

Brambles Bulletin September 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

The staff and I hope you all had a fantastic summer and we are excited and looking forward to the children returning. Again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during the summer term.

Last year we had many wonderful experiences and events for our children and the end of year outcomes were fantastic and show that our children are making brilliant progress. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our Year 6 pupils from last year good luck in their new secondary schools. We will miss them all but I'm sure they will be amazing!

I would also like to welcome new members of staff to the academy: Miss Love (Y4) and Miss Gaskarth (Y1).

As always, we look forward to working with you and would like to remind you that we are available both at the start and end of the school day, should you have any questions.

Communication will continue to take place with yourselves via letters, website, Facebook, Twitter and a new parent communication tool, Class Dojo (more information to follow) .

Kind regards Mr Higgins and Staff

Key Dates for Autumn Term

Monday 11th September until 22nd Sept -Year 5 swimming (for two weeks)

Monday 25th Sept- National Fitness Day

27th Sept- Cross Country competition Y3/4 and Y5/6

28th Sept- Y5 trip to Preston Park

29th Sept- Macmillan Coffee Morning and fundraising

5th Oct- Y5/6 Boys Tag rugby competition

6th Oct- Y5/6 Girls Tag rugby competition

Monday 9th Oct until 20th Oct -Year 4 swimming (for two weeks)

9th Oct- Year 3 trip to Sunderland museum and gardens

25th Oct- Halloween Disco

26th Oct- Choir Festival

Friday 27th October- Staff training day- the academy will be closed on this day.

Half term begins on Friday 27th October and pupils return on Monday 6th November

The Academy Day

The academy day begins at 8.30am (doors open at 8.00 am for breakfast club) and ends at 3.00pm for children in Reception and Key Stage 1 and 3.05pm for Key Stage 2.

Morning Nursery runs from 8.30am (flexible drop off time from 8.30am - 8.45am) until 11.30am. Afternoon Nursery runs from 12.15pm until 3.15pm (flexible pick up time from 3.00pm - 3.15pm).

Children who attend Nursery for 30 hour provision will attend full days Monday to Thursday and then Friday morning session only.

Daily timings are as follows:

2 Year old provision 8.30am—11.30am

Nursery am: 8.30am—11.30am

Nursery pm: 12.15pm-3.15pm

Reception, Year 1 and 2: 8.30am—3.00pm

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6: 8.30am—3.05pm



Attendance

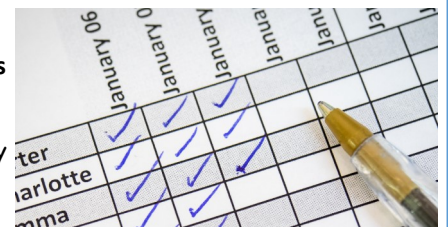
Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential. Children who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and make less progress than their peers. It is also important to arrive at school on time. If a child arrives late to school every day, their learning begins to suffer. Please can you continue to support the academy by ensuring children have good attendance and are on time.

Attendance and punctuality will continue to be a key priority for Brambles Primary Academy this year. This year we will be introducing a new reward system to promote good attendance (more information to follow).

Please can we remind all parents that if you take your child on holiday during term time then a leave of absence form must be completed. The 'working together to improve school attendance' DFE guidance supports schools with attendance and states the following:

'As head teachers should only grant leaves of absence in exceptional circumstances it is unlikely a leave of absence will be granted for the purposes of a family holiday.'

Therefore, if you choose to take your child out of the academy for a family holiday this may be unauthorised and may lead to a fixed penalty fine.



P.E Kit

Please ensure children have appropriate P.E kit. This is as follows: A white-shirt, black plimsolls/trainers and either navy blue or black shorts. These can be left in school in their P.E bags this half term.

Monday: Year 1

Tuesday: Year 2 and Year 6

Wednesday: Nursery, Year 5 and Year 4

Thursday: Year 3

Friday: Reception

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will run from 8.00am until 8.30am Monday to Friday. If you are interested in a place please contact the academy and ask to speak to Ms Walker.



Wrap around care

We will be continuing an after school wrap around care club that will run from 3.00pm or 3.05pm (depending on year group) until 4.00pm Monday to Thursday.

This offer is to support those parents who are either in employment or full time education and places within these clubs can be applied for through the academy office

You will then be notified if you have been successful. Please contact the office as soon as possible to secure a place on **01642 210704**

After School Clubs

This term after school clubs will start from the week beginning **18th September** for six weeks.

A letter will follow so please sign up quickly and we hope you enjoy the variety of clubs that we offer.

Reading and homework



All children should have a book bag and books are checked daily and changed on a regular basis.

Please ensure that you update your child's reading record as they read so that we can reward them in the academy for their efforts. Many thanks for your support.

The academy have purchased a range of books and these will be used as a reward for children who read 50 times this term.

Homework will be given out to pupils on Mondays. This could be a paper activity or using a variety of learning platforms including Timestable Rockstars or Spelling Shed . Please support your child with completing these homework tasks by Friday as these tasks will support your child's learning.

Uniform

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- Navy blue cardigan or jumper
- Pale blue shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- Black or grey trousers/skirt/pinafore or
- Blue and grey tartan skirt/pinafore (contact Lollipops)
- Plain ankle or knee length socks or plain tights
- Blue or white checked or striped summer dresses may be worn in the summer months

Shoes

- Flat, black school shoes. No trainers or heellies.
- If children wish to play football on the field at break time/lunchtime they must bring a change of footwear.
- In the summer, children may wear flat supportive sandals with socks. They should be black, white or navy

Hair

- Hair should not be dyed or cut into extreme styles.

Nail Varnish

- Nail varnish is not permitted in school for health and safety reasons, if a child has nail varnish on from the weekend or holidays we can provide facilities to remove it.

Should any parents be struggling to buy uniform please contact the Pastoral Team via the school office for support .

Y6 Carlton

Children from Y6 will have an opportunity to go to Carlton Outdoor Education Centre on 20th November for one week.

A letter will follow which will give more details on the arrangements and an upcoming parents meetings.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Last year, we were overwhelmed by the support parents and carers gave to raise funds for Macmillan Nurses.

As an academy we would like to support this good cause by hosting a coffee morning on Friday 29th September where money raised will go to Macmillan Nurses.

We will also be having a sponsored fun run for the children during the afternoon of 29th September

More information will follow regarding specific timings and how you can help.

