

Newsletter January 2022



A very happy new year to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and we are looking forward to sharing 2022 with you all.

Today we finished the story of Christmas, reminding ourselves of the story of the kings as celebrated at epiphany and learning that they actually visited the baby Jesus in a house rather than the stable.

This is always a wonderful term as we move out of the darkness of winter, with its long evenings, we look forward to the coming of spring, signs of new life and celebrating the festival of Easter and the promise it brings.

The staff have planned lots of exciting learning for the coming term. We will also be visited by one of the guide dogs that we raised money for last term and we will have our book fair back in March.



Cold weather

As the cold air this week has reminded us, we are now in winter. Please ensure your child has a suitable coat in school each day.

In rare cases due to extreme weather conditions i.e. heavy snowfall; it may be necessary to delay the start of the school day or close the school. In this event parents will be notified via email, class reps will be asked to post on class whatsapp groups and it will be posted on the school website.

Shopping



We would be grateful for donations of the following:

Baby wipes
Tissues

COVID

As you will be aware there have been some changes to COVID regulations and self-isolation in response to the rise of the Omicron variant. The government under the plan B guidance recommend wearing masks in crowded areas. **We would therefore recommend that parents do wear masks at pick up and drop off** particularly under the Reception and Pre-school/Year 2 canopies, where it can be congested.

Close contacts of someone who has tested positive are still advised to test daily for 7 days using a lateral flow device (LFD) this includes all children aged 5 and over.

The rules for self-isolation have now changed:

If your child tests positive for COVID they must self-isolate from that day and then for the next full 7 days.

From Tuesday 11th January there is no need to book a PCR if your child tests positive on a lateral flow(LFD) **and has no symptoms**, you must however record your LFD test result via the government website <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> (N.B. this is a temporary change to the regulations)



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If your child has symptoms, then a PCR must be arranged <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> .

They can now test again using an LFD from day 6, if this is negative they can repeat the test 24hours later. If this is also negative and your child is well enough, they can return to school the following day i.e. day 8. Again tests must be recorded on the government website.

Please continue to report all COVID cases to school via the dedicated email:

COVID19@bramley.surrey.sch.uk

Value: Perseverance

This term we are looking at the value of perseverance; this also links to one of our characteristics of effective learning 'persevering tortoise'.

Over the half term we will hear lots of stories from the bible and from around the world about the importance of perseverance. Revd Andy will continue to be with us each Tuesday and will share his thoughts on this important value.

Our values at home sheet can be found on the link below or on our website

[Values at home-Perseverance](#)

Playground development:

The next phase of our playground refurbishment is due to take place in half term. Acoustic fencing will be put in along the fence line and we hope this will make a significant difference to the traffic noise. Once that is in we will be able to add our planters and begin to add appropriate trees and shrubs. We will be inviting 'Roots for the future' to plant with the children and teach us about the value of plants in our environments, this workshop will be funded by the PTFA.

We are also very grateful to have received additional funding for this project from the Bramley Ball for over £2000.

Vacancies

We currently have 2 vacancies one supporting learning in our pre-school and the other as a special needs assistant in the main school.

If you are interested in either role or both, please check out the details on our website

[Vacancies](#) or via eteach <https://www.eteach.com/>

The government has also put out a request for qualified teachers to return to the profession to support absences during the pandemic. If any qualified teachers would be interested in being considered as supply staff directly for the school please speak to Mrs Taylor.

Safeguarding:

You may be aware of a significant number of cases in the media recently regarding children's welfare and allegations of abuse.

This has made many adults ask what they would/should do if there were ever concerned about a child.

If you have any concerns about the welfare or wellbeing of any child at our school or their families, you can speak in confidence to our designated safeguarding leads Mrs Taylor or Mrs Muncer. You can also email them at:

DSL@bramley.surrey.sch.uk

You can also report any of these concerns or concerns for children who don't attend the school directly to Surrey social services via the children's single point of access (CSPA) 0300 470 9100



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Vision: Rooted in Christian values

The opening statement of our vision is something we explore regularly with the children. What does it mean to be rooted in Christian values? Last term Revd Andy talked to us about the importance of tree roots and how they hold, feed and stabilise the tree. For the children we explain that our school values are like our roots, they guide us in our decisions and actions helping us make right choices and stay strong when things are tricky.

Dates for your diary:

7th-11th February Esafety week

7th February NSPCC assembly –Stay safe, speak out

14th-18th February Half term

21st February INSET day-school closed to all children

Week of 14th March parental consultations

17th March Bubbles and balloons workshop

23rd-28th March Book fair

24th March Full Governing Body meeting

1st April 1.15pm End of term