



February Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM MRS FLOWERS

Please take the time to read this newsletter as it contains important information for you.

WEBSITE

Please ensure you are looking at your child's class on the school website, as this gets updated regularly with information on what their class are learning about.

STAFF NEWS

Mrs Bavington had her baby girl Hannah on 10th Dec 2019 and Mrs Haughney had her son Tommy recently.

FRIENDS OF BRAMINGHAM PTA

School disco will be 3rd April. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

APPOINTMENTS & SICKNESS

Please ensure all appointments are made out of school hours. The office will be asking for proof that appointments have been made. If your child is unwell please ring/email or text the school office by 9am on the 1st day of sickness then every other day thereafter.

ILLNESS	PERIOD OF EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL
<i>Whooping cough</i>	<i>21 days. Your child may remain infectious until the cough has gone.</i>
<i>German Measles</i>	<i>6 days from the onset of rash. Once the rash has faded the child is non-infectious.</i>
<i>Mumps</i>	<i>5 days after the onset of swelling. Until the swelling has subsided and the child feels well.</i>
<i>Chickenpox</i>	<i>5 days from the onset of rash. Until the scabs are dry and the child feels well.</i>
<i>Impetigo</i>	<i>48 hours from the start of treatment.</i>
<i>Measles</i>	<i>4 days from the onset of rash. Allow a few days in bed and the child feels well before they return to school.</i>
<i>Ringworm</i>	<i>Your child cannot go swimming whilst having ringworm, they cannot go back until it has cleared up.</i>
<i>Sickness/ Diarrhoea</i>	<i>48 hours from the last incidence of sickness/diarrhoea</i>
<i>Scarlet Fever</i>	<i>24 hours from the start of treatment</i>

FAMILY WORKERS

Toddler time- Stay and Play runs every Monday term time 9:00am - 10:15am for pre -school children in the Family Hut.

Meeting Needs- Coffee morning for Parents of children with additional, medical, physical or Special Educational Needs.

Wednesday 26th February and Wednesday 1st April at 9:00am - 10:30am in the Family Hut.

REMINDERS

Please ensure your children are prepared for the winter season with a warm coat, hats, gloves and scarves

PE days please ensure your child's hair is tied back and remove their earrings.

School shoes are to be worn at all times as we are seeing an increasing number of children in boots or trainers.



We are extremely proud of so many children using Doodle and we are seeing the benefit in school but some children are spending too much time on the app, which has an impact on effectiveness. Below are some helpful tips from Doodle.

Little and Often

We know of countless children who have piano lessons every week. There are ones who move through the grades and those who don't. It's not necessarily the most gifted – nor those with the best teacher – it's the ones who put in their daily practice. We know that the same habit works effectively for maths and English. The Doodle apps are designed to be used little and often. The **Little and Often** approach is central to how DoodleMaths and DoodleEnglish work. Just 10 minutes a day is proven to raise attainment. Doodle promotes little and often healthy habits through features that reward effort and consistent engagement over ability. Children should aim to earn a few stars per day, rather than bingeing on Doodle and earning over 1000+ in short term use, which is over the recommended use of screen time for children. Our in-app target zone feature further promotes healthy screen time usage and daily engagement by encouraging children to be in the healthy usage green zone, rather than over usage red zone. If children use technology in the appropriate environments and with the correct supervision and monitoring, children can benefit greatly from interaction with technology.

Personalised and adaptive work programmes

In addition, Doodle uses Proxima™, the award-winning in-built intelligence that powers Doodle, builds an individual work programme for your child that's perfectly tailored to their level, strengths, and weaknesses. This means that the questions are pitched appropriate for their level and understanding. We know that children learn by making mistakes. Therefore the app is never wanting the child to get a 100% accuracy. It will always be working to get the child to answer their 'X-a-Day' with an 80-90% accuracy. As parents, we all want to help our children succeed. However, it is really important to avoid helping your children with their Doodle questions because otherwise the application builds up an understanding of the parents learning profile, not the students! Therefore, the app is going to think the child has a better understanding than they do, keep trying to push them on and the questions are going to get too hard, too quickly. As a result, your child is going to become disengaged and demotivated which is the opposite of what we are trying to achieve! Instead, try and encourage them to have a go or alternatively use the help feature. The help feature will offer them a hint, or an explanation. If this still doesn't help, they can then choose to save this to their Tricky Questions fold and then you can work through these with your children. Saving them to Tricky Questions just tells the app that they are struggling with that topic and need extra support. The app can therefore adapt accordingly.



STAR READERS.

Congratulations to all those children who achieved 'Star Reader' in the Autumn term. As a reward, they were all able to choose a book and received a special certificate, as recognition for their continued efforts, with their home-reading, over the term. The children also stood proud for their 'Star Reader class photograph', which will be displayed on our brand new 'Star Reader' board, located in the main corridor. Don't forget to pop in and have a look! A big thank you to all those parents who have continued to support their children at home.

Mrs Glass
Reading Co-Ordinator

Grey Squirrels	Red Squirrels	Swifts	Robins	Foxes	Wrens	Owls
Harry	Kevin	Tadiwa	Oliver	Amina	Ethan	Yuvraj
Charlie	Jamal	Aminah	Stefan	Andrew	Frankie	Baneen
Clara	Ethan	Anastasia	Abeer	Anisa	Kailo	Emily
Dhavin	Ephraim	Jack	Mila	Gracie-Mae	Lana	Charley
Isabelle	Cooper	Anhad	Tobi	Jack	Molly	Ilyas
Isla	Arjun	Kunwar	Casey	Jacob	Mason	Manashe
Sher	Abdullah	James	Abdul	Jake	Stanley	Tegan
Alex	Ayaan	Safi	Tamara	James	Dana	Amaya
Tobin	Noelle	Daniel	Simone	Janina	Darius	Savannah
Megan	Manha A	Liam	Renae	Lucy	Elisabeta	Rayaan
Lara	Manha C	Aizah	Isla-Mai	Maneesh	Elliot	Emile
Olivier	Jessica	Sophia	Ianis	Rohan	Ethan	Noah
Aarya	Felicity	Zahara	Lois	Sean	Hayden	Cora
Ayaan	Chloe	Ellis	Assiyah	Shaye	Hugo	Essa
Emilian	Caoimhe	Tommy			Jude	Farhan
Sienna	Emily	Mia			Alessandro	Elise
Leo	Aila	Adeel			Ben	Jasper
Joshua	Zayna	Harmohar			Logan	David
	Kacie-May	Teodor			Lola	
	Uzair	Harry			Amelia	
					Arth	
					Leah	
					Harley	

Rabbits	Badgers	Hedgehogs	Frogs	Magpies	Doves	Kestrels
Sofia	Ayisha	Alexis	Genesis	Mishfa	Haris	Katelyn
James	Cameron	Andre	Alexus	Jamie	Kian	Sorayah
Ellias	Charlie	Aoun	Zoha	Chloe	Daniel	Sharon
Faye	Dylan	Dylan	Camille	Cohen	Sarah	Olivia
Catherine	Ethan	Eleanor	Aaliyah-Rae	Tia	Lily	Shannon
Faizan	Kobe	Ellie	Crystal	Anthony	Ellie	Kyle
Zac	Luke	Emily	Tristan	Alfie	Temi	Jack
Jacob	Mia G	Erion	Saffiah	Conor	Bobby	Divine
Zane	Mia O	Ernest	Ahren	Grace	Harvey	Connor
Kylan	Michal	Esmail	Luquel	Eleanor	Shayna	Sukhmani
	Monique	Ethan	Connor	Hansini	Freddie	Marcus
	Safia	Harry	Olly	Emaan	Mahhek	Max
	Sophie	Izzat		Callum	Brooke	Niccie
	John	Kyron		Carlos	Zahra	Chimpuruiche
	Caelan	Lily		Bailey	Finley	Zain
		Madison		Kyla	Archie	Milan
		Maryam		Noah	Fabian	Isa
		Mia		Leonor	Jai	Lily
		Obed			Riley	Travis
		Ramani			Ahmads	
		Sebastian			Milo	
		Summer			Aiza	
		Ronnie			Chloe	
					Amber	
					Kartik	
					Jasmine	



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PRIMARY TEACHER?

- ◇ Do you have experience of working with children in schools?
- ◇ Do you have GCSEs (or equivalent) at Grade C/4 or above in English Language, Mathematics and Science?
- ◇ Do you have an Honours degree at 2:2 or above (or are working towards this)?

Yes! Then what are you waiting for?

We'd love to hear from you.

The Shire Foundation is a very well established provider of Initial Teacher Training for the 3 - 11 age range, based in Luton. We have an excellent rate of trainee employment (100% in recent years).



We offer:

A **Post-Graduate Certificate in Education** course offering both Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and 60 credits at Masters level

The **School Direct (salaried)** route offering QTS only or a masters qualification option

The **Assessment Only** route

[Open Evenings](#)

Thursday 5th March 2020 - 4:30pm

Tuesday 31st March 2020 - 4.00pm

Thursday 30th April 2020 - 5.30pm

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Coronavirus

Dear Parents,

Re: Coronavirus concerns

You're likely aware of the outbreak of novel coronavirus in China and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK. At Bramingham Primary School, we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we're sharing [guidance from Public Health England](#) on steps you should be taking.

There's currently no cause for concern at the school, but we'll keep you informed about any developments and ensure we're keeping the school clean to prevent the spread of any virus.

Prevent the spread of infection

Make sure you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and don't attend work or school
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

If you or your children have returned from anywhere in Hubei province in past 14 days

If you or your children are currently well:

- Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with flu viruses
- Call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the area
- Your other family members don't need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities

If you become unwell:

- Please call NHS 111 immediately for you to be assessed by an appropriate specialist in hospital, as quickly as possible
- Follow the [home isolation advice sheet](#) via <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-self-isolation-for-patients-undergoing-testing/advice-sheet-home-isolation>

If you or your children have returned from a specified country in last 14 days

The specified countries are:

- China (other than Hubei)
- Hong Kong

- Japan
- Macau
- Malaysia
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Taiwan
- Thailand

If you or your children are well:

- You don't need to avoid contact with other people
- Your other family members don't need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities

If you become unwell:

- Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with other flu viruses
- Follow the [home isolation advice sheet](#)
- Call NHS 111 immediately for you to be assessed by an appropriate specialist in hospital, as quickly as possible

Symptoms to look out for

If you've returned from the specified countries or Hubei, look out for the following symptoms:

- Cough
- Difficulty in breathing
- Fever (a temperature of 38 degrees C or higher)

If you have any of these symptoms:

- If it's an emergency, call 999 and tell them which country you have returned from in the past 14 days
- If you're unwell, but it's not an emergency, call NHS 111 and tell them which country you have returned from in the past 14 days

While you wait for further advice:

- Avoid contact with others
- Stay at home – don't go to work or school
- Don't travel while sick
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing, throwing tissues in the bin
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available)

Yours Sincerely,

Sharon Flowers
Headteacher

TERM DATES



Monday 17th February-Spring Half Term



Monday 23rd March-Training Day



Friday 3rd April-Term Ends

Monday 20th April-Term Starts



Tuesday 26th May-Summer Half Term



Friday 17th July-Term Ends

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

FEBRUARY

- * Mon 24th Squirrels Parents Class Visits
- * Fri 28th Year 5 & 6 PGL trip to Marchants Hill

MARCH

- * Fri 6th Owls Assembly
- * Fri 13th Rabbits Assembly
- * Fri 20th Badgers Assembly
- * **Mon 23rd Training Day**
- * Fri 27th Hedgehogs Assembly
- * Tue 31st Squirrels and Year 6 Open Evening

APRIL

- * Wed 1st Squirrels and Year 6 Open Evening
- * **W/C Mon 6th Easter Holidays**
- * **Mon 20th Children return to School**
- * Tue 21st KS1 SATs meeting
- * Wed 29th Diversity Evening

MAY

- * Tues 5th and Wed 6th Yrs 1-Yr 5 Open Evening
- * Thurs 7th Robins Assembly
- * **Fri 8th VE day Bank Holiday**
- * W/C Mon 11th KS2 SATs week
- * Fri 15th Swifts Assembly
- * Year 6 PGL trip to Little Canada, Isle of Wight
- * **W/C Mon 25th Half Term**

JUNE

- * Tue 30th Sports Day

JULY

- * Fri 3rd Squirrels Assembly to parents
- * Wed 8th and Thurs 9th Children meet their new classes
- * Fri 10th School Production to parents TBC
- * Mon 13th School Production to parents TBC
- * Tue 14th Option for parents to meet Teachers
- * Fri 17th Leavers Assembly
- * **Last Day of Term**