

Bramble Infant School & Nursery Newsletter



Friday 27th November 2020

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Diary Dates:

Mon 30th Nov: INSET Day (School Closed)
Tues 8th Dec: KS1 Parents Evening
Wed 9th Dec: KS1 Parents Evening
Mon 14th Dec: Y2 Pocket Money Stall Day—Bring £1
Tues 15th Dec: School Christmas Lunch
Tues 15th Dec: Y1 Pocket Money Stall Day—Bring £1
Wed 16th Dec: YR Pocket Money Stall Day - Bring £1
Fri 18th Dec: Last Day of Autumn Term for school and term time only nursery children
Weds 23rd Dec: Last day of term for nursery stretch funded children
Mon 21st Dec—Fri 1st Jan (Christmas break—School Closed)
Thurs 24th Dec—Fri 1st Jan (Christmas break—Nursery Closed)
Mon 4th Jan: INSET Day (School Closed)
Tues 5th Jan: First day of Spring Term

Remaining INSET Days for 20/21:

Mon 30th Nov, Mon 4th Jan, Fri 23rd Jul (school only).

Parents Evenings

Parents evenings for children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be held on either Tuesday 8th or Wednesday 9th December. Please make sure that you have booked an appointment. So far take up is very low. I would urge you to book an appointment so that you can discuss your child's attainment and progress. As we know children's learning has been severely disrupted due to the school closure last academic year so having the opportunity to discuss how this has affected your child will be vital in making sure that they catch up.

We are offering either phone appointments or video calls via Google Meets. Please be aware that virtual parents evenings are new for us and our IT infrastructure is limited so please bear with us and be patient while we get our systems set up! You can book your appointment on our website. Visit the 'Parents' section, then click on 'Online Payments and Bookings' and select the 'Parent's Evening System' link.

Christmas Pocket Money Stall

Thank you so much to all the parents that have donated items for our Christmas Pocket money stall. There have been many very generous donations and I'm sure that the children will really enjoy selecting and buying a gift for someone at home!

Please note that we are now unable to receive anymore gift donations to allow adequate 'quarantine time'.



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well in what is proving to be a very challenging time. We are about to come to the end of a national lockdown and then will be entering into new Tier 2 restrictions. Whilst some people are finding these restrictions hard to live with, they are there for a reason. To help prevent the spread of the virus.

At the moment we are very fortunate to not have any of our bubbles closed but other local schools have. If you have siblings of children at home because bubbles in other schools have closed those children must isolate which means you cannot bring them with you 'on the school run'.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents that are respecting our one way system around the school site and for wearing face coverings. If you are unaware of these requirements please read the signage around the school and nursery site.

Kind Regards

Mr O Bradley—Headteacher

Home Learning

Children in school are provided with home learning activities on a weekly basis. These are designed to reinforce learning that is taking place in the classroom and to allow the children to practise key new skills (such as spelling or recall of maths facts) that they have learnt.

In previous years we have provided home learning in 'home learning folders' that have been passed between home and school. This year we have moved much of our home learning online via the Tapestry Online Journal to reduce the potential risk of infection spreading. Teachers have noticed that there are a lot fewer families engaging with home learning activities at present. If you are unsure how to access the home learning please speak to your child's class teacher or phone and ask.

The News

Today photographs of our new YR children will feature in 'The News' who are celebrating children starting school for the first time this year. Make sure you buy a copy to take a look!

The News

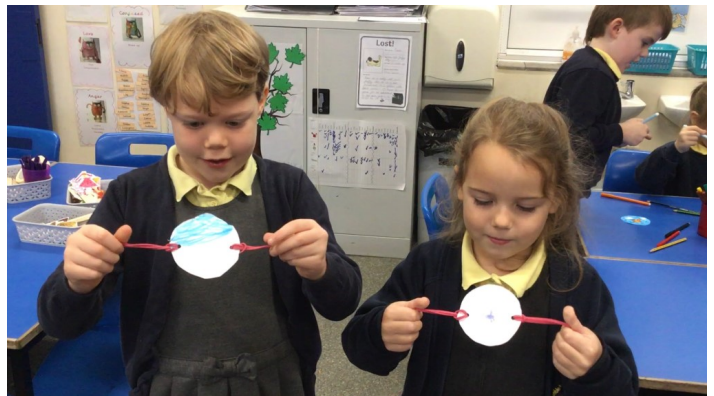
Please respect our environment by remembering to switch off your car engine if you are parked outside the school and nursery at the start and end of the school day.

Our Learning



On Monday this week in **Year R** the children used their sticks that they have been collecting to make a fire. The children were super sensible after our talk about fire safety. They loved watching the flames and had a few bits of burnt stick left over for charcoal drawing!

In **Year One** this week, the children have been learning about the toys that children had in Victorian times. We had great fun finding out how to make a thaumatrope and trying them out.



This week in **Year Two** the children have been working very hard to develop their art and design skills by finishing off their paper and paste parts of their animal sculptures. They are not completely finished yet but can you guess what they are going to be?