



Brighstone Buzz

10th February, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past week the mornings have become noticeably lighter, the days have started to get longer and some evenings I have even been able to leave school while there has still been a glimmer of daylight. Once we return to school after half term, spring will be well on its way. Despite this, the weather is still very cold at the moment; there have been some days this week when the outside temperature has struggled to rise. I would like to ask all parents to support us by sending their child to school with a warm coat. We try to encourage the children to wear their coats at break-times and it can be difficult when some of the older children are reluctant to comply with this, unfortunately this sets a poor example for the children in the younger year groups.

As half-term approaches, there are some very important dates for your diary. On Friday 17th February, the BSA is holding a Valentine's Disco for the children; the school disco is always an enjoyable event giving the children an opportunity to socialise with each other as part of their wider experience of school life. This is also the start of our half-term holiday, the children return to school on Tuesday 28th February. Please note that Monday 27th February is an INSET day. We also have our Parent Consultation Evenings for the Spring Term scheduled for Wednesday 8th March and Thursday 9th March, booking sheets for appointments will be available in the school office from Tuesday 28th February.

This coming week will be the final week of FAB club and Breakfast Club to be run by the school. Amanda, Louise and Debs are inviting all of the children that have attended FAB to join them in a 'FAB Club' party on Wednesday 15th February from 4.30pm – 5.30pm. We would like as many children that use FAB as possible, to be able to join in (even if they will not be in FAB that day). If your child is not using FAB on Wednesday, please collect them from school as normal and they can return for the party at 4.30pm. The event is free of charge.

I would like to reassure parents that the privately run Breakfast Club and After-School provision available after half-term through the Pre-School will be suitable for children up to and including 11 years of age. There will be an exciting range of activities as well as the free choice of games and play that the children have been used to. Please contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes
Mrs Fox

Golden Book

Robin	Felicity ~ for working hard in phonics and beginning to use this in her writing.
Owl	Rose ~ for using arrays to solve 1-step problems.
Chaffinch	Jessica ~ for writing a great story in the style of Roger Hargreaves.
Swallow	Evie ~ for her perseverance and stamina with her mathematics.
Nightingale	Leo ~ for his exciting explanation of the Great White Shark's food chain.
Falcon	Angel ~ for an extremely gripping build up in her short story.
Kingfisher	Henry M ~ for his brilliant 3D drawing.

Behaviour Role Model Award: Tobias ~ for always being so polite and having impeccable manners.
Nominated by Mrs Snow.

Collective Worship focus

Being Trustworthy

*Dear God,
Please help us always to think before we speak about other people.
Help us not to be part of unkind rumours or gossip.
Help us to remember the need for truth and trust when putting things right.
Let the words that we say and the things that we do show thoughtfulness and kindness to others.
Amen.*

HEATHER'S HEALTHY HEARTY MENU

New Menu.....

Monday	Macaroni cheese or veggie bolognese with sweetcorn and salad followed by Biscotti and peach slices
Tuesday	Roast Turkey OR Quorn with roast potatoes, vegetables and gravy followed by Fruit strudel and custard.
Wednesday	Sausages OR cauliflower bake with mashed potato, peas and carrots followed by chocolate oatie cookie and fruit slices.
Thursday	Chicken Pie OR bean fajitas with peas and broccoli followed by mango frozen yogurt.
Friday	Fish OR veggie burger with chips, baked beans and coleslaw followed by fruity sponge and 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 £2.15. If you would like to pay for school dinners for the whole half term it will be **£73.10**

Attendance %:

Robin	100
Owl	96.73
Chaffinch	89.44
Swallow	97.88
Nightingale	100
Falcon	94.95
Kingfisher	97.53
Whole School:	96.38

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

Dates for your Diary

February

Fri 17th ~ Last day of term
~ School Disco – don't forget your tickets!

Tuesday 28th ~ First day of term

March

Weds 8th ~ Parent Consultations
Thurs 9th ~ Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations

We look forward to being able to share your child's learning with you during the Parent Consultation evenings for the Spring Term. These will be held on Wednesday 8th March and Thursday 9th March, this will be your opportunity to discuss your child's progress directly with the teacher. Keeping you up to date on your child's progress is very important to us and we feel that the best way to do this is through parent consultation. You will receive a detailed written report about your child's achievement, attainment and progress across all areas of the curriculum in July. In the meantime, we feel that the best way to keep you informed is through a formative discussion process.

Brighstone Book Club

Calling all parents, grandparents and carers! Come along and enjoy reading with your child:

Reception, Years 1 & 2 – Fridays from 2.15pm

Years 3 & 4 – Tuesdays from 2.15pm

Years 5 & 6 – Wednesdays from 2.15pm

Valentines Disco

This year's Disco arranged by the BSA will be on Friday the 17th of February – the last day of term.

Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3 from 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Years 4, 5 & 6 from 7.15pm – 8.15pm

The cost is £2 per child

Drinks and sweets will be available to buy on the night.

Tickets available from the school office now!



Football Training:

There will be football training:

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 **Girls Only** on Mondays 2.45 – 3.45pm

Sadly due to work and home commitments I am unable to continue training the boys at the moment. I will be continuing with the under 9 and under 11 girls as they are still in the league.

I would like to say a Big Thank you for all your support in transporting and supporting the boys. I have loved watching them grow into great sportsmen.

Mrs Snow :o)

Head Lice

We have had a number of parents informing us that they have had to treat their child's hair for head lice. We would like to please remind parents that children with long hair should have it tied back and refer you to the NHS guidelines:

Wet combing

Wet combing involves removing head lice with a special fine-toothed comb, it has flat-faced teeth spaced 0.2-0.3mm apart are best for removing head lice, although combs with smaller gaps can be used to remove eggs and nits (egg cases) after treatment.

The comb may come with instructions outlining how to use it. A commonly used method is described below.

- Wash the hair with ordinary shampoo and apply plenty of conditioner.
- Use an ordinary, wide-toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair.
- Once the comb moves freely through the hair without dragging, switch to the louse detection comb.
- Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots, with the edge of the teeth lightly touching the scalp.
- Draw the comb down from the roots to the ends of the hair with every stroke, and check the comb for lice each time – remove lice by wiping the comb with tissue paper or rinsing it.
- Work through the hair, section by section, so that the whole head of hair is combed through.
- Do this at least twice to help ensure you haven't missed any areas, until no more lice are found.

Repeat this procedure on days five, nine and 13. Detection combing should be done on day 17, to check for any live head lice.

Rotary Easter Card Competition

Your child has been sent home with an Easter egg shape card for the above competition:

- ✓ Only one entry per child
- ✓ Each entry must be the child's own work
- ✓ The design of the card to be in the form of an Easter greeting card
- ✓ Closing date is Friday 31st March, 2017
- ✓ There will be 4 prizes of a £10 WH Smith Gift Voucher

Prizes for categories:

Reception
Year Group 1&2
Year Group 3&4
Year Group 5&6

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

It's that time of year again. We are collecting the vouchers from Sainsbury's. Please hand them in to the school office. Last year we received 2 football goal posts and nets, 4 corner posts and flags, whistles, stop watches and some footballs and ball bags.