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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to everyone.

Our first full week of term has been a busy one and the Christmas holidays seem like a distant memory. January brings with it thoughts of resolutions – a new year, a new start. In our worship this week we have reminded ourselves of our core values: Love, Courage and Respect.

This half-term we are going to focus on learning behaviours with the children. Our theme this week was Resilience: the love of learning, the courage not to give up and having respect for the pride in our work and presentation. As part of this we have been encouraging the children to face up to challenges, we want them to be proud of their learning, achievements and their school.

The sense of belonging that the children have to the school is important and we would like to thank all of the parents who support us by ensuring that the children have the correct school uniform. Please can we ask that you continue to encourage your children to wear their uniform with pride, including the correct school shoes. If you would like support with providing the correct uniform for your child (and PE kit), please do not hesitate to contact us as we have a range of good quality second hand items that we would be happy to share with you.

For three weeks of this term Key Stage 2 are being offered the opportunity to attend Homework Club on Friday 19th January, 26th January and 2nd February. Please ensure that if you would like your child to attend that they come equipped with their green homework book. Last term there were some instances when children attended without their books and this made it very difficult for the child and the staff members who were supporting them.

We are looking forward to the term ahead of us and all of the opportunities that it will have.

Best wishes
Mrs Fox

Golden Book

Apple	Devon ~ for coming into school independently every day. Lainey ~ for excellent progress with her reading
Willow	Amelia ~ for becoming a more confident and independent learner.
Sycamore	Tobias ~ for confidently partitioning numbers when subtracting a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number.
Juniper	Henry and Austin ~ for their superb alien news report.
Cherry	Darcey and Lily J ~ for their superb alien news report.
Silver Birch	Billy ~ for being an incredibly good role model for other children in the school.
Oak	Oliver ~ for his enthusiasm towards Maths this week.

Collective Worship

*Dear God,
Please help us to persevere,
To have resilience
And to keep going when things get tough.
Please help us to support each other
To keep going when we find things difficult.
Amen.*

**'It's not that I'm smart –
It's just that I stay with the problem longer.'
Albert Einstein**

Heather's Healthy Hearty Menu

Monday	Beef burger OR vegetarian burger in a bun with potato wedges, broccoli and sweetcorn, followed by carrot and sultana cake with custard.
Tuesday	Roast chicken and stuffing OR vegetarian wellington with roast potatoes and gravy, cabbage and carrots followed by Peach crumble and custard.
Weds	Turkey and vegetable pie OR mixed bean cassoulet with mash potato, cauliflower and green beans followed by Tutti fruity.
Thursday	Fish fingers OR cheese and tomato pizza with chips, beans and peas followed by chocolate and mandarin cake with chocolate sauce
Friday	Beef tortilla stack and rice OR macaroni cheese, garlic slice, roasted vegetable medley and sweetcorn followed by orange jelly.

Attendance %

Apple	95.76
Willow	95.89
Sycamore	96.91
Juniper	93.60
Cherry	97.40
Silver Birch	94.95
Oak	96.08
Whole School	95.89

Congratulations to Cherry class for their positive attendance this week!

Dates for your Diary

January

Weds 17th ~ BSA Meeting

February

Friday 9th ~ Last day of term
Monday 19th ~ First day of term
Friday 23rd ~ SATs info session for Y2
Parents, 2.15pm
Tues 27th ~ SATs info session for Y2
Parents, 6pm

Football Practice

Girls' practice will be on Monday 2.45-3.45pm with Mrs Snow
Boys' practice will be on Wednesday 2.45-3.45pm with Mr Givens

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**.

After School Clubs

Mondays 2.45-3.35pm ~ French

Thursdays, finishing 8th February,
2.45-3.45pm ~ Hockey for KS2

Fridays, finishing 9th February,
2.45-3.45pm ~ Sports Skills for Reception,
Years 1&2

Fridays 2.45-3.30pm ~ Homework club for KS2 on 19th,
26th of January and 2nd of February

Homework Deadline

The deadline for this half-term in Monday 5th February.

BSA Meeting

The first BSA meeting of the year will be on **Wednesday 17th January at 6pm** in the Year 3 classroom. All parents are welcome to attend to discuss fundraising for the school. This meeting we will be discussing the upcoming School Disco on the 9th Feb. If you require any further information regarding the BSA and what they do, please speak to Melissa in the school office.

Job Vacancy

Our school kitchen requires a kitchen assistant to work 1.5 hours a day.

Please call Caterlink on 550500 for more information or to apply.

Key stage 1 SATs information sessions

Year 2 parents are welcome to attend an information session regarding the SATs in May:

Friday 23rd February at 2.15pm
Repeated on Tuesday 27th February at 6pm

Half term Childcare

Brighstone Preschool will be open during the half term (12th-16th February)

There is a booking form attached to this weeks emailed Buzz or you can collect one from the school office. For more information please contact Preschool direct on 07707 319843