



## 29th May, 2020

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you are all having a wonderful half term in this glorious sunshine! You will be forgiven for wondering why you have received the Buzz this week with it being half term, but we thought it important to send it out today with the plethora of information that has come out recently, as well as all the changes that are taking place.

We have had some key worker children in during this week and they have been getting up to all sorts of fun! Today they have been pirates, ahoy me hearties! They have made pirate hats and treasure maps, and have been singing jolly sea shanties.

On Sunday 31st May it is the Christian festival of Pentecost. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his ascension from earth to heaven on Ascension Day. It always falls on the seventh Sunday after Easter. Pentecost means "fiftieth day", as it is celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, the 50th day of the Easter season. We would normally take part in Pentecost activities as a school, so we thought that you might like to carry out some of the activities yourselves at home. Please see the attachments for some fun activities to do.

### COVID-19

Following the Prime Minister's confirmation in yesterday's briefing, on Monday 1st June we will open our doors to more year groups. You have received letters about our plans and procedures, which are also available on our school website, alongside further advice and guidance from the DfE. The staff have been working hard to ensure the classrooms meet this guidance for social distancing and hygiene measures, while also making sure that the learning environments still remain inviting, colourful and child-friendly.

Please be reminded of the following:

- There will be a one-way system in place for mornings and afternoons, and the back gate will be open between 8.15am - 8.30am for you to arrive with your child. Both gates will be closed at 8.30am, and will reopen at 2.40pm for collection at home time.
- We would ask you to follow government advice to Stay Alert and maintain social distancing while you are waiting for the gates to open.
- For those children who are in the 'bubble' for key worker children or vulnerable children, please use the library door. This will avoid congestion around the Y3/4 classroom door by the gate.
- The office foyer remains closed to parents due to the fact that social distancing is difficult to achieve in the small space. However, you can ring the office on 740285, text or email with any enquiries.
- Your children will be very keen to see each other again, but we ask that they remain with you when lining up, rather than going to play with them. However, instead of physically hugging, they can give each other 'marshmallow hugs' (a bit like the 'marshmallow claps' that we do in school) - hugging from a distance!

If you feel like you may change your mind about bringing your child back to school, please be aware that we will need a week's notice to enable preparations to be made, and to ensure that we have enough staff. In the case where bubbles reach full capacity, there will be a waiting list in place until such time when we may be able to create a new bubble, if staffing levels allow.

If you would like further information or if you have any questions, you can refer to the letters and links on the [school website](#), or contact the school.

We thank you for your understanding in these matters, and we hope you enjoy the rest of the half term!

Best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team

## We have a new email address

Please email [safeguarding@brighstoneprimary.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@brighstoneprimary.org.uk) if you have any concerns about a child in our community.

Sadly there has been a rise in cases of domestic abuse and children may be suffering in silence. Please don't think "someone else will report it" or "it doesn't happen in Brighstone".

Every piece of information is crucial and could save a life.

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



<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>

Click the link to download some useful age appropriate activity packs to do with your children to keep them safe online

## We've gone viral!

Did you see our video message to our children? It is on our school website. It is also on Isle of Wight Radio website and Facebook page and has had over 10,000 views!

<https://www.brighstoneprimary.org.uk/>

Visit our website to have a look if you haven't seen it yet.

## DfE COVID-19 (Coronavirus) helpline

The Department for Education has launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education.

Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday) For the latest updates visit: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

## Information for Monday 1st June

Summer 2 Term - Monday 1st June to Tuesday 21st July

The School is open to children in Years R, 1 & 6 & Key Worker and "vulnerable" Children:

Monday to Thursday 8.25am - 2.45pm Friday 8.25am - 1pm. Please use the entrance on Warnes lane and queue around the field until you are able to go on to the playground to drop your child off. You will then exit the school via the New Road entrance/exit. When dropping off and collecting children please maintain 2m social distancing as much as possible and ensure you do not gather in crowds around the school grounds.

**Remember: No uniform - Clean clothes everyday - Sun hats - Sun cream - Labelled drink bottle with water - Fruit for snack - Wash hands before leaving home**



A cute activity for children to do weekly  
To help them with wellbeing and gratitude. Click on the picture for the link.

## **Menu W/C 01/06**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Couscous Salad	Sausages / Vegetable Sauages with Oven Baked Wedges	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Fishfingers with Chips
Option 2	Fried Jacket Potato	Fried Jacket Potato	Fried Jacket Potato	Fried Jacket Potato	Fried Jacket Potato
Vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables
Desert	fruit Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread	fruit and Ice Cream	Chocolate Sponge	fresh fruit Salad

## **Launch of the NHS Test and Trace service**

The new NHS Test and Trace service has launched this week and will form a central part of the government's coronavirus recovery strategy.

Anyone who tests positive for coronavirus will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and will need to share information about their recent interactions.

People identified as having been in close contact with someone who has a positive test must stay at home for 14 days, even if they do not have symptoms, to stop unknowingly spreading the virus.

Further information on the [NHS](https://www.nhs.uk) Test and Trace service can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-nhs-test-and-trace-service>

## **Online Exhibition and Family Activities**

### **[A tale of two shipwrecks](#)**

For thousands of years the seas around the island's coast have been navigated by ships of all sizes and nationalities. Inevitably many ships have been lost and more than 4,000 shipwreck sites appear on the

Admiralty's charts.

The island's 60 miles (97 kilometres) of coastline is generally peaceful and calm but sudden storms and fog have caught many ships unaware. This exhibition tells the story of two of these shipwrecks. The Yarmouth Roads wreck and HMS Pomone.



COME  
**HOLY SPIRIT**  
FILL THE HEARTS  
OF YOUR FAITHFUL  
AND KINDLE IN THEM  
**THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.**  
SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT  
AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED  
**AND YOU SHALL RENEW**  
THE FACE OF THE  
EARTH.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, **AMEN.**