

Dear Parents

As we arrive at another Christmas holiday, it is good to look back on another busy but successful term. On Monday we all enjoyed a fun trip to The Castle Theatre to see Peter Pan – by the way the children joined in the songs and the chanting, I would say that they all had a great time.

Earlier in the term, a group of children from the school sang at the first ever Moulton Cluster Christmas Carol Concert. Even the teachers from other schools agreed that our children stood out with their song – one Headteacher from another school commented on how much they were enjoying themselves while they sang.



Our Key Stage 2 children also enjoyed taking part in The Rose of the Shires project – singing with children from Brighton and Harlestone Schools. Before they got to sing though they had to research their project and then write their own song.

If you think you have a busy life, ask the children about all the jobs that William Rigby did in the village – carpenter, undertaker and constable is just the beginning of the list.

This evening we are holding our Carol Service at St Botolphs Church which I believe will be a lovely mix of the traditional and fun elements of Christmas.

Then on Friday we will be taking some children to The Brampton View Nursing Home where we will be singing to the residents and hopefully adding to a memorable Christmas for them.

Building Work and Celebration

The main event of the term has obviously been the building work. Although at times it has made life a bit awkward, the improvement in the environment the children are working in has been worth every minute of it. Over the holiday the bulk of the work will be finished and the scaffolding will come down. By the time we return to school, there may be some finishing off to be done but the site is due to be cleared by January 6th and then we can re-establish some proper routines in a school that looks like it belongs in the 21st century.

We see this as an opportunity to put The Bramptons well and truly on the map and to that end we are planning a big celebration event on the evening of **26th January** – please keep this evening free in your diary. We have a number of celebrities coming as well as a County Councillor – at the end of which we hope that there won't be anyone left in the area who can say that they have never heard of The Bramptons. Details will follow later in the week or at the beginning of next term.

Clubs

Next term we will have the chance to get our clubs up and running again. A number of parents have indicated that they would like us to run more clubs but to do this most of them will have to be provided by outside agencies and this means that they will need to be paid for.

- Multi-sports club on Thursday evenings – see flier attached.

- Rachael Jeffery would like to run a Musical Theatre group on a Monday evening as she already does at some other primary schools. Each session would cost £5.00 (payable in advance, that would be £25.00 paid on the first day with a £5.00 discount for siblings). Rachel says that the sessions will involve dancing, singing, acting, an opportunity to keep fit and lots of fun. Please fill out the slip below if you are interested in your child joining this club.
- Football will continue on a Friday lunch time.
- Basketball will restart as soon as Hotshots have been able to host their taster sessions.

I am also looking at a couple of other options but I need to complete a bit more research before giving details of this.

Free School Meals

Please look at the attached leaflet on Free School Meals – as you can see it is really important for us that any children who qualify for Free School Meals register for them – even if they do not actually take them – as each child registered is another £488 into our budget. The Government has rearranged funding arrangements to try and match these needs and we can only access all the money our children are entitled to, if parents sign up as required. If you are unsure about this please speak to either myself or Mrs Quick – this needs to be done in the first couple of weeks of January if we are to qualify for this year’s budget round.

Dates

- Children return to school on Wednesday 4th January.
 - School celebration on Thursday 26th January
 - End of term – Friday 10th February.