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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our term is now well under way. A lot has happened this week to help build the school into a challenging and positive learning environment. Our year 6 children have applied for and been given their roles and responsibilities. The year 5 & 6 girls have competed in a football match as part of the Danone Cup and the younger children in year 1 & 2 went on an extended nature walk to explore the downs and the forest.

Despite the weather the walk on the downs was an enriching experience for year 1 & 2. There were moments of 'awe and wonder' as some of the children saw the panoramic view across the valley that encompasses Brighstone Village, the cliffs and the coast line for the first time. This was then followed by exploration in the forest with Helen Parry from the National Trust, including the building of animal hibernation dens of all kinds of shapes and sizes.

I would like to thank all of the parents that have been ensuring that their children are at school on time and in the correct uniform. It is important that the children have a genuine sense of pride in their school and their own appearance. Please can hair ornaments be plain, a moderate size and in school colours, your support with this is much appreciated.

Some parents have been asking for further information about the curriculum, the spellings and the homework. We would like to hold a number of workshops that help parents to understand our approaches to learning in the classroom – with this in mind we will be offering a number of dates throughout the term for parent learning support sessions, these will be run in the afternoons. These will include spellings, homework, phonics, reading, maths (especially calculation methods). We realise that we have a large number of working parents and that these sessions might not always be convenient. Along with the afternoon sessions we will also run an evening summary session once per half term. The first afternoon session will be on Wednesday 4th October at 2.15pm – the focus will be spelling and homework. There will be an evening session for this on Wednesday 18th October at 6.00pm.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher or myself. I am in the playground most mornings and I am happy to speak to you informally or to arrange an appointment.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend. Happy Isle of Wight Day.

Best wishes
Mrs Fox

Golden Book

Apple	Max B ~ for being a motivated learner and trying hard.
Willow	Max F ~ for huge improvements with writing his numbers.
Sycamore	The whole Class ~ for being so fantastic on our trip to the forest and downs.
Juniper	Joseph ~ for joining in with all activities, being an excellent door man and speaking clearly in groups.
Cherry	Florrie ~ for being a superstar in Maths and trying hard in all lessons.
Silver Birch	Finn ~ for sticking with a challenging problem until he found the solution.
Oak	The whole class were given their duties for the year inc. Head boy and girl announcements.

Collective Worship

Generosity
Loving others as we love ourselves

Dear God,
Thank you for loving us.
Being loved makes us feel safe and happy.
Help us to love others so that they may feel that way too.
Thank you for the people who love and care for us.
Help us to show them that we are grateful.
Help those people who feel lonely and sad.
May they remember that they are never alone because you are always there.
Amen

Heather's Healthy Hearty Menu— NEW MENU

Monday	Sausages/Quorn sausages with mash, cauliflower, peas and gravy followed by whole meal plum and vanilla crumble with custard.
Tues	Roast pork/Quorn with roast potatoes, cabbage, swede and gravy followed by carrot and courgette cake and custard.
Weds	Shepherd's pie with carrots, green beans and gravy OR sweet & sour vegetable noodles followed by apple and raisin flapjack.
Thurs	Chicken tikka with rice OR creamy vegetable pie with mash followed by apple pie and custard.
Friday	Salmon fishcake with chips, beans and peas OR macaroni cheese with garlic bread followed by lemon drizzle cake.

Attendance %

Apple	97.22
Willow	88.19
Sycamore	93.83
Juniper	95.91
Cherry	95.56
Silver Birch	97.22
Oak	95.45
Whole School	94.76

Congratulations to years R & 5 for their positive attendance this week!

Dates for your Diary

September

Wednesday 27th ~ School Photographs,
families welcome from 8am

October

Wednesday 4th ~ Harvest Festival
Celebrations in the
church from 8.40am

Saturday 7th ~ Brighstone Horticultural
Show, Wilberforce Hall ,
1.30—4.00 p.m.

Medication in School

If your child needs to take any medication throughout the school day, please complete a form from the school office. Please note that unless prescribed by a doctor the school will not administer any medication containing Ibuprofen and the use of throat lozenges/cough sweets is not permitted in school.

Sponsorship needed

This year's race BSA Relay race against Nine Acres Primary School will be on **Saturday 30th September**. A number of parents and staff will be running to raise money for the school. Money raised helps to keep the cost of school trips down throughout the year and help buy various resources for the school. If you would like to kindly sponsor our runners, please see Lucy Brodie or Melissa in the office.

Read all about it!!!

The first edition of our School Newspaper, put together for the pupils by the pupils will be out on Monday 24th September. A group of year 4 children have been very excited about this project and have been working hard to get it just right. They have chosen to call it 'Cool School News'.

Calling all BAKERS!! - 29th September

For Macmillan's world's biggest Coffee morning we will be holding a bake sale afterschool on FRIDAY 29th of September from 2.45pm.

Last year we raised over £180 - Our most successful year!!

We are hoping to top that this year for such a wonderful cause.

Donations of baked goodies such as cupcakes, brownies, cookies, traybake, muffins, biscuits, flapjacks etc will be greatly appreciated, please drop them off to the office from Thursday (28th) afternoon.

Let's change lives with every slice!

Leading the way

Our Year 6 Head boys and girls were announced today:

Head Boy ~ Jack H

Deputies ~ Oliver and Finley

Head Girl ~ Casey

Deputies ~ Amelie and Kaitlyn

Football Report and Training

On Thursday the 21st of September the Year 5 and 6 Girls football team played a match against Queensgate. We went into extra time and penalties. Sadly they won 2-1. All of the girls played a brilliant match. Well done!

Report by team captain Alanna

Football training for **girls** in Years 3,4,5 and 6 is on **Mondays** 2.45-3.45pm with Mrs Snow.

There will be football training for **boys** in Year 3,4,5 and 6 on **Wednesdays** from 2.45-3.45pm starting the 27th September with Mr Givens.

French Club ~ Spaces still available

LCF French after-school club available (Mondays 2.45pm till 3.30pm). The club cost **£5 per session plus a one-off fee of £10.95**, which includes the course songbook, CD, handbook etc. <http://www.lcfclubs.com/>

Please register on <https://www.clubenrolment.com/> LCFIsleofWight or contact Timea on language-clubs@hotmail.com

Pumpkin Competition

If you are taking part in the Giant Pumpkin growing competition, now is the time to give your pumpkin the last lot of TLC as we will be weighing them in at the village shop on 2nd October at 2.00 p.m.

Sickness/Absence

If your child is not well enough to attend school, please ensure you let the school know by telephone 01983 740285 or email: office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk by 8:55am on the first day of absence.

When your child is well enough to return to school, please provide a note or email explaining the absence. If we do not receive this within 3 days of your child returning to school, the absence will be marked as UNAUTHORISED.

For more information please see our attendance policy on our school website www.brighstoneprimary.org.uk