



Newsletter

13th September 2024

Letter 2

Autumn Term 2024

Headteacher's notes...

This week we have welcomed our new Reception children into school and it has been fantastic to see them all come in and seem so settled already. We look forward to working successfully with all of you once again and a special welcome to those families who are joining Brampton for the first time!

Every week in school, we always have a focus on our '6Rs' which help and support the children in all they do. Our expectations for behaviour includes 'Respect' for ourselves, each other and our environment and your support with reinforcing this is much appreciated. We held our first 'Star of the Week' Assembly today, which recognises children who consistently show our 6Rs each week, along with names in our Respect Book.

The weather is very changeable at the moment as we move into Autumn. Please make sure that your children come to school prepared with a coat and outdoor PE clothes as we do go outside whenever possible.

It was good to hear the first Choir practice of the year yesterday as they prepare for Young Voices and also after school clubs have started this week so the term is well and truly up and running.

Individual Photographs

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These are taking place on Friday 18th October and those children that have PE on that day should come to school in uniform and bring their PE kit to change into.

Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 25th September, we are having a Harvest Assembly in school. This year we will be collecting goods for Diamond Hampers once again which is a very local charity supporting the most vulnerable in our village. They rely heavily on donations and we are pleased to be supporting them. Suggested goods, *which should be brought in on the day*, include:

- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned beans
- Tinned soup and meals
- Pasta sauces
- Biscuits
- Tea/Coffee
- Pasta
- Cereal

Thank you in advance for your support.



Year 6 Transition to Secondary School – Application Process

The deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October 2024. If you apply online by this date, you will get an offer for a place on 1st March 2025 by email. For further information, please contact the school or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions.

Parent Governor Elections

Please look out for further details in the next few weeks as we look for new Parent Governors to join us. Governors play a key role in the success of our school, for the benefit of our children. They are volunteers who work with the professional

staff to ensure our children get the best education the school can provide and are a mix of parent governors, co-opted governors from the wider community, a governor from our Local Authority, a staff governor and our Head Teacher.

Governors set the strategic direction for the school and monitor progress on all aspects of school life, from safeguarding and wellbeing to educational outcomes, resources and school values.

PTA News

With the AGM looming, we need some new committee members! In particular we are in a need of a treasurer (as we cannot legally function as an organisation without one) and some wider committee members to help with planning/organising individual events or initiatives. Without some new members we will not be able to provide many of the events such as Cake Fridays, Discos and the Summer Fayre which setting aside raising money we know so many of the children look forward to.

As a few examples, might you be able to help with one of the following?

- **Raffle** - could you coordinate/help source prizes for our popular raffles? These raise a lot of money each year so it would be a shame to lose them but it is a big task as given the economic climate, companies do need encouraging to supply prizes
- **Cake Fridays** - only 3 Fridays a year and we have the organisation well mapped out now so it's an easy one to pick up if you are new to PTA events
- **Christmas Gifts** - the teachers already have the packs so what is needed here is to check on what's been returned and get them sent off to the company by the deadline. Then when the gifts arrive back, arrange for distribution.
- **Disco Team** - We normally run these in January/Feb time and then again in the summer term. We're well versed in the organisation/set up so again it's one that would be relatively easy to pick up and only happens twice in the academic year.
- **PTA Newsletter** - every week we write an entry for the school newsletter. We send it into the school office by Thursday lunchtime. If you were on the committee to hear what's going on and needs to go in, could you pick up responsibility for writing the newsletter?
- **Christmas Concerts/nativities** - we normally sell refreshments at each of the school performances in the build up to Christmas. They are all in the morning so perhaps would suit someone with a later starting time for work, a full time parent or someone who can do flexi-time. There is very minimal organisation and it's just a couple of hours on each day (you don't have to make them all and can reach out to the wider community of parents for helping on the day)
- **Sign Up Genius** - we currently use this for parent helpers to sign up to events. This is currently always set up by our Chair and we've created templates for most events now anyway. Could you be in charge of creating the sign up genius for each event (if others gave you the details/requirements). This might suit someone who can't be at events in person but wants to help.

We try to have some fun along the way and in the past, we've had groups of friends take on an event - last year we had the Disco Team and it worked really well. The above are really just a starter for ten for all the different ways you could help and you can see that we can divide a lot of it down into bitesize chunks.

If you would like to talk to any of the existing committee about taking on a role, we'd love to hear from you at bramptonpta@outlook.com. We are also holding two **FIND OUT MORE** sessions prior to the upcoming AGM as follows:

- Thurs 19th September 10-11am - The Willows Cafe, Brampton
- Friday 20th September 5-6pm - The Hare on the Green

We have tried to pick one day time and one evening slot so hopefully suits most people but if you can't make either then we're happy to arrange 1:1 chats separately on teams etc. These sessions will be completely informal and just a chance to find out more if you want to speak ahead of the AGM. Just turn up or let us know in advance at the above email address. The **AGM will be held on Mon 23rd September in the KS1 Hall at the school - 7:30pm**. We will formally vote in members and discuss plans for the year ahead. We hope many of you can join us but if you can't you can still join the committee (just let us know your interest in advance). If you know you would like to join our committee please let us know using the following link - <https://forms.office.com/r/nxuKs4vuue>

Many thanks
PTA Team

What's On Next Week:

Monday 16 th September	
Tuesday 17 th September	Phonics meeting for Reception parents 2.30pm Y5 and Y6 Tag Rugby Club 3.30 – 4.15pm
Wednesday 18 th September	
Thursday 19 th September	Choir 8.20am JS Sports KS1 Multi-sports 3:20 – 4:20pm Y6 Football 3.30 – 4.15pm
Friday 20 th September	JS Sports Girls Football 3:20 – 4:20pm

Attendance

As you are aware The Department for Education has issued new statutory guidance for attendance called *Working Together to Improve School Attendance* which came into effect on 19th August 2024. It includes some important changes and outlines what schools, parents and Local Authorities should do to improve pupils' attendance at school.

Requests for Absence

Requests for absence should be made by parents in line with the school's Attendance Policy. This will be in written form with the date of the proposed absence and as much detail as possible about the reason for the absence. As is currently the case, Headteachers may still only authorise absence that they consider to be an unavoidable and exceptional circumstance. The school will reply to parents to advise them whether the absence will be authorised or not.

The school term dates for this year were published before Easter and are on the website. They are:

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November	Half Term
Monday 4 th November	Staff training day
Tuesday 5 th November	Children return
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 th January	Staff training day
Tuesday 7 th January	Children return
Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Friday 4 th April	Last day of term

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22 nd April	Staff training day
Wednesday 23 rd April	Children return
Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May	Half Term
Monday 2 nd June	Staff training day
Tuesday 3 rd June	Children return
Wednesday 23 rd July	Last Day of Term

Term Dates for 2025-2026 are below but staff training dates have not yet been confirmed. These dates are also available on the County Council website [School term dates | Cambridgeshire County Council](#).

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 1 st September	Term starts
Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October	Half Term
Monday 3 rd November	Term continues
Friday 19 th December (35 days)	Term ends

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5 th January	Term starts
Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February	Half Term
Monday 23 rd February	Term continues
Friday 27 th March	Term ends

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 th April	Term starts
Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Monday 1 st June	Term continues
Monday 20 th July	Term ends