



# Newsletter

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## Headteacher's notes...

We are approaching a really busy but exciting time of year in school as children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are busy rehearsing for their performances which take place over the next couple of weeks, starting with Reception next Tuesday. Next Friday we also have our Christmas Dinner and Christmas Fair which we are all looking forward to. Many people are working very hard to make it a success so do please come and support them if you can. Please note that the children will not be out of school until the usual time.

Well done to Upper Willow who led our last Class Assembly of the term on Wednesday morning.

Thank you to the choir and staff who supported the Brampton Christmas Lights Switch On last Sunday and also to the PTA who ran a stall to raise funds for the school.

Please make sure that your child is well enough to attend school as we have had a number of children absent due to illness recently.

## Staffing Update

Following interviews earlier this week Mrs Grimbaldston will be joining us in January to work alongside Mrs Wallace in Lower Maple. Mrs Grimbaldston has already taught the class on a number of occasions and is looking forward to joining us next term. We will try to arrange a session before the end of term when parents from the class can come and meet her.

Mr Rayner, who is also joining us next term, will be teaching Middle Elm next Wednesday afternoon and he is then staying on in order to meet parents in the classroom after school. Please do come and introduce yourselves to him.

## Christmas Post Box

If your child would like to send Christmas cards to other children in school, please put the cards in the post box outside the school office. Deliveries will commence from next Wednesday until **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – please don't forget to put the full name and class on the envelope!



## Non Uniform Day

We will be having a 'Christmas non uniform day' on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** as it is both our Christmas Fair and Christmas Lunch.

## 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 our website and the Cambridgeshire County Council website:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-&-learning/school-term-dates-&-closures/school-closures/>

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

### **Year 5/6 boys football**

The last training session for Yr 6 boys' football will be **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**. Yr 5 boys' football training has finished for this term.

### **Tag Rugby**

The last training session for tag rugby is **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**.

### **Christmas Performances**

There are a small number of tickets still available for the Reception and KS1 performances. Please log on to [www.bramptonvillage.parentseveningsystem.co.uk](http://www.bramptonvillage.parentseveningsystem.co.uk) as soon as possible if you still need to book your tickets.

We are pleased to inform you that our school has been nominated for the Diabetes UK Good Diabetes care in School Award which celebrates and showcases schools that deliver good care and support to children with Type 1 diabetes. As part of the nomination, Diabetes UK is inviting parents and carers to complete a brief online parent survey at [www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/school-nomination](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/school-nomination).



Please follow the link to the survey if you would like to show your support to or oppose this nomination. The survey should take no more than two minutes to complete. You can answer this survey anonymously if you want to.

Please be advised that you have until **7<sup>th</sup> December** to respond to this parent survey. Responses will be used by Diabetes UK to assess our school's nomination for the award. You can find out more about the Good Diabetes Care in School Award at [www.diabetes.org.uk/school-award](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/school-award).

### **Football News**

The Brampton Girls football team took on Alconbury Primary Girls football team in a cup match on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**. An exciting end to end match finished 2-2. So it came down to penalties. Despite a great effort, Brampton finally lost 2-1. A big well done to all those who took part and thank you to all the parents for their continued support.

### **Parent Drop In**

Our Family Worker is holding another 'drop in' for parents on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### **Music Events**

**Carol singing at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital** - the **Y6 choir** have been invited to sing carols at the Chapel Service and around some of the wards on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm**.

**Last choir will be Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

**Last orchestra will be Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**Last hand chimes will be Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

## Year 1 Violin Project

The children involved in the Year 1 Violin Project will be making a brief presentation to parents at **2.45pm** in the music room on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**.

## PTA News

Hello, first of all if you have ordered Christmas cards, they arrived yesterday and are in the class folders so should be coming home with the children today. We will set up a collection point for the mugs at the Christmas Fair, as mugs in children's book bags tend to not make it home in one piece! They are at the office however, so if you need them before then then you can collect but as there are nearly 100 mugs in individual boxes, please allow time to find the right one!

Continuing with the Christmas Fair, we really need helpers! Even if you can only do half an hour it all helps, and it's no problem if you have little ones with you. The link to sign up to help is here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CADA82AA2FB6-christmas4>. It will also be posted on our Facebook group 'Brampton PTA'. It's going to be a great event with lots of games and activities, Santa's grotto, hot dogs, school choir, mulled wine, hot drinks, cakes, mince pies and lots more so please come along on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** from **3pm - 5pm**.

Thank you to those who have sent their raffle ticket money in, please do keep selling them. There are some really great prizes to be won including lots of days out: visit our Facebook group 'Brampton PTA' for a full list. We are still collecting toys, games, books and teddies for the fair. Second hand toys are a great way for siblings to choose gifts for each other - there will be wrapped boxes on sale too to put gifts in ready for Christmas.

It is a non-uniform day on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** and we are asking for donations of the following:

Reception / Year 1: Cakes

Year 2/3/4: Chocolates

Year 5/6 : £1

See you at the Fair! The PTA team

## What's On Next Week:

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Art Club Yrs 1-4 Football Club
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Amy's Acro – Last session for this term Yr 6 Football Reception Christmas Performance 1.45pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Family Worker Drop In 9.00am Tag Rugby
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception Christmas Performance 1.45pm Yrs 1-4 MultiSkills Sports Club
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Non Uniform Day Christmas Dinner Orchestra Drama Club Christmas Fair