



Bramble's News



Being the best we can be

15th January 2021



A note about remote learning

A huge thank you to all parents and carers - you are supporting your children so well to access their learning. So many of you

are doing a fabulous job. We have seen a real increase in engagement this week, which is wonderful.

Take a look at page 2 to see who our remote learning champions are this week.



Our remote education plan can be found on our website, under '**Key Information**'. You will also see a copy of all of the work for the week, which can be downloaded. This is an alternative route to access the learning, in addition to Class Dojo.

All work planned mirrors that taught in school. Your child will be able to access the curriculum they need if the resources provided are used. I would therefore recommend that the resources are used, but if you want to do any additional activities, once the school ones are finished, please do so.

Staff are providing feedback for the children on their work, please do share this with them. If they have been asked to improve something or practise a skill, please do give them time to do this. Staff will be delighted to see the improvements. Children can also message staff to tell them what they think they have done well. This is possible through your normal account. I would ask that this is done with supervision.

If your child has found something tricky, please share this with staff too. They may ask the child to do something differently straight away, or address it as a teaching point in the next week's plan.

I hope your children have enjoyed receiving a phone call this week. These will take place every week from now on. If a call comes through with no caller ID, it will almost certainly be a member of staff. Please do accept the call.



Message from Mrs Gynn

I hope you find the information in this newsletter useful, during these strange times. My best wishes to you all for a happy and safe weekend.

Critical Workers

As a school, we are doing our very best to provide education for all children. At the same time, we are also trying to follow the lockdown guidance - 'stay at home.'

Consequently, I would like to ask that anyone who has been told by their employer that their job is a critical worker role, consider carefully the need to use a school place. We all have a duty to try to keep infection rates down. If you are able to keep your children at home and follow the remote learning plan, which mirrors exactly what is being taught at school, the expectation is that you should do so.

The Department of Education, issued new guidance this week:

'If a child has parent who is a critical worker, it is for the parent to decide if they are able to keep them at home. We encourage parents to consider the spirit of the lockdown when making their decision.'

It is a very challenging and worrying time for us all, but if we endeavour to follow the guidance the national lockdown will be able to be relaxed sooner rather than later.



Certificates have been awarded to:

**Exploring
the World**

Super history,
geography or
religious
education work

**Matei - at
home
Eloise - in
school**

**Let's
Investigate**

Fantastic maths
or science work

**Gavriel &
Harley H -
at home
Zachary R
- in school**

**World of
Words**

Great reading,
writing, speaking
and listening or
drama work

**Rhys B -
at home
Noah - in
school**

**Being Your
Best**

**Harry C -
at home
Maria - in
school**

Wow!

**Jackson &
Rosa - at
home**

**The value for
January:**

Caring

**Remote Learning
Champions!**

**The most engaged class
this week is:**



Sunflower Class

Well done to the
children and
parents too 😊

**Look at how amazing our school
was**



last week:



88 stories shared

903 skills celebrated

435 messages shared

100% positive feedback



Reading Challenge

Teachers will still be monitoring reading that is done at home using Oxford Reading Buddy. Each read will build up to your child receiving a free book from school. Please help them to get to 20, 50 or even 100 reads!

Online Safety Tips

Start a conversation!

Question?

Who would you talk to if you saw something online that upset you?



During the national lockdown, everyone is asked to stay home.

The four reasons you ARE allowed to leave home



The deadline for starting at infant school or transferring from infant to junior school is today!

URGENT!

The application process closes at 5.00 p.m.

Please make sure that you have submitted your choice

https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-school-places/Pages/how-to-apply-for-a-primary-school-place.aspx#_ga=2.245794252.938479221.1610709730-1521641144.1571755546

Smart phones

If your child is using your phone, have you made sure that the correct parental controls have been set up?

iPhone advice:

<https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201304>

Android advice:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smart-phones-and-other-devices/android-smartphone/>

Reminders & Notices...



Technology at home

Are you using a play-station or xbox to access home learning resources?

If yes - we now have a limited supply of keyboards and mice for loan.

Are you using a mobile phone to access home learning resources?

If yes - we now have a limited supply of magnifiers for loan.

Please contact the school office for more information.

School uniform / ventilation

All children who are in school should be in school uniform. However, please ensure that they have layers too. We are having to keep windows open to provide plenty of ventilation which means that school is not always warm.