



Bramble's News



Being the best we can be

19th March 2021

Message from Mrs Gynn

Additional members of our school community have arrived this week - a group of ducklings! Children in Reception have seen them hatch and they are now beginning to grow. They are amazing us! All children will get the chance to meet them next week.

At the end of the week, we have had to say a fond farewell to Miss Tai, who has been helping the children in Snowdrop Class. We wish her well in her next school.

We have also welcomed Mr Brady to our team, who is our new Site Supervisor. I am sure you will get to know him soon.



It has been a fun day!

Children came to school in pyjamas, different costumes and as super heroes too!

We have managed to raise **£113.93** for Comic Relief. Thank you so much.



Review of home-learning:

Thank you to everyone who returned the questionnaire. This is what parents say about home learning:

What worked well:

100% of children knew who to talk to if they needed support.

100% of parents were confident about supporting their child with English and maths lessons and helping their child. The school videos served as a good guide.

89% agreed that there was variety in the work set.

89% said their children did not struggle with the work.

78% were happy with the amount of work set.

78% felt that their children coped well with the work set.

67% were able to complete all of the work set.

Children's anxiety was low. Only 11% felt that their child was anxious - this was mainly as a result of missing their friends and teachers.

Feedback was constructive and prompt.

Staff were available and responded quickly.

Support was outstanding.

You got the balance right.

I want to say a big thank you.

All of the resources provided were useful

What can we do better?

1. Reduce the amount of tasks per day from 5 to 3.
2. Limit the use of dictation, so that it does not take most of the time.
3. Make use of free services like Google Classroom, so that parents who are working from home have the chance to work.

Steps to ensure that we will improve:

1. In KS1 balance the amount of writing that is required in one day by using other forms of presentation.
2. In EYFS model the amount of time needed to complete tasks, so that parents have a guide.
3. Introduce Microsoft Teams as a learning platform, to enable the timetabling of 'real-time' lessons.

Thank you for your feedback. Together we can keep on working to ensure that our school is the best it can be for your children.



A note from our Friends Association

Who are 'Friends of St James Infant and Pre-School'?

As parents, carers or grandparents of a child at St James, you are automatically a member of the 'friends' group, so we hope you and your child enjoy the many events we run each academic year.

This is a great opportunity for you to be involved in the life of the school. The Christmas and Summer Fair are our major fund raisers, but smaller events are held throughout the year, such as - discos, cake sales, sponsored events and film nights.

This enables the school to purchase a variety of items to enhance the children's education and experiences in school. We believe the children all really benefit from the money raised and always enjoy the events we run.

There are various ways in which you can help. You can help at events such as being a stall holder, or you could donate some time in the preparation for events, you do not need to commit to a regular participation.

We cannot do it without your support and help. So if you would like to know more about 'Friends' and how you can get involved, please contact the school office. If you would like to attend a committee meeting, you would be very welcome.



Certificates have been awarded to:

Express Yourself

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

Beatrice - in Sunflower Class

Exploring the World

Super history, geography or religious education work

Eugen - in Daisy Class

Let's Investigate

Fantastic maths or science work

Freddy - in Snowdrop Class

World of Words

Great reading, writing, speaking and listening or drama work

Pandora - in Bluebell Class

Being Your Best

Always trying your best in everything that you do

Rosie - in Buttercup Class

Wow!

I tried my best and created or did something Wow!

Majesty - in Dandelion Class

We celebrated with:



Maya, who is now 6!

Annabel W, who is now 7!

Happy Birthday to you both!



Look at how amazing our school was last week:



77 stories shared



229 messages shared

98% positive feedback



Reading Challenge

Our winners this week are:

Our value for March is:

Teamwork - Inclusion



Values:

Inclusion
Integrity
Initiative
Inspiring
Involvement

50 reads

Alice, Misha, Phoebe and Sammy

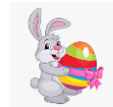
100 reads!

Faith and Jackson

What's Coming Up?



25.3.21 - Easter egg hunt



26.3.21 - Pantomime comes to St James - Please pay on Parent Pay

Thank you to those who have already paid. A polite reminder to those who are



26.3.21 - Break up for Easter half term



12.4.21 - Teacher training day



13.4.21- Children return to school



14.4.21 and 15.4.21 - Parents evening

(phone calls)

