

Pastoral Newsletter

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Welcome to the first edition of our Pastoral Newsletter.

The aim of this half termly newsletter is to celebrate successes, share information and signpost to other external agencies/activities in the area.

Love learning:

'We want everyone to enjoy learning and to achieve their best'.

Supportive:

'We want everyone involved with our Academy to feel supported'.



First of all a big thank you from us to you! **Our whole school attendance for the first autumn half term was 95.9%, higher than this time last year and the year before.** This is a fantastic achievement and we hope to achieve above 96% this academic year. Keep up the team work

Last half term there were **142 children whose attendance was 100%**, congratulations to all of them, they should have received their certificates at the end of last term.



At Brambles Academy we work closely with the school nursing team. Our school nurse is called Frances Beeforth. If you need any support with medical issues your child has or you have concerns

At the end of Autumn 1 the classes that had the best attendance for the whole half term was Miss Thomas and Mrs Farrell. Well done! They plan on celebrating by playing games together. We thought this to be a great choice, as the children want to invite their parents to play too!! We wonder who will win this half term and what they will choose for their treat.

Punctuality

For all children who are in school for 8.50am, they will receive a raffle ticket. At the end of the half term, the raffle will be drawn. The lucky winner can choose a treat of their choice. We will

escort you to Smyth's Toy Superstore and you can have whatever you like!! Within reason!!! In order to be in with a chance of winning, you need to be in school on time. If you are ten minutes late a day, that equates to nearly an hour a week. Four hours a month. This works out to be more than a week every academic year. Please ensure you are in school promptly for the start of the school day, so that we don't miss key learning. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Useful Contacts

Key Contacts in school

Ms Gleave– Head teacher
Mrs Stogdale and Mr Higgins – Deputy Head teachers
Mrs Gill– Pastoral Lead
Miss Fountain– Education Welfare Officer



Coffee morning
for all parents
and carers.

*Inclusive:
'We want
everyone who
uses our Academy
to feel involved
and included.'*



On the **first Thursday of every month** the pastoral team will be hosting a coffee morning at **9am in the Academy**. This is a chance for you to come and get to know us, find out what we do and how we support the children and you as a family. You will also be able to ask any questions or seek advice on anything we can help with. There will be plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits available, so we hope to see as many of you there as possible. This will be an informal event and **everyone is welcome!**

Homework

The partnership between home and school is very important to us. To support the children (and parents) with the homework that is set each week, we are planning on running a homework afterschool club on a Thursday 3-4pm. We have places for 20 children and the sessions will be filled on a first come, first served basis each week. If your child would like to attend a session, then please come and add your child's name to the list each Thursday morning. Mrs. Stogdale/ Mr. Higgins will be on the main gate with the list.

Stay and Play - Parent and Toddler Sessions.

The Pastoral team would like to offer a 'Stay and Play' session for younger siblings and their carers. We will hold our sessions in the buildings attached to our nursery. The time would be spent playing with our toys, sharing stories and rhymes with other children and parents and the possibility of some parental support sessions. A raffle will be drawn for the parents who attend to win a surprise. Watch this space for more information in January.

Marvellous Me

Marvellous Me tells you about the wonderful things that your child is learning, and pings you when they've been praised for good work or attitude. When you receive a notification, you High five the badge! We are hoping it will make you feel proud and inspire home learning support and encouragement. Please download the app onto your phone or computer, if you haven't done so already.

All parents who have signed up to 'Marvellous Me', we hope you are enjoying the increased communication and celebration about your child's learning. If anyone has not yet signed up, just ask at the main office and they will let you know how to get on board.

For parents that are struggling to download the app, we will be hosting a drop in session. Please feel free to pop in on Thursday 30th Nov from 9am and we will support you.