

Bramley Park Academy Newsletter

Friday 14th December 2018



A Message from our Executive Principal.....

It certainly is a magical time of year here at Bramley Park Academy. It has been a very special time to see our youngest pupils perform and I am sure all parent/carers thoroughly enjoyed the performances.

I am so excited to let you know that moving forward we will be providing WRAP around care for pupils in the new year as well as a free offer of enrichment activities after school. We are just finalising details and will have the information out to parent/carers next week.

The dedicated team here at school continue to work exceptionally hard for all of our pupils and community - it has certainly been a long term and they are striving forward to the last week.

There are still tickets available for our carols around the tree on 21st December at 1.15pm, please do come and joins us - the children sound wonderful.

I am delighted to inform everyone that Toni Armitage is still the chair of Friends of Bramley Park Academy. Unfortunately there was a series of miscommunications and we are moving positively to support the school and community. Watch out for the next meeting and events. Have a wonderful weekend filled with Christmas preparation.



Change of School Time Consultation

The closing date to express your views on the proposed changes to the length of the school day is Friday 21st December 2018.

We have only had a few responses from parents and would like to give everyone a change to voice their opinion. The proposal is to realign the times of lunch for key phases so that 15 minutes can be removed from the end of the school day.

Please contact the School office or email enquiries@bramleyparkacademy.co.uk.



Headlice

It seems we have an epidemic of unwanted visitors in school at the moment. Please can we ask that you check your child's hair. While Headlice are nothing but a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis. If you find live lice, consult a pharmacy for treatment advice immediately.

For further information on head lice please see your pharmacist or visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice.

Friends of Bramley Park Academy.

The Friend of Bramley Park Academy would like to thank you for your old jumper donations.

The response was amazing and over 16 black bags of jumpers are going to the camps in Calais and Paris.

Snow

Due to the weather forecast warning of snow this weekend. We would like to remind parents that should the school be closed due to snowfall, we will adhere to notify parents as early as possible. Any closures will be announced via social media, our website and a text will be sent to parents.

In our experience phone lines quickly become overwhelmed and it prevents us from communicating with external parties. Therefore please can we respectfully ask that parents do not phone school unless it is an emergency.

Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

Today children and staff have enjoyed our Christmas dinner - It was delicious! Thank you to the kitchen team for all their hard work. The children looked great in their Christmas jumper, thank you for all your donation to Save the Children. We raised a fabulous £200.



Early Years Training Day.

A polite reminder to parents that Early Years Foundation Stage will be having an additional training day on Friday 21st December and will break up for the Christmas break on Thursday 21st December.

The rest of the school will finish on Friday 21st December at 2pm.



Coffee Morning

We would like to thank parents who have attended the Coffee Mornings recently. However in the hope of attracting more attendees and allowing for a broader topic of discussion, the coffee morning will be less frequently and now be held the last Thursday of each half term.

**The next coffee morning will be
Thursday 14th February 2018**

Please can we remind parents that the coffee morning is a positive sharing session and respectfully ask that any issues or concerns are raised politely with staff so they can be addressed.

Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets are still available in the school office. Tickets are £1 per strip. Prizes include

- Ipad
- £100 Halford Voucher
- £50 uniform Voucher
- Family ticket to Leeds Rhino's

New Teaching Staff

**We would like to introduce you to our two new Assistant Principals.
Miss Ward and Miss Greenwood.**

My name is Michelle Ward and I am proud to call Bramley Park Academy my new home! I have been teaching for 10 years and have loved every minute! I have a teaching degree, specialising in French - and I have taught in France too! Over the last 8 years since my journey into school leadership, I have lead a number of subjects and areas and worked in 3 schools over this time, however my real passion is for reading and making children excited about their learning. I am excited to help to develop this as part of my new role as Assistant Principal.



Outside of school, I love spending time with my 2 nieces who are 5 and 3 and we love to explore, finding ourselves on day trips up and down the country! I also enjoy being active; running, walking... even boxing!

Hello,

My name is Miss Kirsty Greenwood . I am an experienced Early Years' Leader/ Teacher who has taught across Nursery and Reception for the last 10 years.



I am really looking forward to becoming part of your school community and leading your great Early Years' team.

My passion is learning through play and using creativity to provide a fun and exciting day at school for all your children. I aim to build a bright future and develop key life skills as well as nurture a love of learning; preparing pupils for their school life.

I cannot wait to start my future at Bramley Park Academy in February.

Miss Greenwood will be joining Bramley Park Academy after February half-term and Miss Ward after Easter. We look forward to welcoming them to our school.

Diary Dates

- Mon 17th December - Years 1-3 Christmas Games afternoon
- Tues 18th December - Years 4-6 Christmas Games afternoon
- Wed 19th December - Class Christmas Parties
- Thurs 20th Decmber - Meet Santa
- Fri 21st December - School closes for Christmas Holidays at 2pm
- Mon 7th January - Staff Training Day
- Tues 8th January - School re-opens to all pupils

