



Dear Parents and Carers,

'Forgiveness says you are given another chance to make a new beginning' *Archbishop Desmond Tutu*. This half term we have been focusing on the theme of forgiveness. This week we explored how when things go wrong it is important to be sorry and that we need to have the opportunity to 'wipe the slate clean' so that we can learn from our mistakes and make a brand new start.

From campanology to paleontology the learning experiences at Brighstone have been rich and varied. If you have recently heard some slightly unusual chimes coming from the church bell tower, it is because all the children have had a taster session to try their hand at bell ringing. We would like to thank Becci and Steve for giving up their time to share the art of bell ringing in an enthusiastic, informative and engaging way that appealed to all age groups. We are hoping to set up a Bell Ringing Club for any children interested in continuing to learn – it would be great to have a group from school that could ring for our services. Please text the school if you would like your child to do this.

On Wednesday Year 3 enjoyed an in-school visit from Dinosaur Isle, they were able to put their paleontology skill into practice. Thank you to Mrs Denness for organising this and well done to the children for their curiosity, focus and thoughtful questioning.

Next Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 is Mothering Sunday. For the past two years we have invited the children to take part in the service at church on the Sunday and we would like to do the same again this year. If you would like your child to help with the service, then please text the office and I will arrange for this to happen.

Don't forget to book your Parent Consultation. Appointments are available for the whole school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April and Key Stage 2 only on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. We would like to reassure parents that if they are unable to make an appointment at the times on offer, their child's class teacher will be prepared to meet with them at an alternative time. We would like to encourage all parents to take the opportunity to meet with the class teacher as this is a valuable way of being updated on progress and attainment for the term. In the meantime, if there is anything that you would like to discuss about your child's education, please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher or me.

Best Wishes  
Mrs Fox

### Golden Book

<b>Mars</b>	Iris ~ for settling in so well to Mars Class. Toby ~ for concentrating well in Read Write Inc
<b>Jupiter</b>	Wilbur ~ for settling in so confidently. Max C ~ great independent writing and Map work.
<b>Venus</b>	Jack ~ for excellent recount writing about 'do bananas make us run faster?'
<b>Saturn</b>	Tobias ~ for excellent detailed observational drawings of fossils.
<b>Neptune</b>	Soul ~ for independent focused work and being full of enthusiasm in all lessons.
<b>Pluto</b>	Sydnie ~ methodical means of writing a program. Eloise & Lily J ~ for tidying up the entire Y5 area by themselves.
<b>Mercury</b>	Finn, Jago, Zach, Macy, Hannah, Scarlett, Billy - for getting to school extra early for Maths SATs Booster lessons.

Role Model ~ Charlotte W - for being so kind in MAP afterschool club.

### Collective Worship

**Dear God,**  
**Thank you for loving us.**  
**Thank you that you care for us.**  
**Thank you that you are always there to listen to us.**  
**Please help us to learn from our mistakes .**  
**Please help us to know that change is always possible.**  
**Thank you that we can be forgiven.**  
**Amen.**

### Heather's Healthy Hearty Menu

Monday	Hot dogs with OR veggie hot dog tomato sauce and wedges, coleslaw, green salad, followed by yoghurt and fruit station
Tuesday	Chicken pie with mash OR lentil and vegetable curry with rice, broccoli, sliced carrots, followed by apple, cheese and biscuits
Wednesday	Roast pork OR quorn roast with roast potatoes and gravy, red cabbage, green beans, followed by mixed fruit crumble and custard
Thursday	Spaghetti bolognese, OR macaroni cheese with peppers, sweetcorn, followed by banana sponge and custard
Friday	Battered fish with chips OR spinach and tomato quiche and tomato sauce, baked beans, garden peas with new potatoes, followed by chocolate shortbread

### Attendance %

<b>Mars</b>	99.31
<b>Jupiter</b>	97.22
<b>Venus</b>	94.02
<b>Saturn</b>	98.83
<b>Neptune</b>	99.42
<b>Pluto</b>	96.49
<b>Mercury</b>	100
<b>Whole School</b>	97.92

Congratulations to Year 6 for their positive attendance this week

### DIARY DATES

#### April

Monday 1st	~ Parent Consultations—KS1/KS2
Tuesday 2nd	~ Parent Consultations—KS2 only
Friday 5th	~ Last day of term
Tuesday 23rd	~ First day of Summer term
Weds 24th-26th	~ Year 4 Residential Trip to Bembridge

#### July

Monday 22nd	~ Development Day—No School
Tuesday 23rd	~ Development Day—No School

### 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 [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.

### Active Travel Week

Starting from next Monday (25th March) we will be participating in Active Travel Week. We are looking to get as many children to cycle, scoot and walk to school as we can! If cars are the only option, it would be great to see them parked a bit further away from school so the children can then walk or scoot a further distance for the week!

There will be prizes all week, children will need to look out for a golden ticket to claim prizes, whilst KS2 children may also be selected to be entered into an island wide raffle for a new bike, scooter or helmet.

### After School Clubs

Monday ~ R,1,2 - Dance - **Not on Monday 25th**  
Tuesday ~ 3,4,5,6 - Hockey  
Wednesday ~ 3,4,5,6 - Dance  
Thursday ~ 3,4,5,6 - Cross Country  
Friday ~ R,1,2 - Indoor Football - **Not on Friday 29th**

Monday ~ 3,4,5,6 - MAP with Mrs Jones  
Friday ~ Cooking with Mrs Fox

### Year Three Brighstone Natural History Museum

On Wednesday **3rd April** at 2.15pm, the children in year three would like to invite you to their Natural History Museum, to show you what they have been learning in their Stone Age topic work, and in Science this half term. Come and be amazed at replica fossils (**not** Mrs Denness!!), stone age artefacts and wonderful writing.

### Sports Reports

Please see attachments in Email or on our website for the latest reports.