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Newsletter



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Headteacher's notes...

We have reached the half term break after what seems like a very long few weeks for everyone. Thank you for all your support and the work you have done with your children at home. I would also like to say thank you to all of the staff who have worked so hard, both in school and with remote learning. There is another short message to watch on the front page of the website.



Please make sure that there is time for a break over the next week and enjoy doing other things. We don't yet know what the next few weeks will bring but we will let you know as soon as we can about when and how we might be open for more children. We are all looking forward to having everyone back as soon as possible and returning to a more normal routine.

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey on remote learning/home learning. As expected there are a range of opinions based upon everyone's different circumstances and experiences. If there are any specific details you would like to discuss further then please do contact me at school.

We are recruiting a Midday Supervisor to start work after half term. Details are available on the school website.

Please keep contacting us through closure@brampton.cambs.sch.uk if you have questions or need any support. We have a small supply of laptops available so please contact us if this would help in any way.

World Book Day

World Book Day is fast approaching on the 4th of March and is a world- wide celebration of books and reading. Spending just 10 minutes a day reading and sharing stories with children can make a crucial difference to their future success.

Lots of fun activities and resources for World Book Day can be found online at www.worldbookday.com. This year due to lockdown the organisers are providing a range of free digital events with authors, illustrators and hosts. These online events need to be booked in advance so please be sure to have a look to see if there are any that you think your child might enjoy.



Teachers will be planning lots of World Book Day remote learning activities during the week of 1st March.



Instead of asking children to dress up this year we will be inviting children to design and make their favourite book character using either a potato, an egg or a wooden spoon. Children will be invited to share these on their class Zooms on World Book Day.

More information about World Book Day activities will be sent out after half term.



Scholastic books have created a number of online events which may be of interest to the children. To find out more, simply click on the link below. (Scroll down the page for the registration links.)

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/scholastic-live-world-book-day>

Password: clubsandfairs

Learning

Enjoying

Achieving

There are also many different activities and events on the World Book Day website, including recorded: <https://www.worldbookday.com/online-masterclasses/> - already on the website, so you may wish to delve in over the half-term!

Live events:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/events/>

If you are successful in registering your child for an event that coincides with their Zoom meeting, as always, we would be grateful if you could notify their teacher via email. We do hope you are able to access some of these fun and inspiring activities and we shall look forward to hearing from the children about their experiences!

PTA News

Co-op Raffle

There is still time for you to enter the High Street Co-op's Valentine raffle, held in honour of the PTA's laptop campaign, where you could win an *Irresistible* hamper. Tickets are only available in store and cost £1 each or 6 for £5. Good luck!

As we say goodbye to a half term quite unlike any other, the PTA would like to wish all you home school and critical worker heroes a very peaceful and restorative week. We were planning a sponsored walk to one of Huntingdon's twinned (or sister) towns for the holiday, but with the arctic conditions and some administrative hold ups, we have decided to keep this until the Easter break. If you have any suggestions for other destinations for us to try to walk to, virtually speaking, then please drop an email to BramptonPTA@outlook.com.

Thank you, PTA team

Critical Worker/Vulnerable Children Bookings

Bookings for spaces for the week commencing 1st March

These will open at 11.00am on Saturday 20th February, and will close at 3.00pm on Monday 22nd February.



When booking you will receive an email confirmation – this is just to confirm that your booking request has been received and it does not guarantee a place. Once bookings close we will go through all of the requests and allocate places.

Please use <https://bramptonvillage.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> for bookings.

For those children who do attend hot school lunches are available as usual. School uniform is not required and all the children need to bring is a water bottle.

The guidance is still the same. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. The Local Authority is clear that the offer for children of critical workers or those who are vulnerable is an offer, not an automatic guarantee. Everything will be guided by our risk assessment as we consider staff availability, the need to deliver remote learning to pupils at home, the need to ensure as much social distancing as possible, including avoiding overcrowding of the school, and maintaining the bubble structures which have protected our children and staff to date.

During this very difficult phase of the pandemic, the number of children attending school should be as low as possible in order to have the maximum effect on lowering transmission.

We absolutely understand that families are worried about being able to work but these are extraordinary times and we are all having to make some very difficult decisions and sacrifices. Please do not take up the space if you do not need it as it may be needed urgently by someone else. If you are able to make alternative arrangements please let us know so that places can be offered to other families.

Teachers will be in school more after half term working with those in class as well as those at home. This may mean that on certain days they are not able to respond as quickly to emails – we will provide more details when we return.

Take care and stay safe.



Mr Peter Allen

Headteacher

Accessing additional support for families

It is recognised that families may need further support and there is a network of hubs run by the city and district councils that will help parents to access this over half term. Details of support in your local area can be found below:
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/wintersupport

The hubs have been set up during this time to ensure that all residents of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have access to the support that is available. If you are unable to access the information online, you can call your local hub on 0345 045 5219. The team is available Monday – Friday 9am-5pm.

If a child who has been in school this week develops any of the symptoms on Saturday 13th February and/or Sunday 14th February please inform the school by emailing pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk .