



Bramble's



Being the best we can
be

News

12th January 2023

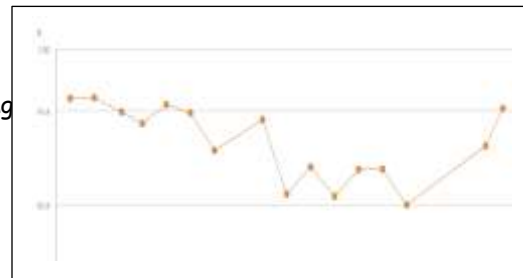
A message from Mrs Gynn

Illness and attendance

Having sent out the recent advice from UK Health Security Agency and Public Health for Northamptonshire, along with our constant messages that attendance at school is so important, I would not be surprised if some of you may be feeling a little bit confused.

Simply put - all agencies are clear, children can continue to attend school as normal, unless they are unwell and have a high temperature. There is no requirement to be absent from school on a precautionary basis.

I hope your children have been excited to receive their attendance Dojo points this week. We are already seeing a fantastic impact - see the graph below. Attendance levels have rose to 93.6%, an increase of 4%. This is wonderful news.



This week we have said a fond farewell to Mrs Malinowska, who has left St James to accept a new challenge at a new school. We wish her the very best and thank her so much for all of the hard work and dedication she has shown St James.

We have also said a bright hello to Miss Baker, who has joined Daisy class. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to the St James family.

Parent involvement in the curriculum

Would you like to find out a bit more?

In the parent questionnaire completed last term, parents requested more information about the curriculum. In response to this request, we are planning to host parent drop-ins for phonics, this term. We shall be starting with year 1. Please look out for details, coming out soon.

Knowledge Organisers

Have been uploaded onto Class Dojo this week. They provide information on what is going to be taught in each subject. I hope you find them useful and enable you to talk to your children about their learning throughout the

term.

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



Reminders...

Homework Splats

These have been posted on Class Dojo this week.

Deadline is w.b.25th March in Reception /
Wednesday 27th March in Year 1 /
Thursday 28th March in Year 2

Children can bring in any finished projects at any time throughout the term.

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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.



Sharing stories at home is one of the best things you can do to inspire children to read. Children do not always have to read to you.

Please ensure that your children bring their book bags into school every day, they will be able to read to their teacher if they do.

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.

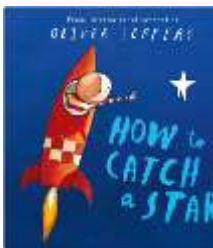
Being on time, sets up the day for success.

Children can see friends, get ready for learning and be a part of the teacher's instructions.

Phonics start at 9.10 a.m. It is essential that all children are ready for this lesson.

On Time.
Every
Time.

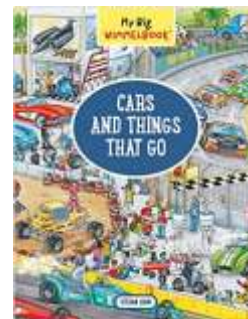
This week's book recommendation:



Another book suggestion connected to this term's theme.

This book is all about a little boy who loved stars so much, he wished he had his own.

'Cars and things that go' is a suggestion for Poppy class. It's a book of few words but with so many things to spot. Lots and lots of fun.





Certificates have been awarded

to:

World of Words

Great reading, writing, speaking and listening or drama work

Daria Sunflowers class

Let's Investigate

Fantastic maths or science work

Oscar Bluebells class

Express Yourself

Super art, PE or music

Alexei Daisies class

Being your best

Rebecca Buttercups class

Wow!

Ellie Snowdrops class



We celebrated with:

Livia and Artjom who are now 4!

Apiffany-Leigh and Araiya-Jae who are now 5!

Happy Birthday to you all!



Handwriting Award

Arabella Daisies Class 😊

Attendance cup awarded to:



Class - Buttercups

Well done!

Our value for January is:



Caring - Inclusion



Values:

Inclusion

Integrity

Initiative

Inspiring



Star Readers

Mujo and Tomasz

A wonderful achievement - well done!

What will be happening in our school?

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15.1.23 - 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: 19.1.23 please order a hot meal on this day. We are hoping to have 100% of children eating with us on this date.

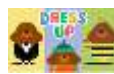
Please be aware that: if you think your child will have a hot meal at any point during the year, it is essential that a meal is ordered for them on this date.

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 😊

26.1.23 - 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

Please ensure that payment has been made by 27.1.23; £3.00 per child

10.2.23 - Term 3 finishes



20.2.23 - Training Day

21.2.23 - Term 4 begins / Pancake Day

w.b. 27.2.23 - 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)

