



## Bramley Church of England Primary

### **Bramley Bulletin – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another successful year here at Bramley C of E Primary, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful achievements and events that have taken place throughout the Autumn Term.

One of my personal highlights of this term has undoubtedly been our fantastic Christmas performances. The children showcased their incredible talent and hard work, filling our hearts with joy and spreading the festive spirit throughout the school. From the delightful nativity plays to the uplifting carols on the playground, our young stars never fail to amaze us with their enthusiasm and dedication. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

#### **What is going on in school?**

**Evie and Rudy in EYFS said...** “We loved our Christmas play because we got to go on the stage and we got to sing. There were lots of stars on the stage. We have been colouring in lots of Christmas trees. We liked the Christmas story Miss Porter read to us – ‘When Santa got stuck up the chimney’. I like playing with the blocks to build rockets.’



**Ethan and Grace in year 1 said...** “When the ambulance people came in, we got things that could give you medicine. We could give medicine to all our friends – it was only water. I liked being on the ambulance because the sirens were so noisy and the blue lights were going everywhere. My favourite thing in year 1 is playing with my friends (Grace). I like maths when the numbers go up and get bigger (Ethan). Today we made bags like the ambulance team had to hold lots of their things in it – my bag held the glue. (Ethan)”



**Ellie and Theo in year 2 said...** “Our topic is Globe Trotters and we have been learning about the whole world. In Africa, at the top it’s really hot and at the bottom it is really cold. Monsoon weather is when you get lots and lots of rain, it’s mainly by the equator. This week we have been writing letters to Santa and we had to ask him a question about himself and then use commas in lists. Our favourite thing so far this year is when we did the Great Fire of London and looked at the different people who lived in London then.”

**Georgina and Audrey O in year 3 said...** “Victorian day was really fun because we all dressed up and got to make biscuits. But the rest of the day was really strict and if you did something wrong you got the ‘dunce’ hat, when people came to the door you had to stand up and be really respectful. When we did pyjama day, we had a lovely, relaxed day for Children in Need. We have done lots of things for charity and it has been really good.”

**Chloe C and Chloe K in year 4 said...** “My favourite thing about year 4 was going swimming because we had so much fun, we got to do different types of jumps into the pool. I really liked our Roman day because we all dressed up and played games like Roman Top Trumps. We pretended to be Roman soldiers and had to do army formations, the turtle one was good because you had to put your shields to the front, top or side to totally cover you all.”

**Jack and Josie in year 5 said...** “I really love our maths work in year 5 especially the bus stop method as it helped us with our division. In art we enjoyed when we were learning about Peter Thorpe and we got to paint our own rockets with space backgrounds. This week, we also got to make our own planets out of newspaper and masking tape. When we have been learning about space, in English we learnt about Tim Peake becoming the first British astronaut on the ISS and wrote his autobiography.”

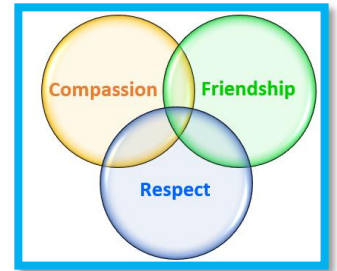


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**Amy, Caeden and Theo in year 6 said...** "One of our favourite bits of year 6 was when we went to PGL because it gave us natural life lessons and independence, the best bits of PGL were the giant swing, trapeze and rock climbing. Another great thing was wreath making because we got a chance to have creativity and to spend time with our parents inside of school. In year 6 we have the opportunity to be leaders like: sports leaders, house captains, play leaders and librarians and more to come. This year so far has been an incredible experience and our most liked topics are Epic Explorers and Darwin's Diaries.

### **Values Award...**

On the final celebration assembly of each term, we ask staff to select one child in each class for a 'Values Award'. This is a very special award for a select few children who demonstrate our school values of **Compassion, Friendship & Respect** without fail. In recognition of their achievement, the children get a Values Award badge as well as a certificate. In addition, we will take the children out for the afternoon when we return from the Christmas break.



The winners of the Values Awards are:

*Donaldson – Isabella H*

*Jeffers – Luna J*

*Haddow – Lily D*

*Gravett – Eleanor O*

*Dahl – Cherry H*

*Lewis – Isla H*

*Riddell – Charlotte E*

*Morpurgo – Mia P*

*Cowell – Gracie F*

*Ibbotson – Quinn B*

*Kipling – Luke C*

*Collins – Charlie B*

*Rundell – Sophia L*

### **Christmas Extravaganzas...**

These two weeks before Christmas are always packed with fun and excitement: the wonderful shows that have been put on by our younger children have certainly added to this! Year 2 children amazed us all with their alien themed explanation of the Christmas Nativity, children in Year 1 sang their hearts out for their Nativity sing-along and each EYFS class entertained with their performances of the Christmas story. We could not believe the confidence with which all of the children took to the stage, the clarity of their speaking voices and their wonderful singing. Every time we watched a show, we were recounting to anyone who would listen, about the wonderful time we had had.



This week's church service at St James' was such a lovely event as well. The children's behaviour and attitudes during the walk and the service was fantastic. It is so special to have this occasion as part of the Christmas calendar – the singing from everyone really raised the roof and the year 6 readers shared the story so clearly. We hope the many volunteers enjoyed the service too, we are so grateful for your time and support.

In the words of EYFS children, we had our 'buckets filled' with joy and love.

### **Sporting Events...**

Sports Leaders have taken the reigns this week to report on the fixtures they have taken part in:

#### ***Netball Match - Zara & Sophia report...***

During our match against Silchester, which was at Bramley, we played very well as we all showed great teamwork and skills which lead us to winning a phenomenal amount. We are all really good at hitting the ball away and snatching it away from the other team so we can keep possession, to help our team to win! We also played against The Priory



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school where we scored 25 goals. All of our team have played a great part in the matches – we are proud to have won them by an amazing amount! Well done Netballers and a big thank you to Mrs Hanson for coaching us!!

### ***Girls Football Match - Millie & Niamh report...***

In November, we played against Silchester School. When we started the game, the defenders were getting nutmegged but we gave it all we got. Then all of a sudden Darcy tried to score but then she passed the ball to Niamh, then she scored - the goalie had missed saving it by a second. Then the ball came rolling to our goalie Sophia, she cleared it to the other side and it was corner for us. Niamh got the ball and when she kicked it, it went in the goal! From half time the Bramley team wanted to score again at least one more time, Sienna got the ball and ran up passed both defenders and kicked a big shot giving Bramley's last goal for the match. We are really proud to win 3-0.

### ***Boys Football Match - Logan & Charlie B report...***

The boy's match was also played at Silchester school, we wore the original blue and yellow kit. As a team we helped each other and made sure that everyone was ok. Both teams had amazing shots and each had resilient players that were determined to help their teams and lead them to victory. The Bramley boys showed great teamwork to score goals as a team and we went on to win the game 5-1. I think we all showed great sportsmanship all the way through the match.

### **Showing Compassion...**

This term, we have thought about others through charity work on three occasions.

We held a pyjama day to support ***Children in Need*** towards the end of November, the whole school assembly at the start of the day was a wonderful sight to see! Thanks to donations online and in school, we raised a wonderful £572

Children took part in the ***Reindeer Run*** last Friday to support St Michael's Hospice – it was so lovely to see a 'herd of reindeer' galloping around the track throughout the day! As a community, we raised £475 To support the great work of this charity.

Tomorrow is our ***Christmas Jumper Day*** in aid of Save the Children.

The variety of jumpers across the school is always amazing to see!

Thank you so much for the compassion and generosity you show on these occasions.



### **Bramley Babies...**

Our Bramley Team has grown over this last term with some wonderful new additions to staff families. Mrs Burningham welcomed baby Ava back in September and she has settled wonderfully into their family. Miss Humphries's son Cassius arrived safely at the end of November; she is enjoying her new born baby bubble. And this week, Miss Mursell welcomed her baby girl Wren, they are both doing well. It has been so lovely to join in this wonderful time with all of them.

We are looking forward to having another new addition in the summer term as Mrs Hadlow is expecting her second child. We extend huge congratulations to her and her family.

### **Thank yous...**

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all the parents and carers who have shown their unwavering support throughout the year. Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable and greatly appreciated. Whether it was attending parent-teacher meetings, volunteering to listen to readers or help with school trips, or simply being there to listen and encourage, your dedication has played a significant role in their success.



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I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to our incredible Bramley School Association (BSA) for their outstanding fundraising efforts this year. Their commitment and hard work have allowed us to invest in our school, organise exciting events such as the Bramley Fireworks, Autumn Disco and Christmas Fayre, and provide enriching experiences for our pupils. Without their dedication, our school community would not be as vibrant and thriving as it is today.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the exceptional staff at Bramley. From our dedicated teachers and learning support partners to our diligent administrative team, caretaker and Governors they have all worked tirelessly to create a nurturing and stimulating school for our children. Their passion for education and commitment to our school's vision and values is truly commendable. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a talented and committed team.

Lastly, I would like to thank the people who make us smile every day, our children. It has been delightful to see how much you have grown and developed this year. Bramley C of E Primary School is a warm, welcoming and loving school because of the pupils who attend. On a daily basis the children display our core values of friendship, compassion and respect. They treat each other with kindness and actively try to make a difference. They take on roles and responsibilities with enthusiasm and they display resilience and perseverance in their learning. So, thank you children for making our jobs so enjoyable, we look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

As we approach the festive season, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas. May this joyous time be filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments with your loved ones. May it bring warmth to your hearts and remind you of the true spirit of Christmas.

Wishing you all a peaceful and joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Take care

Mr Steve Moore  
Executive Head of School



### **Key dates:**

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	Spring Term Starts – doors open at 8:30
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	STEM focus week
<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 2 trip to Seacity
<b>12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 6 trip to Milestones Museum
<b>9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Last day of Spring 1
<b>19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Inset Day
<b>20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Spring Term 2 Starts – doors open at 8:30
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Last day of Spring Term