

Dear Friends, Of all the Septembers I have returned to school, this is one of the most unusual. The lifting of some of the restrictions on schools has allowed us to start functioning as a community again. It has been fantastic to be able to welcome you back into school in the mornings. Having chats with each other on the playground, parents meeting up, children playing together. It has been a real pleasure to gather for assembly together in the hall and see parents waiting by Class1 window to wave goodbye. Things we took for granted and only missed when they were gone. Basically, it is allowing 'us' to become 'us' again. The community of people who, together, built the best school in Northamptonshire. Let's move on together again to ensure the best benefit to all the members of our Bramptons family, with our children at the forefront.

Welcome to our new parents, we have been so lucky to, once again, gain such a lovely group of children and families. Thank you for choosing us! As always, I am available to all parents, whenever and whatever the reason may be. All the best, John.



School Place Vacancies

We have now increased the number of children in each year group to 14 and therefore we have some places available. They are in Reception, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5. If you know anyone who would be interested in their child attending The Bramptons please ask them to contact the school to make an appointment for a tour of the school.

Many thanks

Reports & Parents Evenings

Reports will be sent out on Friday 15th October 2021. Parents Evenings are taking place on 18th October 2021 3.30pm to 7.30pm and 19th October 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Appointment forms to follow shortly.

Meet Our Reception 2021 Children

These are the wonderful children who have joined The Bramptons in Reception. They are settling in amazingly well and are a great addition to our Bramptons family. They will shortly be paired with their Year 6 Buddies who will help them settle into school and will ensure they have a familiar face in the playground.



School Finances and the repayment of outstanding charges



Although we managed to set a balanced budget for 2021/2022, our financial position continues to be very challenging and it is essential that any outstanding fees and charges are paid promptly. If you have any outstanding charges to pay please make payment as soon as possible. We are reliant on this income to be able to continue to provide Before and After School Care and the School minibus.

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Term Topics



Reception

All About Me & Seasons and Weather



The topic for the first few weeks will be All About Me. The children will be learning about themselves, their families and their new friend. For the second half of the term the topic will be Seasons and Weather, with a particular focus on Autumn. The children will be exploring wind which will involve making kites and toy aeroplanes.



Years 1 & 2



Blown Away

The children will be exploring the world around them, focussing on weather, weather patterns and climates around the world. They will also study the role of wind in determining the weather, which will include making kites and evaluating their flying capabilities in different weather conditions.



Class 2

Animals Including Humans



The children will be studying British wildlife and what they can do to help preserve it. This will include looking at different animal habitats and the foods they eat. Also, Class 2 will be learning how to look after pets. Many of the activities relating to this topic will be based around the book "Hodgeheg" by Dick King Smith.



Class 3

World War 2 & The Battle of Britain



Class 3 will be studying WW2, focusing particularly on The Battle of Britain. They will explore the lives of children at that time and how war impacted their lives. This will include evacuation, rationing and The Blitz.

Reception 2022 Open Days

We are holding our open days for Reception 2022 w/c 8th November 2021 and w/c 22nd November 2021.

We are offering appointments each day between 9.30am and 5.00pm. If you have a child starting in Reception next year and you would like to make an appointment please contact the School Office (01604 820941). Also, if you know of anyone else who would like their child to attend The Bramptons please pass on this information. Many thanks.

Flu Vaccinations



The Flu vaccinations will take place on Friday 21st November for Years 1-6. School Nurses will be contacting you shortly to seek your consent for your child to be vaccinated. The vaccine is administered as a nasal spray.

Hotshots Taster Session

The children in years 2—6 will be participating in Hotshots Basketball taster sessions on 16th September. If your child would like to attend Hotshots after school club they will be given instructions on how to do so after the taster session.



Class 2 Swimming



Class 2 begin swimming lessons after October Half Term until Christmas. They will take place on a Friday morning so the first swimming lesson is on 5th November 2021. They will be transported to and from swimming in the school minibus. Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit into school every Friday. They will need a towel, a one-piece swimming costume or trunks (speedo style trunks and not shorts) and a swimming hat. Your child can bring goggles if they wish to do so. Many thanks.



Harvest Festival 2021

This year Harvest Festival is taking place on 22nd October 2021, the last day of term. We will hold an assembly for the children only. Although we would dearly like to invite all parents to attend as we have done in previous years, with the number of Covid - 19 cases rising we feel it is not advisable as yet to have a hall full of people in close proximity. As we have done in the past, we will be sending your food donations to the Hope Centre. Please donate if you can as the centre relies on donations from school Harvest Festivals to feed the homeless in Northampton.

Many thanks.

Diary Dates

16th September—Hotshots Basketball tasters
15th October—Reports sent out
18th October 3.30pm—7.30pm - Parents Evening
19th October 3.30pm—4.30pm - Parents Evening
22nd October—Harvest Festival and school closes.
1st November—Training Day
2nd November—Children return to school.
4th November— Individual School Photos
5th November—Class 2 swimming begins
w/c 8th November— Reception 2022 Open Days
12th November—Flu Vaccinations
w/c 22nd November—Reception 2022 Open Days

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