

The Buzz



Brighstone C.E.
Primary School

17th April, 2020

Hello to you all,

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well, and that you have had a lovely Easter holiday, with lots of sunshine and chocolate!

When the schools closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, I said that the Buzz on Friday 20th March would sadly be my last for a while. However, we are all missing you here, so I'd thought that, alongside our Facebook page and class emails, I would restart the weekly Buzz so we can continue to keep in touch.

The current situation has brought many changes and challenges to our lives, but it has been wonderful to see how everyone has been so supportive of each other, either through offering a helping hand with shopping, or being a friendly voice at the end of the phone, or just sharing a smile. Two particular activities really come to mind - rainbows and clapping! You may have noticed all the colourful rainbows brightening up windows as you travel around on your daily exercise, and you may even have created one yourself. They really cheer everyone up. Also, the weekly Clap for our Carers has brought everyone together in solidarity and support, so well done to everyone who joins in to show our appreciation of all that those on the frontline are doing for us.

Sadly, schools remain closed for the foreseeable future (except for the children of key workers and any vulnerable children). Therefore, new activities have been added to each home learning pack. Alongside the usual English, Maths and Spellings/Phonics activities, there is also a whole-school topic about the Isle of Wight (tailor-made for each year group), which covers a range of subjects, including English, Maths, Science, Geography and History. We hope you enjoy the activities within the topic, and we look forward to seeing your completed work (either via email or when school reopens). Mr Goldsmith has also put in some more PE activities to encourage you to keep being active!

Many children have been accessing the online learning that is available, including the White Rose daily Maths lessons, Joe Wicks' PE lessons, Purple Mash, the RWI daily speed sounds lessons, Times Tables Rock Stars (KS2 only) and the eBooks on Oxford Owl. If you would like further information about these, please don't hesitate to ask. The home learning packs continue to be available on the school website; however, if you require a paper pack, please let your class teacher know via the class email and a pack will be printed for you ready for collection.

Remember that you can keep up-to-date via the class emails, as well as by checking out our school Facebook page, as well as the BSA Facebook page. Many of you have been emailing some of the work that you have been completing, as well as photos of other fun activities that you have been carrying out at home. These have been wonderful to see, so keep them coming!

Thank you for all your support and understanding, and remember to keep a look out for our school star, knowing that we are all looking up at it together in unity while it shines down on us through these difficult times.

Best wishes and keep safe,

Mrs Lennon

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.



Have you been joining in with the clap for our carers?
You can join the nation by stepping outside and clapping to show your
appreciation to the country's key workers.
Thursday nights at 8pm.
Search the hashtag #clapforourcarers



Safeguarding

At Brighstone Primary School, keeping children safe remains one of our top priorities during these unprecedented times.

Student well-being and safety are vitally important to us and during the enforced school closure period, we remain absolutely committed to keeping children safe. If you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding of children, we are still here for you so please do not hesitate to contact us in the following ways:

Phone: **01983 740285** and request to speak to the **Designated Safeguarding Lead**.

The office is open from 7.30am to 4pm Monday to Friday. For safeguarding concerns outside of these times please email: m.jones@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

If there is an emergency and you believe a child is in immediate danger, you must **call 999**.

If your concern is urgent, please contact the Hampshire MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) line on: **0300 3000 117** or email childrens.services@hants.gov.uk

Out of hours contact telephone number for Children's Services. Phone **0300 555 1373**