

Friday 5th January 2024



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Happy New Year and welcome back

Welcome back to a new term here at Bransty Primary School and we all wish you a very Happy New Year. We have been hearing all about the wonderful news and excited tales from over the Festive period and so pleased everyone has enjoyed themselves. It has been a quiet return as the children are getting back into routines, but we have had a good start and already the children are into learning mode and enjoying being back at school.

In assembly this week we discussed New Year Resolutions and the children have been thinking of ways these promises to themselves can help make a difference to others, help them grow as a person and enable them to learn more effectively. The box is filling up with their suggestions and I know some involve tidying their rooms more!! Do please chat with your child on how they can make those promises and we will continue to look at them as the year moves on.

SAFETY

Lockdown procedures

Yesterday we were met with unwelcome news and do hope you felt the communication from school was timely and appropriate. We appreciate the follow up comments regarding the assurance that as a school, we have procedures in place that will always have your child's safety as priority. Thankfully, yesterday was dealt with by external agencies in a swift and efficient manner and it is difficult to decipher facts when so much media coverage begins. We will put together a parent procedure form so you can be reassured that we will act accordingly to whatever direction we are given and keep you as informed as much as we can. The staff team were adaptive and were quick to respond to the situation and the children's day was not impacted at all. We will always act with the best interests of the children at the heart of whatever we do, and will make adjustments when necessary to ensure our drills take into consideration every scenario. Thank you again for your understanding and support in what was such an unusual start to our new school year.

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Queen Bee lunch

On Wednesday the children who were awarded the star hoodies and postcards for December enjoyed a Queen Bee lunch with Buzzby and Mrs Fearon. The children all received a goody bag and a cupcake.



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Swimming

Swimming sessions continue next week; week commencing Monday 8th January 2024.

Year 3 will go swimming for the next 2 weeks, each afternoon. **Please note, due to staff training, Year 1 and Year 2 have swapped their weeks around. This is recorded below and on the date overview sheet.**

Please note that swimwear must be worn under uniform to school on the days your child is going swimming to aid in a fast changing process due to the time constraints of the sessions.

Children will not have time to wash their hair after each session.

We advise drying swimwear and towels each evening and washing them fully at the weekends.

Girls are permitted to wear 'tankinis' but NOT bikinis to aid with using the toilet during the day before the swimming session.

No Aerosols are per-



mitted.

Year 3	Weeks commencing Monday 8th January and 15th January 2024
Year 1	Weeks commencing Monday 22nd January and 29th January 2024
Year 2	Weeks commencing 5th February and 19th February 2024

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Dates 23-24

Weeks commencing Monday 8th and 15th January 2024	Year 3 swimming sessions
Weeks commencing Monday 22nd and 29th January 2024	Year 1 swimming sessions
Week commencing Monday 5th February 2024	Year 2 swimming sessions week 1
Monday 5th February 2024	Young Voices
Wednesday 7th—Friday 9th February 2024	Year 5 Residential York
<u>Friday 9th February 2024</u>	<u>Break up for February half term</u>
<u>Monday 19th February 2024</u>	<u>Children back to school 8.45a.m</u>
Thursday 7th March 2024	WORLD BOOK DAY
Tuesday 19th March 2024	UDance, Carnegie Theatre
Wednesday 20th March 2024- Friday 22nd March 2024	Year 4 Coniston Residential
Thursday 21st—Friday 22nd March 2024	Year 3 Residential
<u>Thursday 28th March 2024</u>	<u>Break up for Easter Holidays</u>
<u>Tuesday 16th April 2024</u>	<u>Return to school 8.45a.m</u>
Tuesday 16th April 2024- Wednesday 17th April 2024	Years 1 and 2 Residential
Thursday 25th April 2024	Colour Run
<u>Monday 6th May 2024</u>	<u>Bank Holiday—School Closed</u>
<u>Friday 24th May 2024</u>	<u>Break up for Half Term</u> <u>SPORTS DAY, COPELAND</u> <u>STADIUM</u>

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Dates 23-24

<u>Monday 3rd June 2024</u>	<u>Children return to school 8.45a.m</u>
Tuesday 18th June 2024- Friday 21st June 2024	Year 6 London Residential
Thursday 27th June 2024	Whole School Walk
Wednesday 3rd July 2024	Move up Day
Thursday 11th July 2024	Rosehill Event pm/night- KS2
Tuesday 16th July 2024	Open afternoon N-Year 5 Reports sent home
Thursday 18th July 2024	Year 6 Leavers Bash 5-7p.m
<u>Friday 19th July 2024</u>	<u>Break up for Summer Holidays</u>
<u>Wednesday 4th September 2024</u>	<u>First day of Academic Year 2024-2025</u>