



# Bramble's News



Being the best we can be

18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## Message from Mrs Gynn



Happy Christmas

and all good wishes for a wonderful

New Year



We have made it to the end of term - and what a term it has been! In over 30 years in teaching, I have never known one like it. Thankfully, at St James, we have got through it relatively smoothly. Thank you so much for all of your support in helping us to achieve this. Showing your children the importance of washing hands carefully, wearing masks whilst on site, speaking to staff on the playground rather than entering the building, notifying us when someone shows symptoms and maintaining distance - all of these actions have kept our school safe. The situation with Covid-19 is not improving though, so all of these actions will still be a necessity when we return back to school in January.

There has been so much to be pleased about over this first term. I do hope that you have enjoyed the many photos, posts and videos that have been uploaded this term. There have been too many to count! All of them have shown how hard your children have worked having settled back into school wonderfully. Every child is someone to be so proud of. Take a look at our reasons to celebrate on the next page - something a little bit different this week!

I hope you have enjoyed the children's performance of the Christmas Story this week. They did so well. They have all had chance to watch the performance and have really enjoyed seeing themselves on screens in their classrooms.



Santa came to visit! He brought a sack of gifts for everyone. There was a lot of excitement and fun too.

Do remember to follow us on Twitter - where you will see more photos of the visit, photos of the Christmas party and lots more besides.

Finally, I would like to celebrate the wonderful levels of attendance achieved this term. Despite all of the issues we have all had to endure, our average attendance is 95.5%. This is only 0.5% away from our target. All of the children will be bringing home their attendance certificates today, please do celebrate with them, it is an achievement for you all.

It only remains for me to wish you all my very best wishes of the season. I hope that you have a lovely break over Christmas and that you will keep yourselves and your families safe.

Happy Christmas and very good wishes for 2021.

#### **Covid-19 reminder:**

I wrote last week, about the arrangements for test and trace for the start of the Christmas holidays. Please only message me if your child develops symptoms over the weekend.

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 a positive test result is reported, I will notify you via Class Dojo. 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 for **10** days after contact. Other members of your household can continue normal activities, provided your child does not develop symptoms within the self-isolation period.

#### **e-scooters:**

Northamptonshire Police have requested that the following information is shared with you:

*It is currently against the law to ride an e-scooter on public roads or pathways.  
They can only be ridden on private land.*

#### **School meals:**

We shall begin serving lunch in the school hall for the majority of children, straight after Christmas. Children in Poppy class will continue eating lunch in their classroom.

The full menu will not be available immediately, but we do hope to offer full, hot meals by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in January.

#### **Notice of consultation period for admission arrangements:**

Both Rugby High School and Lawrence Sheriff are proposing changes to the admission arrangements for 2022.

Please use the links below to see details of the changes to their policy:

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

[www.lawrencesheriffschool.com](http://www.lawrencesheriffschool.com)



Please see the flyer for details





Certificates have been  
awarded to:

Be the  
Best you can be

Award

Poppies

Daisies

Sunflowers

Buttercups

Snowdrops

Bluebells

Dandelions

Date: 18.12.20

The value for  
December:  
Creativity



We celebrated with:

Dylan who is now 6!

Happy Birthday to you!

We also  
celebrated  
with  
Mr Morris



Look at how amazing our school  
was

last week:



106 stories shared

1,444 skills celebrated

101 messages shared

100% positive feedback



100 reads:

Aaron

Reading Challenge



Christmas holidays are a great time to read with your  
children - take a look at the 'Read to Re-charge' challenges  
that have been posted on Class Dojo. It would be lovely to  
see all children trying to do them all.

## What's Coming Up?

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 child starting school in September, or if they are looking for a Pre-school place, please ask them to ring and make an appointment.

Census Day: 21.1.21 - please order a hot meal on this day. We are hoping to have 100% of children eating with us on this day.

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.**



### A note from the Abbey Junior Academy

Dear Year 2 parents

We are delighted to share with you a virtual tour of the Abbey CE Academy, together with interviews with our Year 3 and Year 6 pupils who give a real flavour of our school. We have decided to share these videos instead of opening the school to you at this time, in order to safeguard yourselves, our staff and our pupils. However, as soon as it is safe to do so we will invite you to a variety of open days so that you can see for yourself what an amazing school the Abbey is. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [jwade@abbeyceacademy.co.uk](mailto:jwade@abbeyceacademy.co.uk) or ring the school office on 01327 702433 if you have any questions at all regarding choosing the Abbey for your child.

Kind regards,  
Jane Wade