



Bramble's News



Being the best we can be

23rd September 2022

A message from Mrs Gynn

After school and breakfast clubs are in full swing. The children seem to be having a wonderful time. Our new PE coach and sports mentor are doing a fabulous job getting the children to move.

There has been so much learning this week, especially in phonics. All children are practising letter sounds and blending to make words. If you would like to help them practise at home, please do use the videos on Class Dojo to help you. As they say, practise makes perfect!

I am really excited to see all of the art work too - the children are having a wonderful time and learning so much at the same time.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend, I look forward to seeing you on Monday.



It is so lovely to see that we nearly have 100% of our school signed up to the Class Dojo app. It is our main communication tool. However, teachers do need to have some time off during their evenings and weekends. Please therefore, can I ask you to respect their family time and not message after 6.00 p.m. during the week or over the weekend. Thank you in advance for your support with this.



Daventry Community Food Larder is open every Wednesday afternoon. It is based at Southbrook Community Hall, Hood Road. Please do pop in at any time.



Our partnership with Aldi continues. Please do look out for the food trolley. It goes on the playground every Thursday. Please help yourselves.



For all parents who have children who attend The Abbey Junior School.

Please be aware that we now have different holidays. The Abbey's half term break is: 14.10.22 - 31.10.22.

At St James, our holiday is for one week. We break up on the 21.10.22 and return on 31.10.22. All children should attend school.

Curriculum Information:

Last week, I mentioned the importance of parents and school working together to help children progress. I hope you have found the curriculum videos on our website to help you. If you have not - please click on the 'Curriculum' tab and select 'current learning'. At the bottom of the page is a square labelled 'support videos'. You will find all that you need there.

I also mentioned 'Knowledge Organisers' - they detail the learning expectations for each curriculum area. They will be uploaded onto Class Dojo on the following days: (They can also be found on our website too.)

Monday = Art and Computing

Tuesday = Music and English

Wednesday = RE, Geography, Science

Thursday = DT, History

Friday = PE

If you have any questions, please message your child's class teacher who will respond.



St. James Infant
and Pre-School

OPEN DAYS

#1 Thursday Oct 6th
09:30-11 - Drop in!

#2 Saturday Oct 8th
09:30-11 - appointments

#3 Friday Oct 14th
09:30 - 11am - Drop in!

#4 Saturday Oct 15th
10:30-12 - appointments

To make an appointment
please contact 01327 702783
or email
sjis-sbm@sjis.inmat.org.uk

Open events

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2023, we will be hosting some open events during October. It will be an opportunity to visit the school and ask questions all about starting school for the first time.

If you have a child who is due to be turning 3 years old and needs a Pre-School place, please do come along and visit too.

Please see the dates and share them with friends and family. We would love to welcome everyone.

Attendance Matters



Every day is a learning adventure!

We do all that we can to support parents and carers in ensuring that each child's attendance is as good as it can be. There is more work to be done though - as Ofsted noted in their report, 'some pupils miss too much of the school's curriculum because they are absent from school.'

Schools are required to keep detailed records of children's attendance, including any absence from school.

We know that those children who establish good patterns of attendance in the earliest years of schooling, are more likely to continue this pattern as they get older. We also know there is a clear link between good attendance and the outcomes children achieve at the end of their time in school i.e. children whose attendance is higher are more likely to achieve 5 good GCSE results.



How close is
your child to
the top of the
attendance
ladder?

What will be happening in our school?

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Year 2 parents - please see the details of
Open events at The Abbey Junior Academy

Wed 5th Oct, 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.

Tues 11th Oct, 1.30 - 3.00 p.m.

Thurs 3rd Nov, 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.

Mon 7th Nov, 1.30 - 3.00 p.m.

Parents of Year 2
children

Please remember
that you need to
apply for a year 3
school place on the
County website

www.westnorthants.gov.uk/admissions

Other Dates:

28.9.22 - Library is open -

Do come in between 8.45 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. to choose a book for your child. Mrs Finch will be in the library to help you. Just like the town library, you can loan the book for a week and then come back and swap it.

The library will be open every Wednesday, every week.

28.9.22 at 3.15 p.m. - Book Sale

All books 20p. All books brand new.

Come along and see what you can find - they will be in the reading nook in the playground.

30.9.22 - MUFTI Day (non-uniform day)

These days are held on the last Friday of every month. A donation of 50p - £1.00 should be given to the Friends of St James if your child does not want to wear uniform. All proceeds help the Friends fund raising which benefits all children.

1.10.22 - Black History Month begins - this national celebration aims to promote and celebrate the contributions of those with African and Caribbean heritage to British society and to foster an understanding of Black history in general.

4.10.22 - School photographer to take individual photographs of all children

7.10.21 - Census Day - please ensure that you book a cooked lunch for your child on this day. Please remember if you do not, it will lose vital funding for the school.

10.10.22 - Mental Health Awareness Day

12.10.22 - Walk to School Day - Please do your best to walk to school on this day. Children will receive a sticker for doing so.

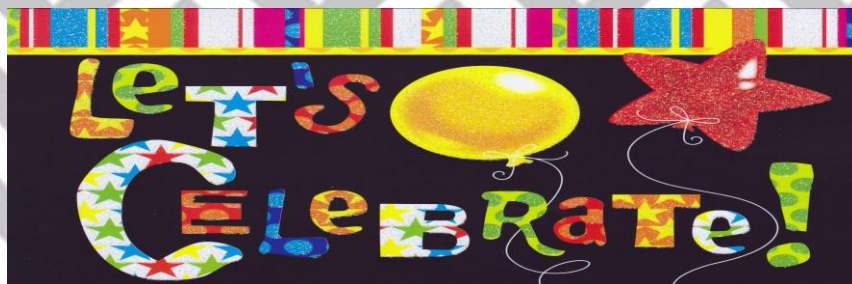
19.10.22 - Harvest Festival - more information to follow.

21.10.22 - Term 1 ends. Children break up for a week's holiday.

31.10.22 - Term 2 starts

1.11.22 at 3.30 - 5.30 p.m. & 3.11.22 at 5.30 - 7.00 p.m. - Parent's Evening via telephone - more information to follow.

4.11.22 at 2.00. - 3.15 p.m. - Parents' Open Afternoon - more information to follow.



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Certificates have been awarded
to:

**Let's
Investigate**

**World of
Words**

**Express
Yourself**

**Being Your
Best**

Wow!

Fantastic
maths or
science
work
Great
reading,
writing,
speaking and
listening or
drama work
Wonderful
art, design
technology,
music or P.E.
work

**Graysen -
Sunflower
Class**

**Callum -
Dandelion
Class**

**Dante -
Buttercup
Class**

**Niyah -
Daisy
Class**

**Areen -
Bluebell
Class**



Attendance Cup

Dandelion Class - 98%
Wow! Well done!

**Our value for
September is:**



**Teamwork -
inclusion**



Values:

Inclusion

Integrity

Initiative

Inspiring



We celebrated with:

Crystal, who is now 5!

Diva, who is now 6!

Jack and Archie, who are now 7!

Happy Birthday to you all!



Reader of the week:

Cora



Bramble's Rule ☺

Matteo, Lacy, Harrison, Ezra, Archie,
Libby, Ivy, Alice, Arthur, Aria, Elijah,
Remi

For next week;

Children who try hard with writing

**Look at how amazing
our school was last
week:**



262 messages

108 stories shared

1,494 skills celebrated

100% positive feedback

