

# Bramley Park Academy Newsletter

Friday 21st December 2018



## A Message from our Executive Principal.....

What a wonderfully magical time of year Christmas is in school. It has been amazing to see and hear all of the wonderful activities over the past couple of weeks. A special thank you to Mr Johnson for the Christmas Activities and Mrs Waring for her supper Grotto decorating skills! Thanks also to the PTA for their support.

I would like to send warmest thanks to the entire Bramley community for welcoming me over this past half term. I am thoroughly enjoying my time at the school and am excited for the new Year and our journey ahead.

Over the Christmas period our dedicated team here at Bramley have shown amazing commitment to ensuring our early year unit is revamped and refreshed. We look forward to sharing this with you.

Many thanks to all of the parent/carers who have expressed sincere gratitude for the positive changes we are making here at the school, I know the staff team are really starting to see and feel these changes. Team work is certainly how we will achieve those aspirations and achievements for our young people.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New year.



## What a week!

We have had a lovely week full of festive activities here at Bramley Park Academy. Mr Johnson held Christmas games in the hall on Monday and Tuesday. Class parties took place on Wednesday afternoon - we saw some great party outfits and Nursery children were lucky enough to receive a Christmas gift bag from Mrs Lamb and Miss Clamp. We had a special visitor in school on Thursday - Father Christmas! Children received a gift from him and we made sure Bramley is on his route for Christmas Eve. And we finished the week with some fantastic singing with Carols Around the tree this afternoon..



We would like to wish all our families a wonderful Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back in the new year.



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## Goodbyes

Today we said goodbye to some long serving staff members. Our Superintendent Mr Lockwood and the school cook Mrs Hannah are both moving on to pastures new. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and service over the years. Miss Wade is leaving us to go travelling, it is something Miss Wade has been wanting to do for a while and we wish her well - send a postcard Miss Wade.

We also said goodbye to Miss Chapman, Miss Briggs and Miss Mughal Moyordomo who have come to the end of their contracts.

All will be sadly missed by students and staff.

Mrs Herriott has decided to no longer work for Wellspring Academy Trust, we wish her well in the future.

### PE Kits

**PE kits will be coming home today to be washed. Please can we ask that you check all clothing is labelled and the PE kits are returned to school on the Tuesday back after the Christmas Break.**

### Reception places for September 2019

Please make sure you have applied for a place at Bramley Park Academy if your child is due to start reception in September 2019. Your application must be complete by 15th January 2019  
You can apply online using the link below

<https://schools.onlineservices.leeds.gov.uk/Enrol/Website/default.aspx>

## Attendance

**At Bramley Park Academy we believe that: -**

We recognise that regular school attendance is vital. Children need to attend regularly if they are to enjoy the educational opportunities provided within the school and make consistently good progress. Absence can lead to educational disadvantage for a child and place them at risk of not achieving their full potential.

**At Bramley Park Academy we want to support our families effectively to enable them to maintain high attendance levels.**

#### Who can help?

**Mrs Dove and Miss Thorpe have responsibility for Attendance in school and are available to give advice and support regarding anything relating to this including exceptional circumstances.**

#### What do I do if my child is ill or is unable to come to school?

**Please ring the school absence line 0113 2564888 and let us know the reason for your child's absence or email [absence@bramleyparkacademy.co.uk](mailto:absence@bramleyparkacademy.co.uk).**



## Are you entitled to free school meals?

If you are the parent or carer of children at school, and you are on a low income, you could be entitled to free school meals.

Your child/ren are entitled to free school meals if you receive:

- Income Support, or
- income-based Job Seeker's Allowance, or
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance, or
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Universal Credit, if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, or
- Child Tax Credit, if you have an annual taxable income (as assessed by H M Revenue and Customs) which does not exceed £16,190

If you think you may qualify call Leeds Welfare and Benefits Service on 0113 222 4404

## Diary Dates

- Mon 7th January - Staff Training Day  
Tues 8th January - School re-opens to all pupils  
Thursday 7th February - Year 3 and 4 production  
Tues 12th February - KS2 Parents Evening  
Wed 13th February - KS1 Parents Evening  
Fri 15th February - School finishes for half term holidays

