



# Bramble's News



25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

We seem to have seen everything this week; beautiful sunshine, downpours of rain and gusts of wind too. Just as the weather is for-ever changing, so are your children. I have had a fantastic day today visiting all classes and being amazed at how much your children are doing. The progress so far has been marvellous. The wall in my office is now full of great examples of writing, maths work and fantastic handwriting.

Please remember that children will always need a coat in school now. We try to use outdoor spaces as much as possible so would like children to be dressed for that.

We have a special menu in school on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October**. It is Disney's Menu;



Mulan's Mains



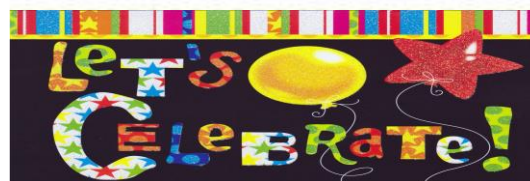
Snow White's super sides



Dumbo's desserts!

Please look out for the posters at the beginning of next week. **If you think your child will have a school meal at any point during the year, it is really important that you book a meal on the 1<sup>st</sup> October.** If we manage to have 100% of children eating on that day, we will receive 100% of the funding for infant free-school meals for the rest of the year. If we don't achieve this, school will have to subsidise the school meals which has amounted to a lot of money in the past. Thank you in advance for your support.

I look forward to next week, but hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Certificates have been awarded to:

Express Yourself

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

Sydney –  
Buttercup Class

Exploring the  
World

Super history, geography  
or religious education  
work

Mason –  
Dandelion  
Class

Let's Investigate

Fantastic maths or  
science work

Cruz – Daisy  
Class

World of Words

Great reading, writing,  
speaking and listening or  
drama work

Gratiela –  
Snowdrop  
Class

Wow!

Jackson –  
Sunflower Class

Being Your Best

Rhys –  
Bluebell Class



We celebrated with:



Crystal who was 3! Leo and Luca who were 4! Archie and Jack who were 5! and Eliza and George who were 7!

Happy Birthday to you all.



Look at how amazing our school was last week:



1419 skills celebrated!

146 messages shared

100% positive  
feedback

70 stories shared

## What's Coming Up?



**Curriculum Information Sessions; w.b. 21.9.20 + w.b. 28.9.20** - 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. **30.9.20 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; 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 do get in touch, we are very happy to show you around. Please ensure that you wear a face mask throughout the tour.



**School census day - 1.10.20** - Help us to reach our goal of 100% of children eating a school meal, by ordering a meal on this 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 actions 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.



## Reminders...

Water bottles need to be in school  
every day



All children  
need a pair of wellies in school  
every day - so that they have  
outdoor shoes.



A Covid-19 app was announced this week. Please see details below:  
Download the NHS COVID-19 app today  
The free NHS COVID-19 app is a vital part of the NHS Test and Trace service in England, and the NHS Wales Test, Trace, Protect service.  
Public health emails and text messages are being sent from 26 September.

If you would like to find out how it works, please use the link below:

[NHS COVID-19 app support](#)

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



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

**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 or things smell different