

## Newsletter March 2022

**Vision: Reach out**

**Value: Koinonia-** meaning fellowship and community

I'm sure this week has been challenging for us all as we watch the reports coming from Ukraine. For us as adults it can be frightening and difficult to comprehend, the same is true for our children. We understand you will all have differing views as to how much children of this age need to know; however, we would encourage you to think carefully and be vigilant about what your children are viewing and hearing. Please be aware children often take in much more than we think from overheard adult conversations. If your child is aware then the advice in the link below may help discuss what they are seeing and hearing.

As a staff we have been thinking very carefully about what our response to this is, specifically in regard to how and if we address it with children. At the moment we are taking our lead from the children and only addressing it when children raise it, we are also following the advice outlined in the article below with these children. We will continue to monitor the situation, the children's response and understanding and adjust the level of support and information we give as appropriate.

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/blogs/2022/how-to-talk-to-children-about-war>

We are aware that as a community we do have families affected either directly or indirectly by this situation. Waverley council have created a list of charities supporting Ukraine, which we have attached, we have also reached out to members of our local Ukrainian community to see if there are other ways we can support. We will keep you up to date with their advice.

[Ways to support](#)

Families have also asked for prayers at this time. Below is the prayer from the Archbishop of Canterbury prayed last Sunday which you may find helpful.

### A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

**Archbishop Justin Welby**  
**Archbishop Stephen Cottrell**



**A281**

Yesterday representatives from the police, local council, parish council, local authority and highways agency met with the School, the governing body and a parent representative to discuss our concerns about the speed of the traffic outside the school and in the wider village.

While there were no easy or quick solutions offered, it was agreed that action does need to be taken and a set of next steps have now been agreed. These include the school completing a school travel plan with Surrey County Council. We also requested that the police undertake speed checks at drop off and collection times.

We will update you in the summer term as to our progress.

**Bubbles and balloons show- 17<sup>th</sup> March**

We are delighted to have been invited by St Catherine's to attend the bubbles and balloons show as part of national science week. Science Made Simple will deliver the show.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be walking to St Catherine's where the show will be performed in their auditorium. We will remain socially distanced from the St. Catherine pre- prep girls during the performance.

We will require some adult support on the day for walking to and from St Catherine's and then stay with us at the show. Please speak to your class teacher if you are able to help.

**Planting day 21<sup>st</sup> March**

I'm sure you have already noticed our brand new fence that was put in over half term. It is already making a difference and we are delighted it withstood the storm. Over half term, we also had some hedging plants put in along the fence line on the field. Our thanks to the Mansfield family, Francesca from Roots for the Future and the ladies from Lajna Ima'illah who spent a morning planting.

Our next and final step in our front playground development is to add the planters, these will be arriving in the next few weeks or so, along with a lot of soil. On **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March**, Francesca will be returning to help the children plant the plants. Therefore, we would like **all children** to come to school that day in clothes suitable for gardening and to bring along a pair of wellies. We will also require some adult help that day, the sessions will be 10.30-11.45am and 1.15pm-2.30pm, please email Susie in the office if you are able to help on the day or the week before moving the soil- [admin@bramley.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bramley.surrey.sch.uk). A DBS is not required for these helpers.

**World book day**

It was wonderful to see so many imaginative costumes this year, well done everybody! We had a fabulous day.





**Parent consultations:**

Staff are looking forward to meeting with you soon to discuss your child's progress. As in the autumn term we will offer a mix of both face to face and zoom meetings. Sign-up sheets will be available outside the classroom doors from Monday.

Pre-School: Wed 16<sup>th</sup> March  
 Reception: Mon 14<sup>th</sup> March  
 Year 1: Mon 14<sup>th</sup> March  
 Year 2: Wed 16<sup>th</sup> March

**Miss Craig**



I am delighted to tell you that Miss Craig got engaged at the weekend. I'm sure you'll join us in wishing her many congratulations and every happiness in the future.

**Dates for your diary:**

- Week of 14<sup>th</sup> March** parental consultations (for details see above)
- 17<sup>th</sup> March** Bubbles and balloons workshop
- 21<sup>st</sup> March** Planting day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March-28<sup>th</sup> March** Book fair after school
- 24<sup>th</sup> March** Full Governing Body meeting
- 31<sup>st</sup> March** Pause Day, church service for Rec, Yr1 and Yr 2 at 2.30pm parents are invited
- 1<sup>st</sup> April** 1.15pm End of term
- 19<sup>th</sup> April** Summer term begins
- 21<sup>st</sup> May** Bramley fete