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Dear Parents and Carers,

'No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted.' *Aesop*

Our theme for worship this half term has been exploring the quality of generosity linked to our school values of 'Love, Courage and Respect.' We have thought about giving to each other through the things that we do: - love, money, gifts and our time.

Yet again, this week we have seen generosity in action in a number of ways. Firstly, we would like to say a big thank you to all of the parents that supported the children in Key Stage 2 with the Inter School Cross Country. Without the help of transport it would have been very difficult for us to take part as a school, the generosity of sharing lifts and time meant that children could participate alongside over 500 other children. Each year group had a girls' team and a boys' team. The effort was amazing, the children showed great sportsmanship, stamina and perseverance. Two of our teams came 6th. this is an incredible achievement against up to 20 other teams. We would like to like to say a special well done to Olivia Matthews who ran twice for Year 4. Well done to the children and thank you to the parents.

Still on the theme of generosity, we would like to appeal to parents for the gift of their time. At the moment in Key Stage 2, we have a number of volunteers that read with the children. However, in Key Stage 1 we are short of volunteers. If you can spare some time during an afternoon to read with the children in Year 1 and 2, this would be much appreciated. Parents, grandparents and friends of the school do not need to have a child in Key Stage 1 – simply the willingness to spend time reading with the children. We apologise that the appeal is for afternoons only. Mornings remain a key focus for phonics, numeracy and literacy and we need to maintain the continuity for the children throughout the morning.

Following on from our parent information sessions on Homework and Spelling, we intend to hold sessions on Reading and Phonics. The first of these sessions will be on Friday 10th November at 2.15pm. There will be also be an information point linked to Reading and Phonics in the school library during the Parent Consultation Evenings on Tuesday 14th November and Wednesday 15th November from 3.00pm – 6.00pm. I will be based there during this time to answer any queries that parents wish to raise.

In the meantime, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to speak to me in the playground, I am always happy to make appointments to meet with parents.

I hope you have an enjoyable half-term break.

Best wishes
Mrs Fox

Golden Book

Apple	Devon ~ for working hard at his reading both at home and at school.
Willow	Faust ~ for being kind and helpful to everyone and tidying up without being asked.
Sycamore	Thomas ~ for working really hard in Maths and applying himself to lots of challenges.
Juniper	Henry ~ for remembering the story and answering questions after listening carefully.
Cherry	Lisa and Sydnie ~ for working really hard on their homework and presenting it beautifully.
Silver Birch	Finn ~ for a wonderfully creative piece of writing.
Oak	Finley ~ for his great homework this week.

Collective Worship

Generosity – Giving our time to help others

Dear Lord,

Thank you that you are a generous God – make our hearts like yours,

Always ready to give.

Help us to see opportunities to give our time

So we can achieve amazing things together.

Amen

Heather's Healthy Harty Menu— NEW MENU

Monday	Beef burger/vegetable lasagna with jacket wedges, coleslaw and sweetcorn followed by orange bread and butter pudding with custard.
Tuesday	Roast turkey/mixed vegetable loaf with roast potatoes, carrots, courgettes and gravy followed by vanilla shortbread.
Weds	Chicken Neapolitan with whole meal pasta OR lentil and basil turnover with new potatoes, broccoli and carrots followed by whole meal banana loaf.
Thursday	Spaghetti beef Bolognese OR lentil and sweet potato curry with rice followed by apple sponge with custard.
Friday	Fish fingers/cheese and tomato quiche with chips, beans and peas followed by chocolate and beetroot brownie.

Attendance %

Apple	96.53
Willow	97.92
Sycamore	100
Juniper	90.64
Cherry	100
Silver Birch	95.37
Oak	94.95
Whole School	96.48

Congratulations to Years 2 & 4 for their positive attendance this week!

Dates for your Diary

October

Monday 30th ~ First day of Term

November

Friday 3rd ~ **Development DAY—School Closed**
Tuesday 14th ~ 3.00pm - 6.00pm - Parent Consultation Evenings
Weds 15th ~ 3.00pm - 6.00pm - Parent Consultation Evenings

December

Friday 8th ~ **Development Day—School Closed**
Tuesday 19th ~ 6.00pm School Nativity
Wednesday 20th ~ 1.15pm School Nativity

Golden Book

Felicity ~ Rosettes from the Autumn Show
Charlie ~ Rosettes and Cup from the Autumn Show
Lara ~ 20m Swimming badge and Overall winner of the Summer reading challenge
Darcey ~ Team came 3rd in street dance competition.
Finley, Erin M, Max F, Charlotte & Toby W ~ Run Wight certificates.

Homework Heroes!

Well done to the following children who have completed all of their homework for this half-term:

Apple Class

Ariana, Casper, Charlie, Devon, Eli, Lainey, Lucy, Lyra, Max B, Max C, Toby

Willow Class

Elise, Erin M, Felicity, Alfie, Wesley, Charlie, Sam S, Sam R

Sycamore Class

Ellie-Mae, Daisy, Rose, Charlotte, Connie, Tobias, William, Clarita, Elin, Charlie.

Juniper Class

Izzy, Lara, Eryn, Ettienne, Sean, Lily, Olivia, Tilly, Gemma

Cherry Class

Imogen, Oliver, Thomas, Xander, Ruby, Eloise, Lily J, Evie, Olivia, Darcey, Harry, Sydnie, Florrie, Lisa, Lily W.

Silver Birch Class

Scarlett, Hannah, Jago, Finn, Zach

Oak Class

Alex, Alanna, Lucy, Finley, Casey, Kaitlyn, Danica, Jack H, Frida, Izzy, Erin, Amelie, Amelia, Todd, Oliver, Jack L

Label it or LOSE IT!

Please make sure all of your child's belongings are named, especially their cardigans and sweatshirts.

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.

Fabulous New Science Reference Books

Thanks to the generous donation of £250 from the BSA, we have been able to purchase some amazing new science reference books to support our children's learning. Whilst we would prefer them to remain in school for reference only, there will be opportunities for the children to use them in class and in library time. Thanks BSA!

Suggestions Box

If you have any questions, suggestions or indeed praise about school life in general, please pop a note into the post box on the wall in the school office foyer. You can do this anonymously or not, it's up to you.

We can answer any questions that we feel may also be helpful to other parents in the Buzz. Look out for a box labelled "you ask, we answer".

If your query is urgent and you would like to see Mrs Fox or any other member of staff, please speak to Suzanne or Melissa to make an appointment.

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.

Rotary Shoe Box Appeal

It's that time of year again. We have a number of shoeboxes in school for you to fill with goodies for disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania. Please collect a shoebox and leaflet with more details from the school office. Date for boxes to be returned to school: Thursday 2nd November.