

September 2022

Welcome back. We hope you all had a good summer and made the most of the wonderful weather. It's been a fabulous start to the term, the children appear delighted to be back and have settled well into new routines. Our Reception, new Nursery and Pre-School children have had a fantastic start, and are already moving around the school with real confidence. We look forward to watching them all grow and develop this year.



Today in Collective Worship with Years 1 and 2 we celebrated and gave thanks for the life her Her Majesty the Queen. The children showed our value of respect by listening carefully and making sensitive and thoughtful comments. We reminded them of the fun we had celebrating the Platinum Jubilee earlier in the year and reflected on her 70 years of service.

There is lots going on this term, we look forward to sharing some of these with you at the welcome evenings next week. These meetings are for adults and we would ask you don't bring you children with you.

Value

Each half term we focus on one of our values. This half term we begin with friendship. Across the half term we will share stories about friendships, explore the characteristics of a good friend and look at people who embody these. A list of the Bible stories we link to this value can be found [here](#) and ways of exploring this value at home can be found [here](#).



Staffing


We are delighted to welcome some new staff to Bramley this term.

Mrs Nicky Gillhespy is our new finance officer and will be based in the office.

Mrs McNally is one of the teaching assistants in Year 1 and will be working Tuesdays, Thursday and Friday.



Sadly, this term we will be also saying goodbye to Mr Max. Many of you will know Mr Max joined us at the age of 17, and has worked his way from office helper to our invaluable school secretary. However, his dream has always been to be an electrician and for the last year he has been studying for this alongside his day job. He has now been offered an apprenticeship and will be leaving us at the beginning of Oct. We are therefore recruiting for a new school secretary, further details can be found [here](#).

<p>INSET days INSET day are dedicated staff training days. Each year the school has 5 of these. On 1st and 2nd September staff undertook training on our updated phonics scheme and explored the new books and resources that your children will be using. We also completed our annual safeguarding training and welcomed speakers from the 'flying child project'. This project is focused around addressing the silence around child sexual abuse and gave staff much food for thought. We are grateful to the founder Sophie and her colleague Anna for sharing their experience and knowledge with us.</p>	
<p>Safeguarding Safeguarding is at the heart of all we do here at Bramley. It forms part of our curriculum and we talk appropriately with the children about keeping themselves and others safe regularly. As parents and carers you can support us by ensuring gates are closed and locked behind you, and ensuring you sign in when visiting the school. Photos of children must not be taken in playground, but can be taken during organised school performances, when staff will remind of you safeguarding procedures. If you have any concerns about a child you can always speak to one of our designated safeguarding leads (DSLs) Mrs Taylor or Mrs Muncer or email DSL@bramley.surrey.sch.uk</p>	
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<p>General reminders As we start a new year, please can we remind you of the following:</p> <p>Uniform- a link to our uniform can be found here. Please note earrings are not permitted and must be removed. Please ensure your child has a coat in school every day.</p> <p>Play equipment- school trim trails and bikes and scooters must not be used before or after school. Please do not allow your children to play with the equipment staff have set up outside the classroom, this is to facilitate the planned learning that day.</p> <p>Bikes and scooters- it's lovely to see children bringing their own bikes and scooters to school, but for safety we ask children do not ride these through the playground. These can be left in the area just beyond the pre-school gate, but are left at your own risk.</p>	<p>School tours Although the term has only just begun, we will be running small group tours of the school for both Reception 2023 and Pre-School and Nursery places. Please call or email the office to book a place.</p> <p>Monday 3rd Oct at 10.45am Thursday 6th Oct at 9.30am Thursday 13th Oct at 10.45am Mon 17th Oct 9.30am Fri 21st Oct at 10.45am Tues 1st Nov at 9.30am Fri 11th Nov at 2pm Mon 14th Nov at 10.45am Tuesday 15th Nov at 9.30am Wed 30th Nov at 2pm</p> <p>Applications for Junior schools and Infant schools open in October and we will send further info about how to apply in the October newsletter.</p>
<p>Attendance If your child is not well enough to attend school or their nursery/pre-school session, please call or email the school to notify us first thing in the morning. We ask that wherever possible you book other appointments for outside of school hours, but if this not possible then please ask the office for an absence request form. Please note it is not possible for the school to authorise absences for holidays for children in the main school. Our full attendance policy can be found on our website.</p>	



Psalm 119 (105) "Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path."

<p>PTFA A huge thank you to the PTFA who spent time over the summer watering our plants and sorting sheds. We look forward to the amazing events they will organise this year but as always they will need lots of help. Please see notice and reminders for the next meeting, all are welcome to attend.</p>	<p>Library Over the summer the teachers started sorting through our shared library so we can start using it again now COVID restrictions are lifted. If any parent would be happy to volunteer a few hours to come and help us input the books onto an excel spreadsheet and help us keep track of it all we'd be really grateful. Please email the office if you can help.</p>
<p>Dates for your diary: 13th Sept -Welcome to Year 1 Mtg- 6pm Welcome to Year 2 Mtg-6.30pm 14th Sept- Welcome to Pre-School Mtg- 6pm Welcome to Reception Mtg-6.30pm 12th Oct- Harvest and Harvest assembly Reception parents invited to attend 24th Oct-Half term 31st Oct- INSET day -School closed to all children 18th Dec-End of term</p> <p>INSET days for the remainder of the academic year are: 3rd January 2023, 5th June 2023 All other term dates are available on our website.</p>	