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Brighstone Buzz

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NEWS FROM MISS JOHNSTON

It was a pleasure to see so many children and parents at the Family Fun Day on Saturday last week. All those who attended thoroughly enjoyed the event and it is certainly something we hope to repeat again in the near future. I learnt some top-tips from the bike maintenance, enjoyed the relaxation session (along with many other mums!) and even donned a helmet and safety pads to join in with the extremely popular skateboarding and tried my hand at hula-hooping. Hopefully there's no photographic evidence anywhere-oops, forgot about the website! We've also been thinking quite a lot about food this week with our focus on supporting Farmhouse Breakfast Week. On Monday the Community Chefs, Jenny and Paul popped in and created some wonderful oaty pancakes, fruity porridge and fruit smoothies. Recipes available if you would like them! We were delighted that Andrew Turner MP asked to join us. He said that he thoroughly enjoyed talking to the children about their experiences at Brighstone Primary. On Tuesday, Mary Case came in to explain how her Limerstone honey is created, along with the school nurse who spoke to each class about healthy eating. Wednesday saw a visit from Sainsbury's who donated some enormous platters of fruit (with enough left for the staff!), yoghurt and muesli and of course, EVERY child had a different breakfast EVERY DAY! Quite an undertaking! As I am writing this before our community breakfast on Friday, I hope that those who do attend enjoy the event, which I will report back on next week. Wishing you all a very happy weekend! Miss Johnston.

GOLDEN NEWS – Will return next week!!!!

However, my eternal thanks to all those parents who have been in school during the mornings this week, helping to prepare the different breakfasts for the children. It is very much appreciated. Also to the staff for helping to organise the visiting speakers and daily logistics of 93 (94 if you include Mrs Norman!) breakfasts and Friday morning community event.

STOP PRESS

"The Big Green Adventure". We will be holding auditions for our school play during lunchtimes, the week beginning the 8th February. So, dust off those tap shoes, practice singing your favourite song and prepare to face the Brighstone judging panel (who are all much prettier than Simon Cowell!) We look forward to seeing the auditions in just over a week's time.

DIARY DATES

- 30th Jan . Feel Good Day. see flyer sent 10am-4pm
- 5th Feb . School Council conducting internal site survey with the caretaker and governors
- 8th Feb . 6pm. Governors meeting regarding relationships and sex education materials.
- 9th Feb . 1:15pm. Puppet Show for Year 1 parents
- 9th Feb . 7pm. Full Governors
- 10th Feb . 7pm. BSA Meeting in Tiger Class
- 12th Feb . 10 Year 2 children attending gymnastics festival @ Christ the King College
- 12th Feb . Last day of the half term

Half term Football

Football activity days will be held during half-term, starting on Monday 15th February at Newchurch Recreation Field. U.E.F.A. /F.A. Qualified Enhanced CRB Registered -Child Protection Trained. This is open to boys and girls aged 6 -12 years old. Costs: £16 per session. Places are limited so book early. Times: Registration/introduction is at 9.15am with the day finishing at 3pm. You are required to complete a parent consent /application form. If you require further details, please contact: Matt Mair: 075553707870 / 426206 or email: mcafeiw@aol.com

MARY'S MARVELLOUS, MOUTH-WATERING MEALS

- MONDAY:** Beef bolognaise, OR veg bolognaise, pasta, broccoli, sweetcorn followed by fruit sponge and custard.
- TUESDAY:** Roast pork, apple sauce and gravy OR veggie nuggets, roast potatoes, cabbage, carrots followed by peaches and ice-cream.
- WEDNESDAY:** Homemade beef burgers OR veggie burgers, baked potato wedges, peas and sweetcorn followed by shortbread.
- THURSDAY:** Fish fingers, chips, baked beans and peas, followed choco crispy cakes.
- FRIDAY:** Roast chicken, stuffing and gravy, OR BBQ quorn wrap, roast potatoes, swede and carrot mash, green beans, followed by sponge and custard. *Crudités and fresh fruit are always available. All the above are subject to change.*

Help for Haiti

A group of children from Year 4 would like to hold a series of events to help raise money for the people devastated by the earthquake in Haiti. Their first event will be held next Friday break time and after school, so that parents can also participate. They will have a map of the world and be asking for people to pay 50p to guess where in the world they have hidden some treasure. The winner will receive a prize! **Please bring in your 50p's next Friday (5th Feb)!**

Coffee Morning - TOMORROW



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FAB

A reminder that you need to return your blue forms if you are interested in using FAB during half-term. We would love to run the club but can only do so if there are sufficient numbers to cover the running costs. Please return your form by **MONDAY**, where upon a decision will be made.

My huge thanks to the BSA for organizing this informal, family quiz night. It will be held on: **Saturday 6th March 6-7:30pm**

The cost of entry will be £2 for adults, £1.50 for children, with under 5¢ free. Refreshments and nibbles will be provided, so just bring your brains and pencils! If you wish to enter a team, please provide the names and correct payment to Suzanne in the office by Wednesday 24th. Prizes will be available! Other BSA events to follow in the next few months. watch this space ò ò ò ..

From the 17th February, Sainsburys are starting their Active Kids Vouchers scheme. Please bring them in to school!

Star: Track 2010 (Fun in Athletics)

I have received details about an event being held on: 17th, 18th and 19th February (half-term week) at The Fairway Athletic Centre, Sandown. It will be from 10am-2:30pm for 7-10 year olds. The cost for 3 days is £30, which includes a goodie bag.

If you like to see what fun athletics can be then contact Ray Scovell on: 405340 or email: isleofwightac@btinternet.com for more information and an application form.

Extended Schools Trips

Last week our extended schools officer, Kay Smith, wrote to you about a trip to the British Museum in London on 20th February for a cost of just £17! Please return your forms if you are interested ASAP. We will also be offering the following family trips later in the year at a similar cost. Further details, letters etc to follow:
3rd April . Natural History Museum, V & A and Science Museum.
20th May . National Gallery
29th August . Notting Hill Children's Carnival.

Free School Meals

You may be entitled to claim for free school meals and not know it! By claiming for free school meals you can also qualify for a reduction in music tuition fees. If you apply for free school meals, your child does not have to have school meals on a regular basis; the information will remain entirely confidential and will really help the school with its statutory returns processes. You can apply for free school meals for your child if you receive: Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance (income based) or Child Tax Credit (provided you do not also receive Working Tax Credit and have an annual household income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,040. You are not entitled to receive free school meals if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit. Further details and an application form can be downloaded (or completed online) at: http://eduwight.iow.gov.uk/parent/my_child/School_Meals/freescho.asp. If you would prefer to talk to Suzanne or myself about your possible entitlement, please pop in for an informal chat.

Can You Help Playgroup?

Playgroup are looking for a Ken as a 'Prince' Barbie doll. If anyone has an unwanted one, or knows where we can purchase him, please let Suzanne know.

Attendance

Our current attendance figures stand at:

Panthers . 94.3%

Leopards . 93.5%

Lions . 97.1%

Tigers . 96.3%

Well done to Lions! A very healthy bunch!

Whole School . 95.4%

Our whole school target for the end of the academic year is 96% so we are not too far off track at the moment. Well done everyone! Keep healthy! ☺

Changes to FAB

As you know, in January the Governing Body took over the management of the breakfast club and FAB.

If you pay for FAB by salary sacrifice or direct debit, you need to change the account details to:

Account Number: **0545012**

Sort Code: **30-95-99**

The Ofsted registration number has also changed and is now the same as the schools: **118192**

Please contact Suzanne or Amanda Dove if you require any further details. Thank you.

The Teaching Awards 2010

The Teaching Awards are an annual celebration of teaching and learning. You can nominate a school, a team working in a school, teachers, headteachers, teaching assistants and governors; **anyone and everyone can nominate**.

We really do have some inspirational staff in the school who are helping to change your children's lives for the better.

Help us to celebrate them by making a nomination online at: www.teachingawards.com. It's a quick and easy process that only takes a few minutes, but it's the best way to say thank you to those who transform young people's life chances.

You need to make your nomination by 1st March 2010.

Further details can be found on the nomination website where there is also an opportunity for children to create a short film and win £5000 worth of video equipment!

Parent Consultations

Next week you will receive details about your child's spring term consultation evenings. Please return the forms by the date specified, so that we are able to allocate appointments to everybody. Also, if your child has an IDP or IEP, the class teacher will shortly be making contact with you to come in and evaluate their current plan and also to share their new plan with you.

Can you help us?

The children have requested lap trays to work on and comics to read during lunchtimes. Do you have any of these items that you could spare? If so, we would be grateful for any contributions. Many thanks.