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September 2020 Newsletter

Welcome back! We are delighted that term has begun and that we have the children back in school after such a long time away. We had an excellent first day yesterday with Year 1 and Year 2, who all took the return to school and the new procedures in their stride. We are looking forward to gradually welcoming Reception, Pre-school and Nursery in school next week. All the staff are looking forward to getting to know the children in their class over the next few weeks. There has and will be lots for the children (and parents) to take in regarding new expectations and rules, but we will continue to reinforce these throughout the term and please be assured we will support them (and you) every step of the way. Staff worked really hard and enjoyed their 2 days of INSET training this week, we spent time rehearsing the new processes and procedures as well as planning for the exciting year ahead.



At the end of the summer term many of you will be aware that we were anxiously awaiting news of Mrs Illingsworth baby's imminent arrival. I am delighted to let you know that baby Luca arrived safely just a few days after the end of term. We are all looking forward to meeting him when the time is right.

If you have not yet returned your parental survey please can you do so promptly.

Summer reading challenge

The **MORE** that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
Learn, the more places
you'll **GO**.

Dr. Seuss

As you are aware this year the library put their summer reading challenge online. If your child managed to complete this please let your class teacher know so we can celebrate with them in school.

Friendship

This term our value is friendship, we will be sharing stories about friendship and looking at characters from the Bible to help us understand this value. In our class room and through our virtual collective worships we will share our own experiences of good friendships. We will also be having a dedicated friendship week later in the term. More details to follow.

Tissues

In order to support our good hygiene practices we'd be grateful if every family could donate a box of tissues each term. Boxes will be quarantined appropriately until needed. Collection boxes will be available at drop off and pick up for your donations. Thank you.



Vacancies- cleaner and midday supervisors

We are currently looking for a cleaner and midday supervisor to support our COVID procedures. The cleaner is required during term time to clean at lunchtimes for approx. 1 hour, the roles can be combined. If you know anyone who may be interested please ask them to contact the school- office@bramley.surrey.sch.uk This role is subject to a DBS check



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Pond, sinks and cleaning!

Over the summer holidays we were able to get lots of work completed in and around the school. We now have 2 new trough sinks that have been installed outside pre-school and Reception, and 2 portable sinks for use around the school site. Our thanks to the PCC's Hamilton Memorial Fund for funding these.



Our pond is also finally complete and will not only be used as an area to study wildlife, but will also be a place we can think about and remember our good friends Mrs Urvashi Lakhani and Mrs Jenny Fay. This has been completed thanks to a donation from the Bramley Village Society. The children are looking forward to pond dipping and creating bug hotels this year.

We also managed to have all the canopies properly cleaned, which has made our covered areas so much lighter and brighter.

Dates for your diary

7th-9th September Stay and play sessions for Reception and Pre-school

7th and 8th September-stay and play sessions for Nursery

10th September first session for Reception and Pre-school

11th September PE session begin, Rec, Yr1 and Yr 2 to attend in PE clothes and trainers

19th -23rd October Friendship week

26th-30th October Half Term

18th December 1.15pm End of term



Do follow us on twitter to find out what we are up to each week, @bramleyinfants.

Governors

Many of you will know Mr Stephen Darvill who has been our Chair of Governors for last 4 years and part of our governing body for significantly longer. He has now decided that the time has come to step down as Chair, although I'm pleased to say he has agreed to remain part of governing body. During his time as Chair he has overseen- 2 OFSTED inspections, a SIAMs inspection, head teacher recruitment and the closure and reopening of school during COVID. I'm sure you'll join me in thanking him for all his incredible hard work and dedication.

At the governing body meeting last night, Mrs Shelley Collinson was elected as our new chair. Shelley has been the vice chair for the last few years and is hugely committed to the school and the village, please see the attached letter from Shelley.

PTFA

As I mentioned in my letter earlier this week, we are currently unable to host any large events in school however, we still would love to be able think of ways we can come together a school community as well find inventive ways to raise those all-important funds for school.

As a parent of a child in the school you are automatically a member of the PTFA, but we'd love parents to get involved with the PTFA, please do email (bramleyptfa@gmail.com) if you'd like to be more involved.

Shona Taylor

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