

December 2023 Newsletter

Co-Headteachers' Message

It has been such a pleasure watching and enjoying the Reception and KS1 Nativity performances over the past week. There has been such talent and confidence and the quality of the children's singing in particular was wonderful. We have included some pictures of the performances in our Gallery below and on our Facebook page, so please take a look.

In KS2, the children have also been working hard across all areas of the curriculum. Some of the highlights from this half term include Year 3 learning to create portraits in the style of Craig and Karl, Year 4 have been learning to play the Toot and the children will be performing to their parents in the new year (see date below). Our Year 5 children are involved in the School Linking project, whereby the children are linking up with another Year 5 class from another Luton school. The children have been getting to know each other and in February, they will have the opportunity to meet. Our Year 6 children have completed some fantastic work based on Shakespeare's Macbeth, and this has culminated in the children writing and animating their own spells.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Barbara Robinson, who has stepped down as our Chair of Governors. We have appreciated Barbara giving her time and showing commitment to Bramingham. We are pleased to say that Barbara remains a governor and we welcome our new Chair, Phil Turner, who has been on the governing body for many years. We had two applications for parent governors—Mr Dean Ali and Mrs Amna Mohamad, who we will welcome to the governing body in January.

As we come to the end of the first term, we wish members of staff who are leaving us - Miss Urbanowicz, Miss Fatine and Mrs Hardy, all the very best for the future.

Looking ahead to the new year, we are planning a Parents' Information evening, where we will run sessions on a wide range of areas such as 'How do I help my child with maths?' 'My child has special educational needs – what next?' and 'Reading with my child'. Please look out for further information and sign up for the sessions.

As we come to the end of a busy term, we wish you all a very merry and peaceful Christmas and wish you good health and prosperity in 2024. We hope you all have a wonderful time with family and friends and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Thursday 4th January 2024.



03.01.24	Staff training day
04.01.24	Children return to school. Xylem water visit (Yr4)
05.01.24	Year 1 and Year 2 trip to the pantomime
11.01.24	Year 4 Music Concert
15.01.24	Year 6 Open Evening
16.01.24	Year 6 Open Evening
01.02.24	Young Voices
06.02.24	Frogs to Stockwood Discovery Centre
07.02.24	Parents' Information Evening
13.02.24	Magpies to Stockwood Discovery Centre

Safety Reminders

We would like to remind parents that unless your child is going to a club, school finishes at 3.30pm. At the end of the school day, we have a number of children that are not being promptly collected.

Please remind your children that they should not be playing on the playground at the end of the school day and they should leave the school site promptly. The gates will be locked from 3.40pm.

As always, please be careful and considerate when bringing and collecting your child. Please do not use the carpark unless you have authorised permission. Parking is available in Sainsburys carpark so please refrain from parking along Freeman Avenue. It restricts access, not only for those that need to use our carpark but any emergency services.

Thank you for your understanding.

Family Worker News



Luton Foodbank

If you are in need of food over the Christmas break or at anytime of year, Luton Foodbank can support you. Contact info@lutonfoodbank.org.uk or calling 01582 725838 (Mon-Fri, 8.30am-4pm). Advisors can assess your situation, and arrange food parcels where appropriate. They can also signpost you to other organisations for advice on debt, housing, etc. There is also a list of other organisations that also provide food support on their website.

On behalf of the community, we are delighted to receive a trophy and certificate from the Luton Foodbank. This is to recognise the great effort and contribution towards the harvest collection. Thank you for your donations.



Emotional wellbeing

Christmas can be a difficult time for many for a variety of different reasons. There are many services that can support, www.mind.org.uk has a wide range of useful contacts that may be useful. The Samaritans can also be contacted on 116 123, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Practical tips

It is always worth having your energy providers emergency numbers in case of supply issues or power cuts. Having a list of out of hours services such as GP's and Pharmacists is also a good idea "just in case". It is always worth checking what petrol stations and shops are open for those last minutes bits and bobs. Some garages will also offer free or fixed price winter checks for cars which may be worth having done if there are long journeys planned.

We hope you have a wonderful break. Keep your eyes peeled in the New Year for sessions for parents!

Miss Legg and Mrs Altaf

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to complete Word Walls and hear readers in Reception and Years 1 and 2. If you have any time in the afternoon or from 9.00am to 9.20am and are happy to assist, please speak to your child's class teacher.



If your child is entitled to free school meals, you will receive vouchers the Christmas break.



Doodle & Reading

Please encourage your child to continue to Doodle over the Christmas break. Little and often is best and the children will receive 3 epraise points if they Doodle at least 3 times each week of the holiday. The same will apply for their reading.

Attendance Matters



Attendance

Good attendance at school plays a vital role in children's development and for their well-being.

Remember children who are in school for 95% of the week, automatically gain 3 epraise points and for 100% attendance, children will gain 10 epraise points.

We are aiming to start our teaching and/or assemblies at 9:00 so please try and make sure that your child is in school before 08:55. At the end of each term, you will receive your child's attendance figure.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please do not book any holidays during term time as we will not authorise these.

Top Attendance of the Week

Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6
Doves	Robins	Frogs	Wrens	Badgers	Badgers

Values

This half term, our values have been Kindness and Perseverance.

Every class has voted for their own Values Role Model and these children were announced in our celebration assembly.

Values Role Models for Kindness

Values Role Models for November	Year 1 Nariya Shae	Year 3 Holly Aidan	Year 5 Amelia Isla-Mai
Kindness	Year 2 Hanifa Alex	Year 4 Cooper Joshua	Year 6 Hari Daria



Friends Of Bramingham PTA

A huge thank you to our Friends who have worked so hard this term to organise events and raise money for the school.



This term our Friends of Bramingham have raised £1,326.50.

We would also like to thank our Friends committee for providing refreshments at the Nativity performances. The tea, coffee and mince pies were very much appreciated.

Our Friends Committee are keen to recruit new members. Please get in touch if you can offer your time, ideas or if you have contacts that can help raise funds for the school. We would like to thank the committee and all parents for their support with the fundraising events.

Next half term

The curriculum overview for next half term are on the website. You will find the plans under the Curriculum tab. We hope that you will enjoy finding out what your child will be learning. Please share the information with your child so that they are prepared for next term's learning.



School Uniform

Please ensure that your child is in correct school uniform - white shirt/ polo shirt, navy trousers/ skirt, red jumper/ cardigan. Our Family Workers also have pre-loved uniform available. Please contact Mrs Altaf for further information.

For PE days, children must come in navy joggers/ shorts and red T Shirt and red / blue sweatshirt or school jumper.



School Councillors

Four members of our School Council attended the Student Council event at the University of Bedfordshire. They met children from other Luton schools and they spent the morning discussing 'What would you like to see more or less of in Luton?' Their responses will be fed back to the council as part of the Luton 2040 project. It is great to see that our children's voice will help shape the future of the town.



Festive Gallery

Work of Art

This work of art was produced by one of our incredibly talented Y5 pupils - Chloe Marsh. The attention to detail and her technique is very impressive.

