



## Volume 19, Issue 9 24th November



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that Christmas is only a month away and that we are already four weeks into this half-term. Every week is packed with a wide range of activities that enhance and broaden the learning experience for the children. Earlier this week the children in year 3 and 4 hosted a fantastic Poetry, Coffee and Cake morning. We would like to thank all of the parents that came along and supported the children – the quality of the work that the children shared was excellent and we are looking forward to their collection of poems being put together as a class book.

On Wednesday the children in years 3, 4 and 5 were not deterred by the blustery conditions as they took their learning outside the classroom. They set off on a walk that took them all the way up to the Long Stone where they explored activities linked to art and geography. Thank you to all the adults involved that made the day possible.

Over the next few weeks our preparations for Christmas are going to be well underway. One of the events that we would like to invite parents to be involved with is the Christingle Service. This will be instead of a Eucharist and is to be in the church on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 8.40am all parents, family and friends are welcome to join us. We will be making Christingles with the children during the afternoon on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December and would like to invite parents to come in to help the children make their Christingle from 2.00pm onwards. We do hope that you will be able to come along.

Best wishes  
Mrs Fox

### Golden Book

<b>Apple</b>	Leigh ~ for making such a good effort with her writing.
<b>Willow</b>	Felicity ~ for making great progress in reading and writing.
<b>Sycamore</b>	Joe ~ for generating effective descriptions for winter landscapes.
<b>Juniper</b>	Olivia ~ for her wonderful participation in the Mr Toad court case.
<b>Cherry</b>	Chloe ~ for always having a positive attitude to learning and always trying hard.
<b>Silver Birch</b>	Cahner ~ for an excellent piece of artwork and for his great presentation on bizarre sea creatures.
<b>Oak</b>	Lucy ~ for her consistently good work and for being the class peacemaker.

### Collective Worship

**Trust**

**Dear God,  
Please help us when times are difficult.  
We thank you for those who look after us and  
protect us when we need it.  
Teach us to look after on another too  
and most of all to remember that You care for  
us.**

**Amen**

### Heather's Healthy Hearty Menu

Monday	BBQ chicken pizza/bean vegetable chili with rice, sweetcorn and mixed peppers followed by pear sponge and custard.
Tuesday	Roast chicken/vegetable wellington with cabbage, sweetcorn, roast pota-
Weds	Minced beef and onion pie with mash OR vegetable whole meal pasta bake with green beans and carrots followed by rice pudding and mixed berries.
Thursday	Beef lasagna red pepper frittata with new potatoes, broccoli and tomato salad followed by apple and raisin strudel with custard.
Friday	Battered fish/cheese and tomato pizza with chips, peas and beans followed by yogurt and fruit.

### Attendance %

Apple	95.68
Willow	97.92
Sycamore	97.53
Juniper	99.42
Cherry	98.89
Silver Birch	88.89
Oak	95.45
Whole School	96.58

Congratulations to Juniper Class for their positive attendance this week!

### Dates for your Diary

#### November

Thursday 30th ~ 5pm - Decorating the school Christmas Tree and gift wrapping in the hall.

#### December

Friday 8th ~ **Development Day—School Closed**  
Saturday 9th ~ School Christmas Fair  
Tuesday 12th ~ 2pm, come in to help make Christingles  
Wednesday 13th ~ 8.40am Christingle Service, all welcome.  
~ Phil The Bag collection  
Tuesday 19th ~ 6.00pm School Nativity  
Wednesday 20th ~ 1.15pm School Nativity

### Raffle Prizes

As always, we will be holding a raffle at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 9th December.

We would be very grateful for donations of prizes for this. Would your workplace like to donate something? All prizes are advertised before the raffle so that people know what they could be winning. Any new unwanted gifts or Christmas themed items would be great. Donations can be anonymous or we can say "donated by". Please drop off any kind donations to the school office ASAP.

Many thanks, Melissa.

### Football

Monday 2.45-3.45—Girls practice. Years 3-6  
Wednesday 2.45-3.45—Boys practice Years 3-6

### Phil The Bag

You can drop off your plastic bags of old textiles, shoes and bags etc on Tuesday 12th December from 2.45—7.30 p.m. or from Wednesday 13th December from 7.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. to our School Hall.

This will be the last Phil The Bag for the Isle of Wight.

### Important Reminders

**Our school day starts at 8.25am.** Your child will be marked late if they arrive after this. Pupils who arrive late after class has started can cause disruption to other pupils, resulting in lost learning time.

**Our school day finishes at 2.45pm.** If you are late to collect your child, they will go into After School Club and you will be charged for this.

**Administration of medication.** If you would like us to give your child medication throughout the school day, you must fill in a form at the school office. We will not administer any medication containing ibuprofen or cough syrup/lozenges unless prescribed by a doctor.

**Label it or lose it.** Please remember to label all of your child's personal belongings. You are much more likely to get it back if it goes missing!

**Homework.** This term's **DEADLINE** for homework to be handed in is: **Monday 11th December**

**Access into school.** Please note that parents are not permitted to come into the school via the playground. Please go around to the school office and sign in.

### Decorating the Christmas Tree

On Thursday 30th November from 5pm we would like to invite parents, carers, grandparents and friends to come and help us decorate the Christmas Tree for the school hall we will also be wrapping lots of gifts from the BSA (Santa) to the children. Many hands make light work so your hands will be greatly appreciated.

There will be cake and wine!

### 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](mailto: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.