

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year! May I take this opportunity to welcome parents and children back and we hope you and the children had a lovely Christmas break. It has been fantastic to see everyone return after the Christmas break. I hope everyone is feeling rested and ready for a year full of excitement, challenges and success. The children have certainly returned to school happy, settled and very well behaved. They have made an excellent start to 2017 and should be proud of themselves. We look forward to working with you and your families in the weeks and months ahead, so that our children can be the very best versions of themselves. Best wishes , Ms . K . Gleave

Brambles Primary Academy Key Dates



- Year 3 Swimming 9th Jan- 22nd Jan (every afternoon)
- Reception to Seven Stories- Thursday 26th January
- Year 6 visit to Tuned In Monday 30th January. This is an all day visit, so children will need a packed lunch.
- Year 5 visit to Tuned In Monday 6th February. This is an all day visit, so children will need a packed lunch.
- Year 1 and Year 3 Zoolab visit Monday 13th February.
- Year 4 visit to Tuned In Monday 13th March. This is an all day visit, so children will need a packed lunch.
- Year 3 visit to Tuned In Monday 20th March. This is an all day visit, so children will need a packed lunch.
- Year 6 Easter Enterprise Wednesday 5th April (from 1:30pm)

New Staff

We have a number of new staff who have joined our team from January. Whilst Mrs Arkle is off on maternity leave, Mrs Stogdale will be working here as Deputy Head Teacher. She is employed to work over the three schools in the academy. In the first instance, she will be working at Brambles Academy. Also joining the team is Mrs. Coupe. Mrs. Coupe will be working with staff to further enhance teaching and learning opportunities in the classrooms.

Mrs. Johnson is to work in our school on a Monday and will support teachers in and around school with individual children.

Mrs. Fountain has also joined our Pastoral team and is available to support parents, carers and families.

Mrs Stogdale ...

Hello my name is Mrs. Louise Stogdale and I am employed to work over the three schools in the academy. In the first instance, I will be working at Brambles Academy. Please come and say hello to me on the school gate on a morning or night. I would like to thank parents, carers, staff and all of the children for making me feel so welcome so far and I look forward to working with you to support your child on his/ her learning journey.

Cathedral

A huge well done has to go to all of the children who took part in the performance at the local Cathedral, on the 19th December. Our children sang beautifully and I am sure you will agree, made us all feel very proud. The children all were a credit to the academy and completely held their own; learning and singing some challenging music. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the family and friends for supporting us and We are sure you will agree, the performance put us all in the Christmas spirit. A special thank you to Miss. Beever for working so hard with the choir. Her effort and time is appreciated by the staff and children.

Coffee Mornings

The first Thursday of every month

How lovely to share a bacon sandwich with the parents last Thursday morning!! These sessions are a fantastic opportunity for parents and staff to share some time together, in an informal setting. Mrs. Gill organises visitors for these sessions and hopes that as many parents as possible come next time. The date for next month is 2nd February. Hopefully we will see lots of you then.



Autumn Cinema Visit

Well done to the children who got 100% attendance in the Autumn Term. They enjoyed a fun morning at the cinema where they got to see Ice Age: Collision Course.

Come on everyone!! How fantastic would it be to take the whole school to the cinema at the end of the Spring Term. Please remember that the attendance figures for these visits run from one cinema visit to the next and are therefore not in line with the terms.



Valentines Disco

On Thursday 16th February we will be holding a Valentine Disco. Tickets cost £2 (which includes a hotdog and a drink) and are available from the office from the 30th January.

Reception and Key Stage One Valentines Disco will start at 1.45pm and finish at 3.10pm.

Key Stage Two Valentines Disco will start at 3.30pm and finish at 4.45pm.