



Brighstone Buzz



5th December, 2014

www.brighstoneprimary.org.uk

Wow five days into my advent calendar already, the children are beginning to get excited as am !! The Christmas tree is up and looks wonderful, thank you to all the staff and parents who helped last Friday. I have also noticed a range of antlers, moving Father Christmas and snowmen on children's heads. Can we please save these for our Christmas dinner and party days?

The Christmas production is coming together nicely to make for another amazing afternoon and evening. Please see below for dates and times so that you can "save the date".

This week I have had the great pleasure of spending time in almost every classroom and will continue with the rest next week. I was so proud as I watched our wonderful children challenging themselves to be the best they can be. Well done Brighstone!

Next Saturday is our Christmas Fayre which is always great fun if you can help out in any way we would be grateful. Please see Suzanne or Melissa in the office for the rota.

Have a great weekend, wrap up warm!
Ms Hall.

Golden Book

Pandas	The whole class for cheering up the smelly sprout.
Penguins	Olivia ~ huge progress in literacy, using a range of punctuation and a star speller and for helping others when they were stuck on spelling.
Leopards	Billy ~ for persevering before being able to work out how to halve 2 digit numbers using diennes blocks and his knowledge of place value.
Jaguars	Kaitlyn ~ having a fantastic attitude with all aspects of school life. Alex V ~ for being kind to others also for working much harder in lessons recently.
Elephants	Freya T ~ for working really hard in her times tables and applying this in Maths the rest of the week.
Tigers	Johnnie ~ for a fantastic model of a trench. Kate & Chloe H ~ for fantastic diary and research on WW1.

Other mentions: Aidan B ~ CD cover design Winner. Lucy D and Rebecca G ~ winners of the Topknot and Tails Christmas Card competition.. Good behaviour role models for this week are: Michael F and Simon G.



Collective Worship Focus:

Advent Weekly Prayer

Dear Lord
Even in the darkest times, help me to find hope, like a tiny light, to guide me.
Amen



HEATHER'S HEALTHY HEARTY MENU

Monday	Burger in a bun with potato wedges OR vegetable chilli with wholegrain rice with peas and carrots followed by oaty fruit crumble and custard.
Tuesday	Roast beef OR shepherdess pie with roast potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower and gravy followed by Carrot cake.
Wednesday	Lasagne OR Quorn, leek and potato pie with roasted vegetables and sweetcorn followed by fruity delight.
Thursday	Chicken pie OR macaroni cheese with new potatoes, cabbage and carrots followed by chocolate orange crispy.
Friday	Fish fingers OR Quorn burger in a bun with chips, beans and peas followed by gingerbread with lemon custard.

Mixed Salad, freshly baked bread, fresh fruit, milk and water are also available daily.

If your child does not like what is on the menu there is the alternative of a Jacket Potato with cheese, cheese and beans, beans or tuna mayo which they can order during registration.

School Dinners for Years 3-6 are charged at £2.05. If you would like to pay for school dinners for the whole half term it will be £71.75.

Attendance %:

Panda	99.46
Penguin	95.91
Leopard	85.71
Jaguar	91.67
Elephant	97.44
Tiger	88.89
Blue Whale	99.26
Whole School:	94.46

Congratulations to Panda class for their positive attendance this week. They will have Ali the Attendance Bear in their classroom all next week. Well done!

Dates for your diary:



December

11-14th ~ Christmas tree Festival
Saturday 13th ~ School Christmas Fayre – offers of help welcome
Tuesday 16th ~ School production afternoon. 1pm in the church
Wednesday 17th ~ School production evening. 6pm in the church
Thursday 18th ~ School Christmas Dinner
Friday 19th ~ Last Day of term – Merry Christmas!

January 2015

Monday 5th ~ First Day of Term

Christmas CD

If you placed an order, you can now collect your CD(s) from the school office. We are hoping to place another order on Monday 8th so please let us know if you would like anymore.

Staff Vacancy

Teaching Assistant – Fixed term contract, 1st January – 31st March 2015 in the first instance. To support learning in the classroom during morning numeracy and literacy lessons in Key Stage 2. Scale 1c - Scale 3 depending on experience. 5xMornings a week 9.30 – 12.00, term time only (£4,037 – 4,724 per annum)

Application packs available from school office or website.
Closing date: Friday 12th December 12pm. Interviews week commencing 15th December.

Outstanding money

As there are only two weeks left of term, please make sure you have paid all money owed to the school so that we can balance the books ready for a new year. Money for clubs, music tuition and school dinners may be outstanding. Please ask Suzanne or Melissa in the office if you are unsure.



FAB Club

If you are unable to collect your child/ren from school on time, you can call the school office and book a place in FAB for them at a cost of £4 for the first hour (snack provided), £3p/h thereafter.

Fun at Brighstone or 'FAB' is a breakfast and afterschool club available Monday to Friday from 7.30-8.25am and 2.45-5.30pm on school days and 8.30-5pm in school holidays.

'Lucky Plate' Competition

Chartwells (our school meal providers) are currently running a competition one day per week. On a different day each week, a sticker will be placed on a plate picked at random. The children are to check the bottom of their plate on the selected day to see if they are the winner. They will then be given a prize. Only children having school dinners will be eligible to win. This week's winner is Alice in Y6.



Now that the cold weather is here:

Please ensure children bring named coats into school with them for break time and lunchtime. Children without a coat will have to stay inside.

Contacting the school

We will shortly be changing providers for our text message service which means you will start to receive messages from a different number and you will be **unable to reply** unfortunately. If you have an urgent message for school you can email brighstoneschooloffice@gmail.com, this is a dedicated email account for parents/carers or you can call 740285 at any time and leave a message.

News from Elephant class

This week we have been writing WW1 poems focusing on using powerful language, metaphors, alliteration and similes.

BANG! Bang! Bang!
The sound of bombs exploding
It feels like my heart about to burst

CRASH! Crash! Crash!
I feel heart broken and neglected
Like I'm invisible to the world

BOOM! Boom! Boom!
I feel distraught and miserable
Like a volcano erupting and killing my friends

CRY! Cry! Cry!
Another friend dies
And my heart cracks
And I die.
How many friends do I have left?

By Grace P
Year 4

Panda Class News

This week we have started opening our Advent presents and on Tuesday this was a book called "The Smelly Sprout". We loved the story about a poor sprout who felt very lonely and un-loved. We even enjoyed shouting "OUT SMELLY SPROUT!" for a while. But then we met the Smelly Sprout. He looked so sad. We decided to try and cheer him up as we have been learning that we can change people's feelings just by saying kind (or unkind) things. Everybody said something kind to the Smelly Sprout and guess what? He began to smile!

The Smelly Sprout is now sitting on top of our Christmas Tree as this is what he wanted to do in the story. We are still finding out that we can make people feel happy or sad just by the things we say to them. Some of us have been writing letters to people to cheer them up and some of us have been talking to each other nicely, telling our friends we like their work. We look forward to opening a new present every day and putting the numbers on our Christmas tree.



The Happy Smelly Sprout