

September 2023

Welcome back. It has been lovely to have such a sunny start to our new term. It's been a fabulous first week, 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 first few days, and we look forward to watching them all grow and develop this year.



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 your children with you. We would encourage you attend in person, but if you are not able to do so we have provided a zoom link for each class. (see notices)

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](#).

Summer works

The school was a hive of activity over the summer holiday, we have had new tarmacking in both the Reception and KS1 outdoor learning areas. We've also had new guttering and are awaiting 2 new external doors.



INSET days

INSET days are dedicated staff training days. Each year the school has 5 of these. On 1st and 4th September staff undertook training on our updated writing scheme and supporting interventions, looked at the importance of connections in maths as well as attending detailed safeguarding training.

Our remaining INSET days this year will be **30th October, 22nd January and 15th April**. School will be closed to all children on these dates.

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





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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>Snacks- Each class has a daily snack time and fruit is provided by the school. Children should not bring in their own snacks unless this has been agreed with the teacher to meet a medical or dietary need.</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 2024 and Pre-School and Nursery places. Please call or email the office to book a place.</p> <p>Monday 2nd Oct at 10.45am Tuesday 3rd Oct at 9.30am Monday 9th Oct at 10.45am Tuesday 17th Oct at 9.30am Thursday 19th Oct at 10.45am Wednesday 1st Nov at 9.30am Monday 6th Nov at 9.30am Monday 13th Nov at 10.45am Thursday 16th Nov 9.30am Monday 20th Nov 10.45am Tuesday 21st Nov 9.30am Tuesday 28th Nov 9.30am Thursday 30th Nov 10.45am</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> <p>COVID- there is no expectation that families are testing for COVID. However if you do and your child tests positive, in line with NHS guidance we ask that your child remains at home for 3 full days.</p>	
<p>PTFA A huge thanks to the PTFA for organising a range of wonderful events last year in order to purchase a new interactive white board.</p>	<p>Worship team We were delighted this morning to introduce our new worship team to the school. These Year 2 children will work with Mrs Voller this year to support and occasionally lead our collective worship as well as help others in our school understand our school vision and values.</p>

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This has also been fitted in Year 1.



The team are:

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