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## Brighstone Buzz



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### NEWS FROM MISS JOHNSTON

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a good half-term break and I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the Cass family (Samuel and Faith) who joined the school on Monday. This week saw the start of our new whole school topic 'Waste Watchers' and I hope that you have all received the planning outlines for this half-term from your child's class teacher. These plans are also available 'online' on the 'info' tab of the school website. All classes were visited by the recycling officer Laura Kay and rehearsals have begun for 'The Big Green Adventure'. We can't wait! Plans for reorganization are gathering a pace and the governors working group met again this week. We are currently in the final stages of confirming staffing and class structures with the Local Authority and anticipate being able to hold a meeting with parents on our full plans for September, shortly after Easter. In the meantime, we would like to try a 21<sup>st</sup> Century approach to gathering your ideas regarding the expansion of Brighstone School. We have set up a 'Wallwisher' <http://www.wallwisher.com/wall/brighstoneexpanding> where you can electronically share your ideas and suggestions around enlarging Brighstone School with us. These may be ideas we have already thought of but I am sure there will be new and interesting suggestions that will help us shape the school for the future. We look forward to receiving them. You should have also received your appointment for spring term parent consultations this week. If you need to change the appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher. Miss Johnston ☺

### GOLDEN NEWS

**Panthers – Jay** perseverance in FAB Club when making a model of a Tiger. He saw it through to the end and was very proud. **Faith** settling into Panther Class so well!

**Leopards – Harry and Oliver** super writing about what you did in the holidays! Excellent sounding out!

**Lions – Fay** for creating an excellent bar chart about different types of litter commonly found. **Ben W-I** athletics achievements (see certificates) **Sam C.** for settling in so well to Lions.

**Tigers– Lauren B.** Blue Peter Badge and **James** athletic achievements (see certificates)

**FAB Jay and Cerys** wonderful job at making our rainforest display come to life, with parrots and tigers. **Anwen (Playgroup)** letting us draw around her for one of our monkeys.

### DIARY DATES

- 1<sup>st</sup> March – Carnival Club starts @ 2:45pm. HALL
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Lion Class walk around Brighstone @ 1:15pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> March – Cricket training begins for Lion Class @ 1pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> March – Ask the Family Quiz Night @ 6pm. £2 per person
- 7<sup>th</sup> March – Help for Haiti concert @ 7pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> March – Governors: Leadership and Management @ 7pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> March – Family Learning Day: 'Big Green Adventure'
- 10<sup>th</sup> March – BSA Meeting. 7pm in Tiger Class. All welcome!
- 13<sup>th</sup> March – Horticultural Show @ Wilberforce Hall
- 15<sup>th</sup> March – Bentley's photographers in - informal portraits
- 15<sup>th</sup> March – Healthy Living Event for parents 7:30pm

### Help for Haiti

A huge well done to the Year 4 children who have been organizing events to raise money for Haiti. Donations from the breakfast morning, treasure hunt and 'guess the name of the teddy' raised approximately £118. I'd like to say a huge well done to these children, who have instigated and organized these events themselves as a result of seeing the devastation and wanting to do something positive about it. They are a real credit to themselves, their families and the school. We hope that you will support Maggie Courtney's concert for Haiti, being held at the school on 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

### MARY'S MARVELLOUS, MOUTH-WATERING MEALS

**MONDAY:** Minced beef and onion pie, OR vegetable and cheese wrap, ½ jacket potato, carrots, green beans, pears and ice-cream.

**TUESDAY:** Roast turkey with stuffing, OR cowboy hotpot, roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli, followed by fruit jelly and fruit milkshake.

**WEDNESDAY:** Beef burrito OR country vegetable gratin, pasta, peas, sweet corn, chocolate cake and milk.

**THURSDAY:** Breaded fish, oven chips, baked beans, peas followed by apple sponge and custard.

**FRIDAY:** Roast pork and apple sauce, OR veggie sausages, roast potatoes, cabbage, carrots, followed by flapjack and milk.

**Also crudités and fresh fruit are always available. All the above are subject to change.**

**Lunch for the 2nd Half Spring Term = 29 days @ £1.70 = £49.30!**

### Toys

A reminder, please do not allow your child to bring their own toys in to school. We cannot guarantee their safety and security either during school hours or at FAB Club. All other items belonging to children (i.e. uniform) should be named and checked regularly to ensure that the name has not disappeared!

### **Advance Notice**

Following on from the success of our recent breakfast morning, on the 26<sup>th</sup> March, instead of our usual Golden Assembly we would love to welcome you along to coffee, cake and a chat with one another, myself and some of the governors. We look forward to meeting with you informally and hearing your ideas on how we can continue to improve Brighstone School ☺

### **Easter Holiday FAB Club**

We would like to run FAB Club during the Easter break and this week sent out an interest form. Please complete this form if you wish to use the service so that we can make a speedy decision about viability. We have only had 3 responses so far.

### **Ask the Family Quiz Night**

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

The cost of entry will be £2 for adults; £1.50 for children, with under 5's free. Refreshments and nibbles will be provided, so just bring your brains and pencils!

Prizes will be available! Other BSA events to follow in the next few months including:

Brighstone's Got Talent – 24<sup>th</sup> April  
Travelling Trends Fashion Show – 14<sup>th</sup> May  
Summer Sizzler – 3<sup>rd</sup> July

**Sainsbury's are now running their Active Kids Vouchers scheme. Please put your vouchers into the box in the library.**

### **Music for Haiti**

A concert by local young musicians in aid of disaster relief in Haiti, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 p.m. Brighstone School. IW Youth Recorder Ensemble, musicians from Brighstone School, plus a variety of solo items from members of the Isle of Wight Music Centre and other young musicians. Free admission, but generous donations appreciated. There will also be refreshments and a raffle available.

### **Can you help us?**

The children and Midday Supervisors are keen to develop parts of the playground to include quiet and reflective areas, whilst linking with our 'Waste Watchers' topic. Do you have any: old or unwanted CD's, wind chimes or comics? If so, please can you send them in to school so that we can get this project underway! Thank you ☺

### **The Big Green Adventure!**

Rehearsals for 'The Big Green Adventure' are now underway, with all those who auditioned receiving speaking parts. These rehearsals will be every Tuesday until the play is staged - moved to another day of the week during parent consultations. All pupils will play some part in the production. The performances will be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March @ 1:30pm and Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March @ 6:30pm (actors with speaking parts arriving at 5:30pm, all other children at 6pm). Tickets will go on sale mid March, at a cost of £3 per ticket and be limited to 2 per family in the first instance. We will also be holding a Family Learning Day on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, where parents will be invited in to participate in workshops creating costumes, props, scenery etc-further details to follow next week. If you would like to help make some of the more 'complex' costumes, please give your name to Miss Capelin. We look forward to the 'adventure'.

### **Carnival Club**

We would like to invite you and your children to be involved in an exciting arts project this spring. West Wight Landscape Partnership (in collaboration with the Carnival Learning Centre) are coordinating an event on Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> and running a parent and children after-school club to make the costumes!. Carnival Artist Jenny Jackson will be running this club on Monday afternoons this half-term, starting NEXT MONDAY from 2:45pm to 3:45pm. We hope that you and your child will enjoy taking part. The activity is completely free to all. Please contact Suzanne if you would like to attend and have not sent your response form back.

### **And if you can't get to carnival club...**

But would still like to take part in the May 1<sup>st</sup> parade, sessions will be held at West Wight Youth Centre on Saturdays from 10am to 12:30pm to make costumes, starting this Saturday. Develop simple and effective techniques to make wonderful costumes. No experience necessary and all materials provided. No unaccompanied children. Tutors: Gina Dyer and Hannah Ray. For further information or to book your place, please telephone: 817288. [www.carnivallearningcentre.org](http://www.carnivallearningcentre.org)

Due to popular demand - Bike maintenance sessions will be available 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March. More details to follow...

**Photos** Bentley photography are coming in to school on 15<sup>th</sup> March to take photographs of the children in non-school uniform-it will be a 'mufti-day' where children can wear what they like. Also, parents have the opportunity to have a 'family portrait' taken with their children (£10 for an 8 x 6 mounted photo). The photos are taken on a white background with a full pose, rather than just head and shoulders. This is a day for yourselves and your children to use your imagination in what you wear...suit, dress, sportswear, fancy dress, it's up to you! During school time photographs will be taken of individual children, then brothers and sisters at the school. However, if parents would like to have family photographs taken with their children, please be in school for 9am on 15<sup>th</sup> March. No booking is necessary but if you will definitely be there. please let Suzanne know for numbers.



**Matthew 4  
v 1-11**

**Worship Theme:** The meaning of Lent. Turning over a new leaf.

### **Weekly Prayer:**

Dear God,  
Thank you that during Lent we can think more about you and focus on you. We pray that you will help us with the positive things we choose to do this Lent.

We pray also for all those in the world who have no power, no money, no food or have lost their way in life.

**Amen.**

*Miss Johnston*