



# Bramble's News



17<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Our Reception children are now in school all day. It was so lovely to have them all joining us for lunch and enjoying the sunshine as they played on the playground. I am sure they will be very tired this weekend ☺

I have had a couple of wonderful days with Poppy class. All of the children have settled in so well and already have been learning so much. Their curiosity and excitement to learn is fantastic.

In our key stage one classes, children have been writing about what they might find behind a door. It has been very surprising to read their ideas! P.E. sessions with our P.E. coach, out on the playground have looked lots of fun.

I hope that you have had a chance to read the curriculum letters for this term. They are a great description of the learning your children will be doing for the rest of the term.

Thank you to everyone who has donated plants for our flower beds. I am sure that you will agree that they are now looking wonderful.

**Are there any gardeners amongst you?** If you enjoy gardening and would like to volunteer to tidy up our grounds, please pop in and let us know. I would really like to put together a gardening group of people who can spare an hour or so, every now and again. Thank you.

Our Friends of St James is still a big part of our school, even during these uncertain times. A new Committee has been elected. I would like to welcome Emma Westhead-Newell as Chair, Anna Thompson as Vice Chair, Anne Ogle as Treasurer and Laura Orchard as Secretary. Please look out for posters advertising future events. If you would like to help the Committee in anyway, please call into the office.

I hope your weekend is lovely.



Certificates have been awarded to:

Exploring the  
World

Super history, geography  
or religious education  
work

Phoebe –  
Snowdrop  
Class

World of Words

Great reading, writing,  
speaking and listening or  
drama work

Kyron –  
Bluebell Class

Being Your Best

Annabel –  
Buttercup Class

Wow!

Harry –  
Dandelion



We celebrated with:

George who was 3! Ellie who was 4! and  
Hope and Nikolay who were 7!  
Happy Birthday to you all.

We also  
celebrated  
with Mrs  
Robinson!



Look at how amazing our school was last week:



857 skills celebrated!

244 messages shared

61 stories shared

99% positive feedback

## What's Coming Up?



**Parent Drop-in; 21.9.20** - If you would like to check how your child has settled, please sign up for a small chat.



**Curriculum Information Sessions; w.b.21.9.20** - This year, these sessions will be held remotely. Staff have been busy creating videos for your information. We would ask that you all watch these videos because it will give you insight into what and how your child is going to learn this year. Please find them on your child's class page on the school's website. [www.stjamesinfant.com](http://www.stjamesinfant.com) Select the 'in class' tab - 'our classes' on the drop-down list - and then choose your child's class. If you have any questions having viewed the video, please message your child's class teacher.



**Play and Stay** begins again. **23.9.20 at 2.00 p.m.** For all children who are aged between 0-3 years old, please do bring them along to have some fun.  
Please wear face masks and follow social distancing guidance.



**Open Mornings; 23.9.20, 1.10.20, 7.10.20, 13.10.20** - for all of you who may have children ready to start Pre-School and school in September 2020. Please choose a convenient day from the list and contact school to make an appointment. You will be given a specific time to arrive.  
Please ensure that you wear a face mask throughout the tour.



**School census day** - Help us to reach our goal of 100% of children eating a school meal, by ordering a meal on the specific day. More information will follow soon. Please look out for the posters.



**Walk to school week; w.b. 5.10.20**



**Halloween costume sale; 13.10.20 at 3.00 p.m.** - we have brand new Halloween fancy dress costumes for sale. Come and help us raise money for school by buying your costumes from us. It will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis.



**Virtual Harvest Festival; 22.10.20** - we are unable to have our usual form of harvest celebrations because of limitations on gatherings. We have decided, therefore to host a virtual celebration instead. Your children will perform a song and some readings, which will then be uploaded onto Class Dojo. We hope you will enjoy it.

We cannot collect food for our harvest baskets that we normally donate to our local community, but instead would like to ask you to make donations to our local foodbank. Please bring in your donations on the **22<sup>nd</sup> October**. You will see collection boxes on the playground.



**Break up for half term; 23.10.20**



**Parents' evening; w,b, 2.11.10** - There will not be any face-to-face appointments this term. Instead, a review of what your child is doing well and the targets they need to focus upon, will be sent home. More information will follow.





**Online Safety Tip: Keep personal information professional and limited.**

You would not hand over purely personal information to strangers, even one stranger, so please do not hand it out to millions of people online. No one should know your address.



**Safeguarding Safety Tip:** Keep your children safe away from home by: talking to them about what to do if they got lost, about the dangers of traffic and about 'stranger danger'. Your guidance can help your child keep themselves safe. It will also help build their self confidence and independence.



Did you know that children (and adults) who read for pleasure have higher self-esteem, cope better in difficult situations and have better sleeping patterns? Please read regularly with your child; at least 3 times per week.

**Cold symptoms** come on gradually and can include:

- a blocked or runny nose
- a sore throat
- headaches
- muscle aches
- coughs
- sneezing
- a raised temperature
- pressure in your ears and face
- loss of taste and smell

**NHS**  
**England**

**Coronavirus symptoms:**

If you have a high temperature, a new continuous cough or loss of sense smell or taste:

- a high temperature (37.8 degrees or more) means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new continuous cough means coughing a lot for more than an hour
- a loss of sense of smell or taste means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything

**What to do if you have symptoms of coronavirus:**

1. Get a test as soon as possible
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors for 7 days (if other symptoms are present)
3. Return to school immediately if you have a negative test or no new symptoms appear