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Brighstone Buzz

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NEWS FROM MISS JOHNSTON

And another week has flown by! However, Spring is now upon us and this week we enjoyed hearing about all the lambs that have been born to families of our school community. This week we have sent out a flurry of letters and forms! These have included details about clubs for next half term, a practical and free bike maintenance session and Walk the Wight sponsor forms and t-shirts. If you have not received any of this information, please contact Suzanne in the school office. We also text parents to inform you of a change of date to the evening performance of The Big Green Adventure tickets to go on sale next week. We also have our Family Learning Morning next week and we hope to see many of you there. Please return participation forms by Monday and all children and adults should come to school on this day wearing something that is green! Next week parents will see our advertisement for a Deputy Head, required from September 2010. As this is a leadership post, the council redeployment of staff policy does not apply and any person, including internal applicants from the current school staff are welcome to apply if they feel that they meet the job description and person specification. We hope to hold interviews for this post during the last 2 days of this half-term. Myself, governors, the Local Authority and members of the School Council will be involved in the interview process, to ensure that the best candidate is appointed. We have another busy week (and weekend!) ahead. I look forward to seeing you at the quiz night and Haiti concert! Miss J ☺

GOLDEN NEWS

Panthers . Well done to Max for making a really big effort with his reading this week.
Leopards . Felicity has been contributing some good suggestions and ideas during our science experiments. Well done!
Tigers . Jessica wanted to put Emily S, Holly and Ellie into the Golden Book for helping her when she was poorly this week.
FAB . Jack W and Joe have been busy making everybody's favourite characters for our challenges. N/B: You can make mine as dazzlingly pretty as you like! Miss J x
Max and Che' are in the Golden Book for helping some extra children who were staying with them last weekend. They were a real credit to themselves and helped out brilliantly. Well done!
Playgroup . Lyla, Sienna, Anwen, Thomas and Henry M were absolutely fantastic when they came up to Panther Class to participate in the learning yesterday afternoon. What a super start you are making.

DIARY DATES

6th March . Ask the Family Quiz Night @ 6pm. £2 per person
 7th March . Help for Haiti concert @ 7pm
 9th March . Governors: Leadership and Management @ 7pm
 10th March . Family Learning Day: The Big Green Adventure
 10th March . BSA Meeting. 7pm in Tiger Class. All welcome!
 12th March . Tiger Class BECTA Challenge @ 11am
 13th March . Bike Maintenance Session @ school 1-4pm
 13th March . Horticultural Show @ Wilberforce Hall
 14th March . Mothering Sunday Service @ St Mary's
 15th March . Bentley's photographers in - informal portraits
 15th March . Ladies Night 7:15pm

Mothering Sunday Service

We have been asked to participate in the Family Service at St Marys on Sunday 14th March for Mothering Sunday. Children from Brighstone School will be singing a song, and a few children will be asked to read a poem and prayer. The service begins at 10:30am and children are welcome to sit with their parents during the service. When the school is invited to sing their song, we will all assemble at the front of the church. The High Sheriff has also been asked to participate in the service. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you require any further information. We look forward to seeing you. ☺

MARY'S MARVELLOUS, MOUTH-WATERING MEALS

MONDAY: Cheese and tomato pizza, baked wedges, peas, beans, followed by peaches and custard.
TUESDAY: Roast Beef and Yorkshire pudding OR sweet potato and cheese parcel, roast pots, cabbage, swede, followed by iced sponge and milk
WEDNESDAY: Homemade bolognese OR vegetarian bake, pasta, sweetcorn, peas and salad followed by chocolate crispy cake and milk
THURSDAY: Fishwich, oven chips, peas, baked beans followed by peaches and ice-cream.
FRIDAY: Roast Lamb OR savoury vegetarian mince, roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots followed by shortbread and milk.
Also crudité's and fresh fruit are always available. All the above are subject to change.

Bike Maintenance

A session will be held on Saturday 13th March from 1-4pm for anybody who is interested in the maintenance of their bicycle. Sent out this week was a letter containing further information. Please return the response slip by WEDNESDAY next week if you would like to take part in this FREE session.

Advance Notice



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My huge thanks to the BSA for organizing this informal, family quiz night. It will be held **THIS SATURDAY!**

The cost of entry will be £2 for adults; £1.50 for children, with under 5s 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 Got Talent . 24th April
Travelling Trends Fashion Show . 14th May
Summer Sizzler . 3rd July

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

Easter Holiday FAB Club

A number of parents have asked about an hourly charge during the holiday period. I am meeting with Governors next week and will put this to them. I will report back on this to parents as soon as possible after the meeting next Tuesday.

Music for Haiti

A concert by local young musicians in aid of disaster relief in Haiti, **THIS SUNDAY** 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.

2nd Hand/Nearly New Uniform Sale

Thank you to all those who supported the sale last month . we raised a total of £9.75 for the BSA which is excellent when you consider we sell all items for 50p or less! I am in desperate need of boys trousers (good condition please) and school sweatshirts . again no tatty ones but ones that could be worn again. Please see Suzanne or myself in the playground if you have any items to donate. Our next sale will be on Friday 12th March in Golden Assembly. From Yvonne.

The Big Green Adventure!

Rehearsals for The Big Green Adventure are now underway, with all those who auditioned receiving speaking parts. These rehearsals are being held 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 Monday 29th March @ 6:30pm (actors with speaking parts arriving at 5:30pm, all other children at 6pm) and Tuesday 30th March @ 1:30pm. Tickets will go on sale next week, at a cost of £3 per ticket and be limited to 2 per family in the first instance. We hope that you received our letter about the Family Learning Day on Wednesday next week. If you haven't yet returned your response slip and wish to participate, please do so by Monday. **All children (and adults!) should come to school in 'mufti' clothing next Wednesday 10th March, including wearing something that is green.** We look forward to seeing you there!

Great South Run

Good luck and huge thanks to parents Mary Snow and Linda Edge, who are going to be participating in the Great South Run on 24th October. They are running to raise money for Brighstone Primary, so please get behind them (if you can catch them!) and make sure that you sponsor them (form with Suzanne). Thank you in advance for your support.

Out of This World!

Children aged from 7-16 are invited to write their own short story on anything that is mythical, space, sci-fi on the 'out of this world' theme. It should be between 200 and 800 words and will be judged on its content and the age of the person submitting the story. Deadline to hand it in to school is 1st April. If you are interested, please collect an entry form from the school office.

Ladies Night

Monday 15th March at 7:15pm . organised by Associate Governor Lisa Matthews. Come along to a friendly and informal evening to meet a panel of experts who will be able to help answer questions from topics including communicating with teenagers and a variety of health care issues, such as information about the HPV vaccination. There will also be beauty products and advice, jewellery, wine and nibbles. We hope to see you there! ☺

Photos Bentley photography are coming in to school on 15th 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 15th March. No booking is necessary but if you will definitely be there, please let Suzanne know for numbers.



Matthew 16-17, Luke 9

Worship Theme:

The Hindu festival of Holi and Jewish festival of Purim

Weekly Prayer:

God of all,
Thank you for the spring.
Thank you for the colours of spring in the blossom on the trees, in flowering bulbs, in the different greens of the grass and leaves.
Thank you for the beautiful world that you have made.
Amen.

Miss Johnston