



Dear Parents and Carers,

'If you have the courage to begin, you have the courage to succeed.' David Viscott. Our exploration of courage this week has been about facing challenges and we have thought about different ways of overcoming difficulty. I would like to say well done to all of the children; they have been very positive, eager and enthusiastic about their learning.

At Brighstone we are very lucky to have a full time sports coach, every class has PE twice a week and this is an important part of our curriculum. We would like to thank all of the parents that support the school by ensuring that their child has their PE kit in school, it can be very difficult for the children and staff when kit is not in school. We would politely like to remind parents that the PE kits should come into school on a Monday and remain in school all week. Over the past week we have experienced some cold and icy weather conditions, lessons will sometimes take place outside so please include tracksuits / warm clothes as well as shorts, T shirts, socks and trainers. If you need help and support with PE kit or uniform, please do not hesitate to contact me.

On Wednesday we welcomed Geoff Mason from Wood Learn Forest School into school, this half-term he is working with our year 5 children, it was really pleasing to hear that they were well engaged, good listeners. This is a great opportunity for them to learn team building, resilience and problem solving skills outside the formal classroom environment. We look forward to continuing to work with Geoff throughout the year.

Best wishes  
Mrs Fox

### Golden Book

<b>Mars</b>	Poppy J ~ for being a very motivated learner, listening and joining in, having a go at activities and speaking clearly.
<b>Jupiter</b>	Lyra ~ for her descriptive writing inspired by "The Little Cloud" by Eric Carle.
<b>Venus</b>	Molly ~ for some fabulous counting and number bonds to 10.
<b>Saturn</b>	Joe ~ for being thoughtful and sharing a book on Anglo-Saxons with Y4. Casper ~ for making excellent progress with his spellings when writing.
<b>Neptune</b>	Lily ~ for always being kind, thoughtful and helpful and always trying hard. Ettienne ~ for an improved confidence and a super attitude to learning.
<b>Pluto</b>	Carlton ~ for writing with connectives. Tobey ~ for his great focus in Literacy.
<b>Mercury</b>	JD ~ for his good focus and concentration during Maths activities. Scarlett ~ for her great Maths work.

### Collective Worship

*Dear God,*

*Help us to have inquisitive minds so that we may learn.*

*Help us to have open hearts so that we may listen.*

*Help us to persevere so that we do not give up.  
Help us to have the courage to do the right thing.*

*Amen.*

*'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.'* Joshua Chapter 1 verse 9

### Heather's Healthy Hearty Menu

Mon	Beef Burgers in a Bun OR quorn Burger in a Bun with new potatoes, sweetcorn, green beans followed by rolled apple and strawberry pie with custard
Tues	Chicken and tomato pasta, OR creamy broccoli pasta bake baked tomatoes, peas followed by oaty cookie
Weds	Roast Turkey OR Cheese and pepper whirl with roast potatoes and gravy, carrot and swede mash followed by pear crumble and custard
Thurs	Sweet and sour pork with rice, OR vegetable noodles sweetcorn, mixed peppers followed by Pineapple upside down cake with custard
Fri	Fish fingers with chips, OR glamorgan sausage and tomato sauce, baked beans, garden peas, followed by Yoghurt and fruit station

### Attendance %

Mars	96.30
Jupiter	97.04
Venus	100
Saturn	98.83
Neptune	92.40
Pluto	96.11
Mercury	100
Whole School	96.90

Congratulations to the whole school for their positive attendance this week!

## DIARY DATES

### February

Thursday 7th ~ Reception School Trip, Bridesford Farm

Monday 18th -  
Friday 22nd ~ No School—February Half Term

### March

Friday 1st ~ Year 3/4 School Trip, Butser Ancient Farm

### July

Monday, 22nd ~ Development Day—No School

Tuesday 23rd ~ Development Day—No School

## Whole School Disco - Save the date!

On Friday 15th February, 6.00-7.30pm in the School Hall .

Children in Reception to Year 6 are invited.

Tickets are £2 each - to be purchased from the School office in advance. Price of ticket includes a drink and a sweet treat on arrival.

We will not be selling sweets this time but If your child would like glitter tattoos or glow in the dark face paints on the night you can buy tokens for this from the office for 50p each.

A text will go out when tickets and tokens are available.

## Sickness and Absence

If your child is not well enough to attend school, please ensure you let the School know by telephone 01983 740285, school text system by 8:55am on the first day of absence.

When your child is well enough to return to school, please provide a note to the office or email [Melissa m.jones@brighstoneprimary.org.uk](mailto:m.jones@brighstoneprimary.org.uk) explaining the absence within 3 days of your child returning to school, to avoid the absence being marked as unauthorised.

## After School Clubs

**Mondays ~ Football for years 5&6**

**Tuesdays ~ Football for years 3&4, MAP**

**Wednesdays ~ Netball, Arts and Crafts, French**

**Thursdays ~ Kurling**

**Friday ~ Indoor Football, Cooking**

**All clubs run from 2.45-3.45pm except Cooking which finishes at 4.30pm. If you would like your child to go into pre-school for their afterschool provision after a club.**

**Please book directly with them 07707 319843**

**There will be no sports clubs on the following dates due to pre-booked football matches:**

**Wednesday 30th January, Tuesday 5th February and Friday 8th and 15th February**

## Uniform reminder

It is our belief that a school uniform: promotes a sense of pride in the school, creates a feeling of belonging, is practical and distinctive, identifies the children with the school, is not distracting in class (as fashion clothing might be), makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance and reflects the sense both of community and of diversity that the school takes pride in

- School logo sweatshirt or cardigan
- White polo shirt
- **Grey** trousers, skirt, pinafore or shorts
- Grey, white or black socks or **grey tights**
- Black flat soled **shoes**
- Our PE kit is: a school logo white t-shirt with blue shorts or skort (blue tracksuit bottoms in the winter months), plimsolls for Reception and Key stage 1 children and plimsolls or dark trainers for Key stage 2 children
- Hair accessories must be discreet and in school colours
- **Earrings must be studs only**
- Watches may be worn; however, parents are advised that expensive items should not be worn, as the nature of school activities may lead to them being damaged or lost
- Nail polish and make up are not permitted and **long hair should be tied back**

Please ensure that all uniform and personal belongings are **labelled** with your child's name. There is a much higher chance of items being returned to their rightful owner if they are named.

You can purchase logoed school uniform, book bags and PE bags from the school office. We also have a stock of second