

Dear families,

Future communications - Please download the FREE Xpressions App

As text messages have a significant cost to school, we will now only use them for select communications moving forward to save money which can then be better spent. Texts will mainly be used for emergency use. The majority of communications will be sent via email but also by a new app called Xpressions. Further details on our new App are in the letter attached below. We will continue to use both email and the expressions app from today but we will no longer text or print letters. If you have difficulty accessing email or the new Xpressions App, please let us know.

<https://www.brumbyjunior.outwood.com/posts/7732>

Diary dates

6/12/23 - 11/12/23 Book Fair

We are very excited to inform you that we shall be running the Scholastic **half-price** Book Fair from **Wednesday 6th December** through to **Monday 11th December** with prices starting from as little as £1.50! Books will be for sale after school in the hall. <https://www.brumbyjunior.outwood.com/posts/7730>

11/12/23 Great Brumby 'Christmas' Bake Off

We will be hosting our fantastic '**Great Brumby Christmas Bake Off**' on **Monday 11th December!** Winning bakes will be selected from each year group before they go on sale for 50p a portion at break and lunch time- on your marks, get set, BAKE!

Further information will follow about the discos and parent events.

13/12/23 - Y3 - Christmas Disco

18/12/23 - Y5 Parent Event 2pm - Autumn Term showcase/celebration with Christmas songs

18/12/23 - Y4 - Christmas Disco

19/12/23 - Y3 Parent Event 9am - Autumn Term showcase/celebration with Christmas songs

19/12/23 - Y4 Parent Event 2pm - Autumn Term showcase/celebration with Christmas songs

19/12/23 - Y5 - Christmas Disco

19/12/23 - Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

20/12/23 - Y6 Parent Event 2pm - Autumn Term showcase/celebration with Christmas songs

20/12/23 - Y6 - Christmas Disco

Punctual

Please can we ask that children are in class for an 8:35 start. They should arrive at school for 8:25 if they are using the Cemetery Road entrance and 8:30 if they are using the Queensway entrance. We have a number of children arriving late and missing the start of the day.

Sleep

We have had many children extremely tired in school recently which is having a huge impact on them. As I'm sure you are already fully aware, sleep is vital to children and young people's health, wellbeing, learning and development. It is important to ensure children have the correct amount of sleep so they have enough energy for the next day's activities. Children at junior age need between 10 and 12 hours sleep per night. I have attached a couple of useful links below for guidance which give facts and also support on how to have good sleep habits.

<https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/kids/life-skills/sleep/>

We are also going to watch the following video clips in school over the next week.

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/why-is-sleep-so-important>

If you need support with bedtime routines for your child, please let us know and we will support.

Reading at home to an adult

This is the most important support that you can do at home. I can not emphasise what an impact this has on your child's development and education. Being able to read and to continue developing their fluency, comprehension and vocabulary is key to all areas of the curriculum. Please make time to listen to your child read. It is quality time together on a one to one basis. It can be a really good bedtime routine where your child reads to you and where you read to them. Our Family Hub hosts a variety of sessions to support reading but if there is anything we can do to support you please let us know. We are here to help and of course will do everything we can in our reading sessions at school. However, there is no substitute for reading aloud at home to an adult every day as we can not replicate this in school.

Uniform

Please follow our uniform policy which can be found [here](#).

Black shoes (No boots unless agreed with school in advance for medical reasons)

Purple sweatshirt or cardigan, with school logo

White polo shirt.

Grey skirt, trousers or school shorts

Grey socks or tights

No earrings.

Please also ensure your child has their name in their uniform and coat. This enables us to return lost and misplaced items. Thanks in advance.

Head Lice

We have had a few cases of head lice in school. Please check your child's hair and follow the guidance below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr S Tait

Principal