



# Brighstone Buzz

2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!

This week in school we have had a lovely beginning to the season of Advent. On Monday in our worship we shared the meaning of our Advent wreath and lit the first candle, then yesterday we held our monthly Eucharist in church and the theme of Advent was developed further. The children have remained very focused on their learning while at the same time fitting in opportunities to rehearse for the Nativity.

Next week sees the start of the Christmas Tree Festival, there is a Carol Service to open it at the Methodist Church at 3.30pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, some of our children will be taking part in leading the singing for this and it would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have already returned your Parent Questionnaires. They are one of the many ways that the school can receive feedback and it is important that we are able to reflect on the way in which we do things to support our children and parents. If you have not done so already, please do try to return it. Based on the feedback that we have already received, I would like to arrange an opportunity for parents to join us for an informal open forum over the next two weeks. As it is a very busy time of year, we will offer a number of days and times in the hope that as many of you who would like to, can join us.

We still have a vacancy for a Parent Governor, please can I ask all of you to consider whether you could take on this role. As a school community we are all working together to improve the outcomes for our children and this would be a great opportunity to be involved as we move forward. If you are interested and would like to know more about the role, I would be very happy to talk it through with you.

Best wishes  
Mrs Fox

## Golden Book

<b>Robin</b>	Felicity ~ for making excellent progress with her reading.
<b>Owl</b>	William ~ for trying really hard with his writing and using great describing words.
<b>Chaffinch</b>	Austin and Maddie ~ for using effective similes when describing their wonderland pictures.
<b>Swallow</b>	Eloise ~ for thinking of a great test to see which rocks are permeable by watching them release bubbles when submerged.
<b>Nightingale</b>	Finn ~ for a super newspaper report, using vocabulary from his reading books. Swimming certificate.
<b>Falcon</b>	Kereena & Frida ~ for being excellent learning coaches.
<b>Kingfisher</b>	Nat W ~ for is excellent explanation of using BODMAS and finding multiples and factors .

Others: April (Y6) ~ for playing with the younger children at lunchtime and making them feel involved and included. Miss Peto mentioned how she was so proud of all of the children who took part in the Youth Group night hike. They were great ambassadors for the school.

## Collective Worship focus

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

*As we light this Advent Candle, may it's light be a symbol of hope  
And it's warmth a symbol of God's love for each one of us.*

*And as we look forward to your coming - Jesus,  
May we love you as Mary loved you,  
May we serve you as Joseph served you,  
And may we worship you as the angels worshipped you.  
Amen*

## HEATHER'S HEALTHY HEARTY MENU New Menu.....

Monday	All day breakfast or bean and vegetable bake with peas and roasted vegetables followed by fruit and yogurt.
Tuesday	Turkey meatball pasta bake OR BBQ bean wraps with broccoli and carrots followed by Ice cream.
Wednesday	Savoury beef with rice OR Quorn chow mein with noodles with tomato salsa and sweetcorn followed by sticky toffee pudding and custard.
Thursday	<b>CHRISTMAS LUNCH</b>
Friday	Fish and chips OR cheesy bread whirl with beans and coleslaw followed by chocolate crispie.

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 £2.15. If you would like to nav for school dinners for the whole half term it will be £75.25

## Attendance %:

<b>Robin</b>	98.41
<b>Owl</b>	97.92
<b>Chaffinch</b>	91.41
<b>Swallow</b>	95.24
<b>Nightingale</b>	92.06
<b>Falcon</b>	97.10
<b>Kingfisher</b>	96.43
<b>Whole School:</b>	95.49

Congratulations to Robin Class for their positive attendance this week.  
Well done!

## Dates for your Diary

### December

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	~	Guitar ensemble at 2.15 p.m.
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	~	Piano Recital 8.40 a.m./Violin Concerto
Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup>	~	Hospice, Lights of Love Service, 7.00 p.m. St. Mary's Church
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	~	Christmas Dinner
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	~	Choir/Glee Club opening of Christmas Tree Festival at Methodist
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	~	Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	~	Reception Class Reindeer Hunt
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	~	School Christmas Fayre 1-4pm
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	~	Nativity in the Church 6pm
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup>	~	Nativity in the Church 1pm
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	~	Last Day of Term
	~	Christmas Jumper day

### Football Training

There will be no more training until the New Year as we have various matches to complete.  
Many thanks. Mary Snow

### Chocolate Tombola

The BSA would like to ask for donations of chocolate goodies for our Tombola stand at the Christmas fayre. Please hand in to the office between now and the 10<sup>th</sup> of December.

### School Nativity Tickets

If you would like tickets for the performances; please make sure you have returned your order form to the school office by next Thursday. Tickets will be given out on Friday.

### Christmas Jumper day

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> (last day of term). Children can wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas themed clothes to school for a suggested £1 donation to Save the Children.

### Christmas Fayre

The BSA Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> December from 1-4pm. There will be: Crafts and Gifts, Homemade refreshments, raffle, Santa's grotto, chocolate tombola, fun and games for children plus much more. It's free entry and it is the Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival that weekend which means that it will be a busy weekend in Brighstone. We will be asking all of our wonderful cake bakers for donations on the day for the Tea and Cake stand. **Please let Lucy, Melissa or Suzanne know if you can help out on the day. There will be a rota in the office from Monday.**

### Christmas Fayre Raffle

Tickets are now available from the School Office. **£1 per strip.** The Draw will take place at our Christmas Fair on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> December between 1-4pm.

Don't miss out prizes to include:

Tea for 2 at The Piano Bar – Freshwater  
Christmas Hamper from the Village Shop  
Meal Voucher for the Wight Mouse  
Lunch for 2 voucher for Isle of Wight Pearl  
A Christmas cake  
CUDDLLY TOY!  
£10 Gift Voucher for The Garlic Farm  
Swimming Vouchers for West Wight Sports Centre  
Plus many more!

### Sickness and Diarrhoea - Guidance

After taking advice from NHS direct and Education Welfare we would like to confirm: If your child is sick more than once in the space of 24 hours they must stay away from school for at least 24 hours from the last bout of sickness. If your child has both sickness and diarrhoea they must stay away from school for 48 hours since their last bout of either. If you are unsure, please contact the school.