>Alternatively please use the Weduc Reach More Parents app to report your child's absence.</p>
<b>Medicines</b>	<p>School staff cannot normally administer medicines. In the case of conditions such as asthma, diabetes, heart condition, eczema etc, please contact the school and special arrangements will be made. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that any medication is within its expiry date.</p> <p>Doctors are advised by School Health to prescribe antibiotics which require only three doses a day and so do not require children to take them in school. If, however, a dose is needed during the day, parents will need to make arrangements to come into school to administer the medicine. If this is not possible, parents should complete and sign a medical consent form (available to download from the school website or in hard copy from the school office).</p>

Medicine should be handed to a member of school staff in the container in which it was dispensed so that storage and dosage instructions can be checked. A medicine spoon should also be provided. Only prescribed medication can be administered by school staff, and other than asthma inhalers, medicine will not be handed over to the pupils during or at the end of the school day. Staff cannot take responsibility for any missed doses.

Children should not bring in any medication in their bags, eg, cough sweets, etc.

<b>Key Dates</b>	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Phonics meeting for Reception parents 2.30pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	PTA AGM
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Assembly
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA Bags2School
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Afternoon (after school)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y6 Mexicolore visit Parent Consultations NHS Flu Vaccination 1 <sup>st</sup> Session
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Non Uniform Day
28 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term Week
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Training Day (TfW)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Cake Friday
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Bag2School
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception September 2025 meeting
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 Duxford visit
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Y4 West Stow visit
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Wreath Night (to be confirmed)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Reception Performance (morning) NHS Flu Vaccination 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Performance (morning)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 Performance (morning)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 Performance (morning)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Term ends

