

# Welcome back



Welcome back to the last term of the academic year. We have welcomed some new children into the school family and we are looking forward to getting to know them. The time is passing by so quickly and it will not be long before we are saying goodbye to our Y6 as they begin their journey into secondary school. They are great ambassadors for Brambles Primary Academy and they make us feel very proud!

The children have come back to school smiling which is always good to see. They have had a very settled start to the new term and the vast majority have shown great determination to succeed in meeting their learning targets.

Can we just remind parents that full uniform must be worn and shoes must be sensible, black and not trainers of any description. We have also entered the summer term, so summer dresses (pale blue gingham) and sandals may be worn. They must be flat supportive sandals worn with socks. Thank you for your continued support.

## Brambles Primary Academy Key Dates

- Bank Holiday - School closed - 1st May
- Year 4 trip to Roseberry Topping - 4th May
- Year 6 SATs - Week beginning 8th May
- Year 2 SATs - Week beginning 15th May
- Year 3 Tennis Festival - 15th & 17th May
- Reception trip to Butterfly world - 16th May
- Year to visit to UCA - 16th May
- Librarian visiting Nursery - 18th & 19th May
- Half Term - Break up 26th May. Return 5th June
- Year 1 Phonics tests - Week beginning 12th June
- Athletics - 14th/15th/16th June
- Year 6 trip to Flamingo Land - 15th June
- St Peters Induction Days—26th/27th/28th June
- Football Festival - 29th/30th June
- Y4/5 Orienteering - 5th July
- Wizard of Oz Performance - 6th July
- Reports home to parents - 10th July
- Break up for Summer - 18th July



## National Curriculum Test/ End of Year Assessments

Children in Year 1 (and a small number in Y2) will be tested on their phonic knowledge during the week of 12th June. The test is a national requirement and each child will work with an adult on a 1 to 1 basis to read real and alien words.

National Curriculum tests for children in Year 2 will take place week beginning 15th May.

Pupils in Y6 will take their national curriculum tests in reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation and maths during the week of 8th-11th May.

Attendance for these tests is crucial as these judgements are reported to the local authority and to the Department for Education. Also, your child has worked hard towards these tests and all deserve the opportunity to shine through these assessments.

## Coffee Mornings

### The first Thursday of every month

We would love to invite all parents to a monthly coffee morning. Mrs. Gill organises visitors for these sessions and hopes that as many parents as possible come next time. The date for next month is 4th May.

Hopefully we will see lots of you there. Remember we provide bacon and sausage sandwiches and refreshments, so don't worry if you don't have your breakfast first. Younger siblings are welcome too.



## Spring Cinema Visit

Well done to the children who got 100% attendance in the Spring Term. They enjoyed a fun morning at the cinema where they got to see Storks.

Come on everyone!! How fantastic would it be to take the whole school to the cinema at the end of the Summer 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.

## End of Year Reports

Teachers are busy collating evidence and assessing children's learning and progress ready for writing their annual report which will come home to parents in July. We hope that you will find them a useful summary of your child's learning and achievements.

## Free School Meals

We are no longer with Stockton for our Free School Meals service. We are now with Middlesbrough Council. If you need to contact them the phone number is 01642 726541. Forms are available from the Academy office.

## Year 6 Enterprise

Thank you to all those who supported the Easter enterprise event. The children are well on their way to their target amount. Also, we would like to extend our thanks to the Year 6 staff and other members of the Academy for their time and effort. We really appreciate your dedication in helping the children raise funds.