

## October 2023

This month our thoughts have turned to harvest. On Wednesday Year 1 and 2 joined in with the national 'harvest live' event organised by the National Farming Union (NFU). Before we joined the webinar, we explored a range of foods using some of our senses.



Next week we invite you to attend our harvest celebration, in the hall on Thursday at 9am. We'd also encourage you, if you are able, to bring in a harvest gift/s that we will pass to the Cranleigh food bank. Their current list can be found here: <https://www.cranleighfoodbank.org/donations>

### S4K

Our breakfast and after school club began this week, and the children attending are having a wonderful time. They've had fun making things and playing games with Annie and Amber. **In order to continue offering this we will need more children to attend, if you are interested, please do make contact with S4K directly.**

### Value

This term we have focused on the value of friendship. Children have listened to a range of bible and other stories to develop their understanding. A link to the bible stories and videos of these can be found [here](#).

Some of children have thought about what it means to be a good friend and shared their ideas here:

Connie- a good friend shows our values and respect

Jayden- they share their toys

Amelia-Grace-you need to have kind hands

Archie-you need to be nice

Elodie-they come to your house for a playdate

Wilf A- they play



### Year 2 Guildford castle trip

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September, Year 2 visited Guildford castle. They were blessed with good weather and were able to climb the keep stand to the top and view Guildford cathedral, the direction of Bramley school.

They spent the afternoon sketching the castle using the art skills they have already learnt this term involving shading and embedding their knowledge of castle features.

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

**Apple Day**

Yesterday Year 2 visited Gosden House for their harvest celebration, they were invited to take part in a special apple day. The children learnt how to make their own apple juice, which involved 'smooshing' the apples twice, before the juice came out.

They were able to try and compare juice from different apples and take part in an apple and spoon race.

A huge thanks to St Catherine's for providing minibuses and drivers at no cost, in order that we could attend this event.

**School Council**

Year 1 and 2 have now voted for and elected the school council. From January children from Reception will join as well.

The council are already busy gathering thoughts and ideas from their classmates. This term they are working with Mr Rising on understanding children's thoughts and views on how we teach writing at Bramley; what works well and what they think could be better.

Year 1: Sebi, Toby B, Holly, Freya

Year 2: Mali, Sadie, Evan, Rui

**Good Shepherd Trust (GST) 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.**

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, the worship team attended the GST celebration at the cathedral. We had a range of activities set up around the cathedral including making our very own woolly sheep.

We met some staff and children from all the other GST schools. We had a great morning. Our thanks to Mrs Akhtar and Mrs Woodley for accompanying us.



**School tours**

We have now begun our small group tours of the school for both Reception 2024 and Pre-School and Nursery places.

The tours last approx. 45 mins and are a wonderful way to see our school at work.

Please call or email the office to book a place.

- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct at 9.30am
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct at 10.45am
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov at 9.30am
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov at 9.30am
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov at 10.45am
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 10.45am
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 9.30am
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.30am
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 10.45am

Applications for Junior schools and Infant schools open on 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Details can be found here:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

**Please note: there is no automatic entry to Reception for existing pre-school children. All Pre-School families must apply through Surrey.**

### Pre-school and Nursery

We have enjoyed getting to know all our new families in Pre-school and nursery. The children have really enjoyed exploring the outdoor environment and looking for signs of autumn.



### Mrs Henderson (Susie)

Yesterday we said goodbye to Mrs Henderson as she now begins her maternity leave and preparations for baby number 3. Many of you will know Mrs Henderson from her work in the office managing the admin for pre-school and nursery. We look forward to meeting her new baby soon.



**Mrs Zoe Bishop** has taken over the role and can be contacted on the same email address: [admin@bramley.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bramley.surrey.sch.uk). Mrs Bishop's working days are Wednesday and Thursday.