



# Bramble's News



Being the best we can be

11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## Message from Mrs Gynn



### End of term arrangements:

I would like to begin this week's letter with an important message - the children's last day of this term will be **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**.

You may have heard on the news that schools have been asked to break up a day early. This has only been a recommendation, so we have decided to keep our term dates as they were and not make the change. Consequently, we will finish on Friday and return on 4<sup>th</sup> January. I have appreciated your support throughout this very strange term and wanted to show this by not making yet another change for you at such short notice.

### School lunches:

After the Christmas holidays, I hope to reinstate hot lunches. The menu will be published online. I will confirm the actual start date as soon as I can. Until I am able to do this, please continue to order the grab bags. Children who have a packed lunch can also resume using a lunch box.



### A sad farewell:

St James has been so lucky to have Mr Stafford as our Site Supervisor for 18 years. Sadly, he has decided it is time to retire, so will be putting away his tools, closing his job book and stopping all of his checks. I am sure you will join me in wishing him well and in thanking him for the many, many things he has done and made for the school. He will be very much missed by all of the staff and children.



### **Covid-19 update:**

Whilst there is now hope that next term may be able to return to a bit more of a normal, we are not there yet. The importance of following government and local guidance remains. Please do your best to avoid journeys and mixing with other households. As the end of term approaches we face the challenge that if we have any cases, I will need to advise you of the need for your child to self-isolate. I very much hope that this will not be necessary.

If any of your children begin to display any Covid-19 symptoms - even after we have broken up, please remember to book a test. If the test is positive, it is essential that you contact me, so that the system of Contact & Trace can work.

**Please message me on Class Dojo. I will check at 4.00 p.m. every day between 19<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> December. If there is positive test result after symptoms have developed within 48 hours of school breaking up, I will post a message on the page of the class who has had contact, at 4.00 p.m. Please do look out for it. If this happens, in line with national guidance, your child would need to stay at home and self-isolate until 31<sup>st</sup> December (14 days after contact). Other members of your household can continue normal activities, provided your child does not develop symptoms within the self-isolation period.**

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline will still be open over the Christmas holidays to answer any questions you may have relating to education settings. They will however, close on the bank holidays.

Telephone number: 0800 046 8687

### **Covid-19 Marshals:**

As part of Northamptonshire's ongoing response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the use of marshals to support and encourage people to be Covid aware when out and about in their communities is being expanded.

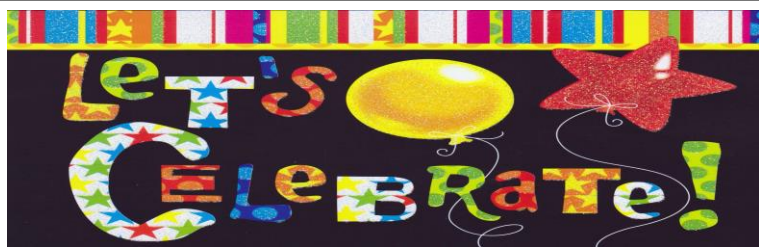
Part of this expansion will see marshals deployed in identified local areas where it is felt support and encouragement would benefit; this will include areas in the vicinity of school.

### **The last week of term:**

We have lots of things planned for the last week. I am sure the children will have a wonderful time - please see the list of events in this letter, so that you do not miss anything.

I hope in this lead up to Christmas you all stay safe. Have a lovely weekend.





**Certificates have been awarded to:**

Exploring  
the World

Super  
history,  
geography or  
religious  
education  
work

Riley -  
Daisy  
Class

Express  
Yourself

Wonderful  
art, design  
technology,  
music or P.E.  
work

Theo -  
Snowdrop  
Class

Let's  
Investigate

Fantastic  
maths or  
science work

Liga -  
Dandelion  
Class

World of  
Words

Great  
reading,  
writing,  
speaking and  
listening or  
drama work

Amelia -  
Bluebell  
Class

Being Your  
Best

Alice -  
Sunflower  
Class

Wow!

Andy -  
Buttercup  
Class

**The value for  
December:  
Creativity**



**We celebrated with:**

**Callum, David, Sophia who are now 5!**  
**Bella, Eliza who are now 6! Poppy,**  
**who is now 7!**

**Happy Birthday to you all!**

**Look at how amazing our school  
was**



**last week:**



116 stories shared

905 skills celebrated

141 messages shared

100% positive feedback



**This week's handwriting award goes to:**

**Archie -**

**Sunflower Class**



**Reading Challenge**

We have a lot of apples to put on our reading challenge display - please keep on reading with your child.

## What's Coming Up?



A special visitor - dressed all red, will visit the children today: 14.12.20

Christmas Lunch: 15.12.20



Christmas parties: 16.11.20

N.B. All children can come to school dressed in their party clothes



Break up for Christmas / Non-uniform Day: 18.12.20

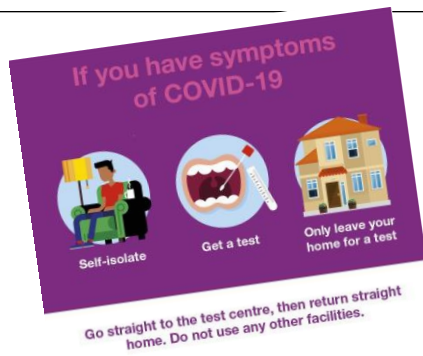
Spring term begins: 5.1.21

Final open morning: 9.1.21

If you know anyone who would like to look around our school before choosing it for a cl September, or if they are looking for a Pre-school place, please ask them to ring and i



Cinematic Pantomime: 5.2.21



## Reminders & Notices...



The deadline for school applications is: **5.00 p.m. on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

If you know anyone who is needing a Pre-School or school place - PLEASE ASK THEM TO TAKE A LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE AND VIEW THE VIDEO THAT WILL INTRODUCE THEM TO OUR SCHOOL - IT IS WORTH A LOOK! OR ASK THEM TO CONTACT US TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO TOUR THE SCHOOL.

### Christmas Lunch Vouchers

All parents of children eligible for pupil premium, will be receiving an email with their food e-vouchers, next week. They can be spent in supermarkets to help with the purchase of food over Christmas time. Please do check your inbox.



The Abbey CE Academy will be uploading a video of their school on their website, next week. Please do take a look.

[www.abbeyceacademy.co.uk](http://www.abbeyceacademy.co.uk)