



## This week's events...

Phew! Another week filled with exciting learning activities on the topic of 'Chocolate'! it's always so lovely to walk round the school and see/hear everything going on.

A huge, huge thankyou to all those of you who have given me cards, gifts or simply wished me well, as I take early retirement from working in education and change jobs to something that is totally unrelated. I am looking forward to the change but know that I will miss BJA very much. I am so very proud of all that 'Team BJA' has achieved, over the 17 years that I have been the Headteacher. However, I know that in the capable hands of Miss Perkins, Mr Thornton and all the staff, the school and your children will continue to thrive, achieve and enjoy their learning. Thankyou to all of you who have supported the school (and me) over the years – who knows....perhaps I might meet you again in my new job.  
*Rachael Shaw*

## Useful information on our website

Please go to our website: [www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk](http://www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk) where you will find lots of useful information.

Under the 'Parents' tab, you will find information about:

- Information and events to support families
- Mobile phones
- Second hand uniform
- Holiday / Medical Appointments
- Useful 'Letters and Forms'
- Your School Lottery

Under the 'Curriculum' tab, you will find lots of useful information about how to help your child with their learning.

This page:

<https://www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk/local%20events.asp> has information on a whole range of local events.

## Diary dates 2024-2025:

- **Squishmallows Bingo! Fundraising event (pupils only) –** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. 3.30-5.30pm. Tickets cost £3.00 **A letter has been sent out regarding this event.**
- **End of Spring Term 1 –** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February
- **Start of Spring Term 2 –** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February
- **Whole class photos –** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March
- **Non-Uniform Day for chocolate raffle –** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March
- **Parents Evening –** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March *More information will be sent out nearer to the time.*
- **Year 3/4 Chocolate WOW Day! - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Year 5/6 Chocolate WOW Day! - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Spring Term 2 ends –** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

*Please do look on our website and scroll down to the 'Forthcoming Dates' section [Diary - BranstonJunior \(branstonjunioracademy.co.uk\)](http://www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk) to find dates of all events.*

## Other items to note:

### Mr Pyburn's E-Safety 'top tip'

#### Malicious Communication Act / Online Bullying

This week's Top Tip comes in the form of an information factsheet for parents & carers designed by our friends over at Lincolnshire's Stay Safe Partnership. In their words, '*Over the last few years, we have seen a rise in children and young people receiving a criminal record for Malicious Communications due to their online interactions with others. Children may not understand the impact of the things they are saying online or that they could face legal repercussions. Malicious communication is the act of sending messages, pictures and, or videos with the intention of causing distress or anxiety to another person.*'

The factsheet contains more information for parents and carers and can be found on our school website at:

<https://tinyurl.com/42axy9wd>

