



Bramble Bulletin

December End of term 3

Headteacher's Updates



Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, it has been a very busy term at Bramble Academy. The children have started off 2024 with a determined attitude to succeed in their learning, I hope you can see the work that has gone into curriculum and learning at Bramble, the children are speaking about their learning more, along with developing links between the areas they have studied.

Coffee morning:

We held our first half coffee morning with Miss Dalby last half term, it was a great success! Thank you to everyone who joined us, some key messages:

You said: We do not know enough about the SEND processes in the local authority.

We did: Organise a coffee morning where Miss Dalby shared the process along with how this works for your children.

You said: Can we have all INSET Days together to support with family holidays.

We did: Explain how the INSET Days have been plotted out to support with school development to support the quality of education children have at Bramble. This may be something which we can consider in the future.

You said: We do not have updates on what my child studies at school.

We did: Ensure that all up-to-date overviews are on the website and design a knowledge organiser to be sent out next half term for Years 1-6. EYFS will continue to send home their 'Vocabulary Catcher'.

School Disco:

A big thank you to our F.A.B group who organised our disco, the children looked very smart and ready to party in their outfits.

Parents' Evenings:

We will be organising our Parents' Evenings throughout the next half term. It would be useful if you could complete the MS Form stating whether you would prefer us to organise the evening as we did in the Autumn Term with an in-person option or a telephone option. The form can be accessed using the link <https://forms.office.com/e/kMpLDNmptw> or scan the provided QR code.



Healthy snacks:

Whilst many of our children bring in healthy snacks, we would like to remind all families that we are a **NUT-FREE SCHOOL** and that children are only to have fruit, cereal or breakfast bars at playtime. Please keep the treats for after-school.

Attendance Procedures:

Whilst we understand that school attendance is vital for children to have positive learning behaviours and make progress, children cannot help getting ill. If this is the case, please follow the school reporting procedures by contacting us in the morning to report your child's absence. This can be done through:

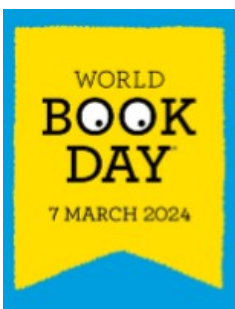
- Class Dojo to the office
- Sending a message to Mr English
- Phoning the school office.

Increase in school dinner prices:

You will be aware that the cost of living in England has increased, we have tried to keep our costs in school low to support our families during this time. In our previous newsletter, we informed you that the cost of school dinners will be **£2.45** a day from the 19th February, when we return from the half term break. Of course, if your child is eligible for universal or benefits-related school dinners, this will not change for them.

Key Dates for your Calendar

When	What	Key information
Monday 19 th February	Start of Term 4	
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	See information below
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day	More information to follow
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of Term 4	
Friday 29 th March	Bank Holiday—Good Friday	
Monday 15 th April	Start of Term 5	
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday School closed	
Monday 13 th May –16 th May	Year 6 SATs	
Thursday 23 rd May	Last day of Term 5	
Friday 24 th May	INSET Day—School closed	
Monday 3 rd June	Start of Term 6	
Friday 26 th July	Last day of Term 6	



World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day on the 7th March, we will be encouraging children to come to school in their pyjamas for the day. The theme this year is 'Share a bedtime story.' Children will participate in a range of reading related activities throughout the day. Keep an eye out on our social media channels for further updates.

Why not visit the World Book Day Website for more ideas on how to celebrate books at home www.worldbookday.com/families/

Safer Internet Day



The 2024 edition of Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday, 6 February 2024. This special celebration, which takes place in February of each year, aims to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people.

Why not visit their website and see what tools you can use at home to encourage internet safety www.saferinternetday.org/resources