



Bramble's



Being the best we can
be

News

6th January 2023



A message from Mrs Gynn

and welcome back to a new term. A really big hello to our new children in Poppy class. They have settled in so nicely and had a fantastic first few days.

I always think that the Spring term is one of the best in school. It is a time where children really begin to practise their new skills and develop so much. All of the teachers have reported how well the children have returned; displaying really positive learning behaviours and working hard. This is so lovely to hear. Please do look out for the curriculum newsletters and knowledge organisers, they will be posted on Class Dojo next week. They will give you all of the information you need so that you know what your children are learning this term. Home learning splats will also be posted next week. We are all looking forward to seeing what the children can do at home and hope to display their lovely work at the end of the term.

Support from home is always greatly appreciated, and makes such a difference to the children's progress. As always, one of the best ways of helping your children is to listen to them read or share books with them. If you can record the times that you are able to do this in the reading record book, your children will receive a Dojo point, which is always exciting! If they read 20, 50 or 100 times, they will also be able to choose a brand new book to bring home.

I am really hoping that illness stays away this term. Attendance remains a struggle, but I am sure that working together, it can be improved. We are happy to monitor children in school and will always ring you if we feel that they are unwell.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.



Reading fact 3: Did you know that children who read regularly at primary school age are more likely to gain higher GCSE results? Please read regularly with your child; at least 3 times per week.



Safeguarding safety tip 3: 3 Tips for getting children of all ages to sleep:

1. Balance their body clocks; ensure they are active and have lots of fresh air during the day and keep things dark and quiet at night.
2. Create a bed time routine; quiet play, short warm bath/wash, story.
3. Put all children to bed awake, including babies; if they are drowsy, but not fully asleep they will be ready for sleep and learn to settle themselves.



Online safety tip 3: Introduce parent controls with SMART Rules!

S = Safe: Keep safe by not giving your name or address.

M = Meet: Never meet anyone you have been in touch with online. Online friends are still strangers.

A = Accepting: Accepting messages or opening files, images or texts from people you don't know is dangerous.

R = Reliable: Always check information someone has shared online, it may not be true.

T = Tell: Tell a parent or carer if anything makes you feel uncomfortable or worried.

Reminders...

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Book bags

Please ensure that your children bring their book bags and phonic bag into school every day.



Jewellery

Our uniform policy states that jewellery should not be worn in school. This includes crucifix necklaces.

This is a health and safety policy.

Please remove items of jewellery before the children come to school.



Despite the milder temperatures, please ensure that your children have coats and hats in school. A pair of wellies for outdoor areas can be left in lockers.

School uniform

School uniform should be worn every day, except for PE days. PE kits should be school colours only.

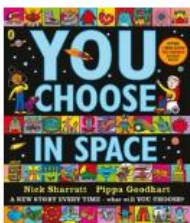
Please do your best to send your children to school in the correct clothing.



Packed lunches

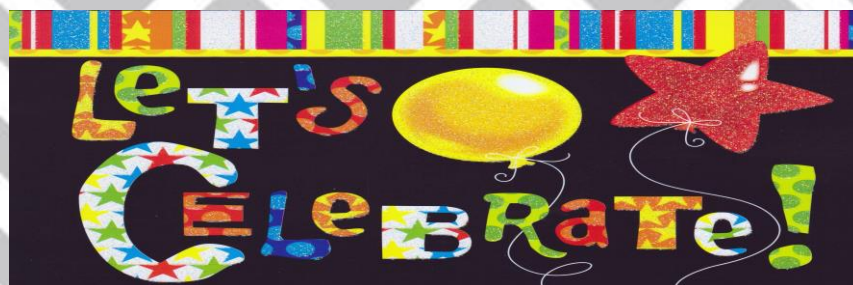
We would like lunch boxes to be a healthy lunch box. Here are some ideas of the things to include: A portion of lean meat, fish, eggs or beans, for example ham, chicken, beef, tuna, egg or hummus. A portion of fruit. Salad sticks, for example, cucumber, carrot. A drink, for example unsweetened fruit juice, semi-skimmed milk or water.

This week's book recommendation:



The book for this week tie in with our new theme: how can I introduce myself to an alien?

It is a book without words that can be enjoyed by our youngest children and our oldest too. There is so much to find and talk about. You can challenge each other to find something the fastest or to find the most of one object.



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Certificates have been awarded

to:

World of Words

Great reading, writing, speaking and listening or drama work

Braylon in Daisy Class and Sienna in Dandelion Class

Let's Investigate

Fantastic maths or science work

Bella in Snowdrop Class

Express Yourself

Super art, PE or music

Alfie in Buttercup Class

Being your best

Jacob in Sunflower Class

Wow!

Inga in Bluebell Class



We celebrated with:

Ellie, Max, Tobias, who are all now 4!

Niyah, who is now 5!

Isabella, who is now 6!

Happy Birthday to you all!



Handwriting Award

Callum 😊

Attendance cup awarded to:



Snowdrop Class -

Well done!

Our value for January is:



Caring - Inclusion



Values:

Inclusion

Integrity

Initiative

Inspiring



Star Readers

50 reads = Reegan

100 reads = Poppy, Molly, Eloise, Nikolay

Class read = Gabriel

A wonderful achievement - well done!

What will be happening in our school?

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15.1.22 - Closing date for school applications - for a place in Reception or a place in year 3 for September 2022

Please do check that you have made your application online

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions>

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

Please be aware that: if you think your child will have a hot meal at any point during the year, it is essential that a meal is ordered for them on this date.

More details about the menu and date to follow.



Starting on 9.1.23 - all children will receive a Dojo point when they arrive at school. If they are in school every day, they will finish the week with 5 points ☺

26.1.22 - Late Gate - all children arriving at school on time will receive a sticker



27.1.23 - MUFTI day - Odd Dress Day

Children can come to school dressed strangely! All donations for the Friends of St James

3.2.23 - Number Day



2.2.23 - Pantomime comes to St James

Plea

that payment has been made by 27.1.21; £3.00 per child

10.2.23 - Term 3 finishes



20.2.22 - Training Day

21.2.22 - Term 4 begins / Pancake Day




w.b. 27.2.22 - Reading Week - (2.3.22 - World Book Day)

An event for your diary
Curriculum Drop-in sessions
this term:
Focus = Phonics
More information to follow



Friends of St James Events - Spring term

Mufti Day's St James Infant & Pre-School 2023

- Friday 27th January 2023 Mufti Odd dress day -Everyone comes dressed as oddly as possible – unmatched shoes and socks, mismatched colours, etc. be as creative as possible
- Friday 24th February Mufti- Crazy Hat Day 
- Friday 31st March Mufti -We will be asking for chocolate for the Easter Fayre Tombola instead of the £1
- Friday 28th April Mufti -Stars, Spots, & Stripes Day   
- Friday 26th May Mufti - its Pyjamarama day 
- Friday 30th June Mufti Day - We ask for a bottle for the Summer Fate Tombola instead of £1
- Thursday 20th July - A single colour Day (students to wear red, white, pink, blue or green from head to toe) 