

Dear Friends,

So many reasons to thank you! Thank you so much for all the generous Christmas gifts you sent to us all. Thank you for your amazing support of the school throughout the last difficult two years. Thank you for uncomplainingly sticking to the recent firebreak we have had to try to control the number of infections. Thank you for your understanding and kindness, which I trust you and your children have in turn received from us. Belated best wishes for a great 2022! John

### Covid 19 Arrangements

The number of Covid 19 cases in school is now significantly reduced. As from **Monday 31st January** we will be lifting the restrictions we introduced temporarily when the number of cases was high. From Monday please take your child/children into the playground in the morning. At the end of the school day, Class 1 (including Reception) will leave via the door into the quiet area, Class 2 will leave via their cloakroom door and Class 3 will leave through the main front door. If you need to come into school to speak to office staff please feel free to do so. Also, please note that both Gym Club and Hotshots recommence next week.

### The Three Little Pigs

As part of their topic work Reception have been looking at different types of houses so they have been role-playing the story of the three little pigs. They thoroughly enjoyed huffing and puffing and trying to blow the houses down.



### TOPICS—SPRING TERM

#### Reception - How We Used to Live

The children will be thinking about their own homes and toys and how to contrast and compare them to those in the past. They are welcome to bring in a favourite toy from home, or an old toy belonging to a parent or grandparent, that they would like to show.



Photographs can also be sent in via Tapestry.

#### Years 1 & 2 - Through the Keyhole

The children will be studying important individuals and events from the past as well as looking at differences and similarities between toys in the past and currently. From 31st January they are also able to bring in one toy they have from the past or a favourite toy from home.



#### Class 2 - Crime and Punishment

The children are **exploring** crime and punishments meted out by the Romans, Anglo Saxons, Tudors and the present day. They will also be studying how “baddies” are portrayed and then looking at the crime and punishment from the baddies perspective.



#### Class 3 - Ancient Egypt

This term Class 3 will be studying Ancient Egypt. The children will explore the beliefs and traditions of the people and their everyday lives. They will also learn about their history, beliefs, food and medicines.

### Class 1 Trip to Abington Park Museum



On 7th February 2022 the children from Class 1 are going to Abington Park Museum. They will be looking at the traditional toys that previous generations of children have enjoyed. The trip is taking place during the school day and the children will be travelling to and from the Museum in the minibus. The cost of the trip is £5.00 per child.

Please ensure that the consent slip indicating what lunch your child would like, is returned by 2nd February 2022 at the latest. Also please pay for the trip via School Money by this date. Many thanks.

### Safeguarding Children at The Bramptons

The safeguarding of the children at The Bramptons is paramount. The School's Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Gillett. If you have any concerns about a child attending the school please speak to him. In his absence, please speak to Miss King as she is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. For further information, our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy which is on our website.

### Keeping Children Safe Online

It is an ongoing challenge for Parents trying to ensure their children are safe while online. This is particularly difficult because children are using the internet in a completely different way to their parents. This has proved more important than ever during the Covid 19 pandemic. An excellent source of guidance and advice is the NSPCC website at [Nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/). The information they provide includes advice on livestreaming and video apps, social media, parental controls, online wellbeing, online gaming. It also explains how you can report any online safety concerns you may have.

### Visits to Class 2

On 1st February 2022 the children in Class 2 are receiving a visit from a judge. They will explain how they became a judge and will give the children an insight into the criminal justice system.

Also, a parent of a child in the class who is a police officer, will be talking to the children about policing and his experience as a police officer.



### Mufti Day



For the Christmas Fayre that was due to take place on 11th December 2021, the Bramptons Stars bought enough selection boxes for all children. We are holding a Mufti Day on 11th February, the last day of term, for a donation of £1.00.

We will give every child a selection box in exchange for their £1.00 donation and this will allow the Brampton Stars to recoup their costs. In addition, the children get to enjoy a Mufti Day on the last day of term. I hope you are able to support this and the efforts of the Bramptons Stars in raising money for the school. Thank you.

### Class 2 Trip to Warwick Castle



On 29th March 2022 Class 2 will be visiting Warwick Castle as part of their topic for next term, castles. Further information about the trip will be sent out nearer the time.

### Outstanding Debts



Please note that the school is once again owed a significant amount of money. The following is now overdue. £718.00 for Before and After School Club, £66.00 for music lessons and £270 late Everdon Trip instalments. We are also owed £54.00 for Hockey Club Autumn Term (September to December 2021). The School budget is exceptionally tight and we rely on these payments being received. If you owe us money please pay as soon as possible via School Money. If you owe us money and you are having difficulty paying please speak to Mr Gillett immediately. Many thanks.

### PE Kit & Uniform

We still have a number of children that are not bringing in the correct PE Kit or any PE kit at all. They need PE Kit for both indoor and outdoor lessons, therefore, a pair of shorts, a t-shirt, track-suit bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers. PE is part of the national curriculum so all children should be participating in lessons so please ensure they have a full PE kit in school at all times.



On a regular basis we have parents contact us to say their child has lost an item of school uniform. The first question we ask is "does it have their name in it" and the answer is invariably "no". We cannot reunite children with their lost items unless they are named.

### Diary Dates

1st February 2022 - Judge Visiting Class 2

7th February 2022 - Class 1 Trip at Abington Museum

11th February 2022 - Mufti Day, School Closes

21st February 2022 - Training Day