

Brambles Bulletin November 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Autumn 1 was a very busy term for us here at Brambles, but a really fun and exciting time for everybody. The children took part in a whole host of events including visits from Murton Park for Year 3 and 6, a Year 5 trip to Preston Park, the Macmillan Coffee Morning and Fun Run around the academy site, tag rugby tournaments, a Year 3 trip to Sunderland Museum and Gardens, Cross Country Competitions both local and regional, the Choir Festival in Guisborough and a Halloween Disco. All pupils have taken part in a wide range of engaging lessons and learning opportunities to develop knowledge and skills. You will find on this newsletter a number of pieces of information regarding after schools clubs, PE timetables, timings of the day and a list of key dates in the run up to Christmas.

Kind regards Mr Mayle and Staff

Key Dates for Autumn Term

Thursday 16th November - Y2 - Animal Story in school
 Monday 20th November -Y6 Carlton residential all week
 Monday 27th November - STEM / Science Week
 Monday 27th November -Hoopstarz day
 Thursday 30th November -Y3/4 football friendly with Pennyman Primary Academy
 Wednesday 6th December - Tree Dressing
 Wednesday 6th December - a m Nursery & Y1/2 Craft Morning
 Thursday 7th December -Reception Craft morning
 Friday 8th December - Christmas Fayre
 Tuesday 12th December - EYFS Christmas performance 10am & 1.30pm
 Thursday 14th December — KS1 Christmas performance am & pm
 Friday 15th December - Ready, Steady Glow Day
 Monday 18th December - Reindeer Run
 Tuesday 19th December - Christmas dinner & Christmas jumper day
 Wednesday 20th December & Thursday 21st December - Christmas parties (more info to follow)
 Friday 22nd December - PD Day
 School reopens on Monday 8th January

The Academy Day

The academy day begins at 8.30am (doors open at 8.00am 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 until 12.30pm.

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



School Site

Can we please remind you of a number of points linked to health and safety both for all children as well as for adults coming to and from school throughout the day and particularly at times of collection:

- Bikes should not be ridden on the premises once the external gates have been passed. There is storage for bikes on the KS2 playground but they must be walked along the paths/road around the site.
- It is against the law to smoke or use e-cigarettes on the premises, there is a smoking bin upon entry through the main gate.



- Dogs should **not** be brought on to any area of the site and should not come through any of the external gates.



Christmas Fayre

This year we are hoping to have the biggest and best Christmas Fayre to date. We will have a visit from Santa, and tickets will be on sale soon. Reindeers will be flying in from the North Pole and lots of fun and games for all the family to enjoy. This year's fayre will resemble a Christmas Market where you can do some of your Christmas shopping from stall holders and from the schools enterprise club.

The fayre will begin at 1.15 on the 8th December and entry will be through the KS2 gate where you will find the stalls on the KS2 playground. A map will be visible on entry explaining where stalls, activities and refreshments will be found.



If you are interested in a stall please get in touch with Mrs Rowe ASAP.



P.E Kit

Please ensure children have appropriate P.E kit. This is as follows: A white T-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. Jog bottoms can be worn for outside P.E.

Monday: Reception and Year 3

Tuesday: Year 4

Wednesday: Nursery and Year 5

Thursday: Year 2

Friday: Year 1 and Year 6



After School Clubs

This term's after school clubs will start from the week beginning 6th November until Friday 15th December and is in addition to wrap around care which is organised through Miss Beever.

Monday:

Tuesday: Y5 and 6 Games and Y1 and 2 MFC

Wednesday: Y3 French

Thursday: Y1 and 2 Crafts, Y3 and 4 Crafts, Y5 and 6 Enterprise, Y1 and 2 Games

Friday: Y3 and 4 Football

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.

Appointments

Where possible please can the office be notified in advance of any medical or dental appointments alongside proof of the appointment. This will prevent us from unnecessarily contacting you regarding absences. We understand that for emergency appointments early notification is not always possible but would appreciate notification where possible.



Attendance

Attendance is a priority here at Brambles and as such all children now have Class Dojo. If you are not registered please speak to your child's teacher who can either resend either an email invite to join or print a copy of the joining code.

On Class Dojo, your child will be receiving points based on the number of days that they are attending school, these points mean prizes. There are a range of prizes linked by value to the number of points children have received and they can choose to 'cash out' their points at any of the milestones (50, 100, 150)

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