

To anyone who we haven't seen yet this year - Happy New Year! It has been great to see how the children have come back after the Christmas break, refreshed and ready to learn. At the start of what will be a busy half term we wanted to inform you of some important dates and information.

Uniform.

It is the policy of the academy that all children wear uniform when attending the academy or an academy-organised event within or outside normal academy hours. Here is a list of the items needed for academy uniform.

- Navy cardigan or jumper
- Pale blue shirt, blouse or polo shirt. No summer dresses please!
- Black or grey trousers/skirt/pinafore (no jogging bottoms, leggings or jeans).
- Plain ankle or knee-high socks or plain tights (please avoid bright colours).
- Can we also ask that a PE kit is available in school during the week.

Parking

We would like to remind everyone, that it is illegal to park on the zig zag lines and to double park. If you park in this irresponsible way, you are potentially putting the safety of our children at risk.



To ensure the safety of our children and staff please park in designated parking bays and not on foot paths. Please note traffic enforcement will be in the area and this may lead to a fine and a penalty notice.

PLEASE PARK RESPONSIBLY

E-safety



It has come to our attention that there may be children in year 6 who have set up Instagram accounts on their home phones and devices. Please be aware that the minimum age for Instagram is 13 years old. We have also been made aware by a parent, of an app called 'Episode - Pretty little liars' which has content which is certainly not suitable for primary age children. Parents may want to check content on their children's electronic devices in light of this information.

Marvellous Me



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. We would like as many parents as possible to get notifications of their child's progress.

Bikes and Scooters



Please can we remind parents that for health and safety reasons **NO bikes or scooters should be ridden inside the school gates.**

Brambles Primary Academy Key Dates



Fri 19th Jan - Stay and Play
Fri 26th Jan - Stay and Play
Mon 29th Jan - Year 5/6 Test week
Thu 1st Feb - Coffee Morning
Fri 2nd Feb - Stay and Play
Thu 8th Feb - Scrapheap Challenge Year 6 (Inspire to Learn)
Fri 9th Feb - Stay and Play
Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb - Half Term Holidays

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 we are sure you will agree, made us all very proud. The children were a credit to the academy. We would like to take this opportunity to thank 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 all of the children.

Attendance is a priority !

Can we remind parents that we aren't at liberty to authorise holidays in term time, they can only be granted in exceptional circumstances. The academy strongly discourages leave of absence during term time (as outlined in the School Attendance Policy) due to the impact any absence has on a child's education and social progress. The school attendance policy clearly states that should leave of absence be taken without prior authorisation, a Penalty Notice may be issued by the Local Authority. Please be aware of when our term times are and try to book your holidays accordingly. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Coffee Mornings

The first Thursday of every month
beginning Feb 1st

These sessions are a fantastic opportunity for parents and staff to share some time together, in an informal setting. We organise visitors for these sessions and hope that as many parents as possible come next time. The date for next month is 1st February. Hopefully we will see lots of you there!

