



# Bramble's News



Being the best we can be

8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Hello everyone,



Welcome back to our third term this year. Sadly, it is not the start to the year that we all had hoped for. I had certainly not anticipated yet another national lockdown and not one for such a long time. Sadly, the news over the Christmas break has not been positive as far as the new variant of Covid-19 is concerned. We have been warned about the increase in transmissibility of the virus which has unfortunately led to the situation we find ourselves in.

I would like to thank the whole school community for being flexible and understanding this week. Staff have worked incredibly hard to get both face-to-face and remote teaching running with only a few hours' notice. Children both at home and in school are working so well - take a look at our celebrations on the next page. There is a lot of lovely work to celebrate. Parents have adapted yet again to a new way of working.

This is just a quick reminder/request, if you have travelled abroad over the Christmas holidays, we ask that you follow government guidelines and **self isolate, from your date of return** if required to for **10 days** please.

An up to date list of requirements can be found on the travel corridor's list on <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors> - If the country/countries you have visited, stopped off at or travelled through (regardless of whether you only stopped for petrol or refreshments) are **not** on the list then **you will** need to complete self-isolation **from your date of return** for **10 days** before leaving your house or returning children to school. Thank you.

## Message from Mrs Gynn

### Remote Learning

The arrangements for this partial closure of schools is very different to that of the first lockdown. The Department for Education have made it very clear that every effort should be made to ensure that children's education is not interrupted. Consequently, both the provision in school and at home is rooted in the curriculum. It is expected that all parents should be helping their child to work a total of **3 hours per day**. (With the exception of Pre-School children.) The work the teachers are uploading each day should comfortably fit into this timeframe. I have attached a copy of our remote education plan for your information, which explains a little bit more about the approach we are taking.

The planning for home learning is exactly the same as what is being taught in school, so if children are only attending school for part of the week, their learning can continue at home ensuring that the whole week's plan is covered.

If you have any difficulties or have any questions with regard to the work, please do contact your child's class teacher.



Certificates have been awarded to:

Exploring the World

Super history, geography or religious education work

Eliza B - in school

Let's Investigate

Fantastic maths or science work

Pandora - in school and Annabel W-N at home

World of Words

Great reading, writing, speaking and listening or drama work

Toby M, Inga, Michaela-Rose - at home

Being Your Best

Arthur - in school and Grayson - at home

Wow!

Jena - at home



We celebrated with:

We also celebrated with Toby and Mrs White 😊

Areen, Alice and Andreea who are now 5! Eloise and Harley H who are now 6, and Sydney who is now 7!

Happy Birthday to you all!



Look at how amazing our school was



last week:



106 stories shared

1,444 skills celebrated

101 messages shared

100% positive feedback



The value for January:

Caring



Reading Challenge

Teachers will still be monitoring reading that is done at home using Oxford Reading Buddy. Each read will build up to your child receiving a free book from school. Please help them to get to 20, 50 or even 100 reads!

## Covid-19 Risk Assessment

Our risk assessment has been updated as a consequence of the lockdown. You can find a copy of it on our website.

The main changes are:

- Created 'bubbles' which are rigidly enforced, limiting staff-staff contact and staff-pupil contact, enabling social distancing.
- Any child who is ill in school will be treated as a potential Covid case. They will be isolated and parents contacted.
- Parents and visitors must wear masks entering the school property including external locations.

## Reminders & Notices...



During the national lockdown, everyone is asked to stay home.

### The four reasons you ARE allowed to leave home

-  Shopping for food or medicine
-  Exercise for yourself or pets alone or with members of your household only
-  Medical appointments or as a carer visiting a vulnerable person
-  Travel to and from work for essential workers only



### Fruit and milk

Thank you to Arthur's Dad, who has organised deliveries of fruit and milk for children who are in school. Children will have this for snack each day.



### School uniform / ventilation

All children who are in school should be in school uniform. However, please ensure that they have layers too. We are having to keep windows open to provide plenty of ventilation which means that school is not always warm.

The deadline for school applications is: **5.00 p.m. on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**If you know anyone who is needing a Pre-School or school place - PLEASE ASK THEM TO TAKE A LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE AND VIEW THE VIDEO THAT WILL INTRODUCE THEM TO OUR SCHOOL - IT IS WORTH A LOOK! OR ASK THEM TO CONTACT US TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO TOUR THE SCHOOL.**