



Being the best we can
be

Bramble's



News

27th January 2023

A message from Mrs Gynn

Attendance



Unfortunately, our overall attendance has fallen by 1% this week. This is why I continue to post messages about it. None of us can forget how important being in school every day is.

Do remember also, that if your child arrives late, this also adds to our absence percentage.

Too many children are arriving late and missing a vital part of their learning; morning task - which is often a review of the previous day's learning to ensure that children are prepared for the learning for the day. Some children are also missing part of their phonics lesson. This is a key lesson which ensures that reading and writing skills develop well.

Please do your best to keep on sending your children to school and continue to get them to school on time. This figure will then rise.

The 'Big Sing' - children in year 2 are busy practising songs in readiness for this wonderful event, planned for the 6th March. They have amazed me with their wonderful singing this week.

Children will be going to the Derngate Theatre to perform! We cannot wait. 😊



It was 'Odd Day' today. Thank you from the Friends of St James to all of the children who took part. Everyone looked great 😊

In donating to the Friends you are helping to; pay for the pantomime and purchase gym equipment for the playground. Your donations are very much appreciated.

School uniform.

There is a regular reminder of the need to wear school uniform in this newsletter. It is an expectation that all children wear uniform whilst in school. This includes Poppy class.

Please ensure that your child wears the uniform: navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan, grey or black trousers, shorts, skirts or dresses and a white polo shirt.

PE uniform should be worn on PE days. This should be navy blue sweatshirt/hoodie and navy blue tracksuit bottoms.

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.

Scooters and bikes

Please ask your children to park them in the bike rack as they enter the playground.

They should not be ridden around the playground - for health and safety reasons.

Thank you.

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 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:



This is a fold-out, pop-up book aimed for our oldest readers. Explore it if you dare!

When you look inside you can discover the villainous tricks inside the heads of all of our well-known 'baddies'; an ogre, a wolf and of course, a witch.

Fold open the page to read all about each of the villains; their personality, favourite past times, and so much more! 😊



Certificates have been awarded to:

World of Words

Great reading, writing, speaking and listening or drama work

Harrison in Snowdrop Class and Denis in Sunflower Class

Let's Investigate

Fantastic maths or science work

Edward in Bluebells class

Express Yourself

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

Chloe in Buttercup Class

Being your best

Lustin in Dandelion Class

Wow!

Freddie in Daisy Class



We celebrated with:

Freddie, who is now 4!

Aurora, who are now 5!

Happy Birthday to you all!



Attendance cup awarded to:



Daisies! Well done!



Handwriting Award

Libby in Daisy Class 😊

Our value for January is:



Caring - Inclusion



Values:

Inclusion

Integrity

Initiative

Inspiring



Star Readers

Alicia, Daria and Jackson

Who have 50 reads!

A wonderful achievement - well done!

What will be happening in our school?

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Bramble's Rule

Use our manners and eat our lunch.



Look at how amazing our school was last week:

1,554 skills celebrated

115 stories



164 messages



Lots of children received 5 Dojo points this week, having been in school every day. Dojo points will continue to be issued this week. 😊

1.2.23 - NEU Strike Day - school will be open fully



3.2.23 - Number Day

2.2.23 - Pantomime comes to St James

Today is the deadline for payment please. £3.00 per child

9.2.23 - Buttercups' class assembly

10.2.23 - Exhibition of home learning - parents welcome to pop in and take a look.

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
Reception parents are
invited to join us for the
next sessions



Friends of St James Events - Spring term

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

- Friday 24th February Mufti- Crazy Hat Day £1



- Friday 31st March Mufti -We will be asking for a chocolate donation for the Easter Fayre Tombola instead of £1

- Friday 28th April Mufti -Stars, Spots, & Stripes Day £1



- Friday 26th May Mufti – it's Pyjamarama day £1



- Friday 30th June Mufti Day - We ask for a bottle for the Summer Fete Tombola instead of £1

- Thursday 20th July - A single colour Day (students to wear red, white, pink, blue or green from head to toe) £1

