



12th June, 2020

Learning and Achieving through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents/carers,

Another week has gone by and it really feels like we're speeding towards the summer holidays. There have been some further developments about Covid-19 in the news this week, and you will have heard the decision made by Education Secretary Gavin Williamson to shelve plans for all primary school children to return to school for a month before the summer break. He did, however, state that 'if schools had the capacity they could take more pupils if they chose'. While we would gladly be able to welcome back more children to Brighstone, this is a decision that cannot be taken lightly due to the many implications that this entails, and so we are awaiting further advice from the Local Authority. We will keep you informed.

The children continue to work hard in school and at home, and, whilst we have been celebrating some of this amazing learning on our Facebook page, we are all missing the opportunity to share these successes during Golden Worship. Therefore, we have decided to introduce 'Superstar Awards' for the remainder of the summer term. Members of staff will nominate children in school or at home who deserve an award. These awards could be for Achievement, Behaviour or Community, and these will be shared in the weekly Buzz. Children will also receive certificates, and those at home will have them posted to them - so keep an eye out for the postie!

While we are on the subject of awards, we are proud to announce that Brighstone has won a Recognition Certificate from the School Games Organisers, for the autumn and spring terms. As Mr Goldsmith states 'The School Games Mark Award has been postponed for this school year due to the current pandemic. However, the School Games Organisers are able to reward schools with a Recognition Certificate and a Virtual Award Certificate based on commitment during this academic year in place of the usual award.' Schools achieve this award for activities such as:

- Entering competitions
- Offering a varied range of sporting activities to pupils
- Promoting leadership opportunities through the school sports crew
- Increasing participation in sport
- Linking with local clubs
- Promoting the School Games values

Well done to Mr Goldsmith and all our children who have taken part in sporting activities this year so far. I know you will agree that we are very lucky to benefit from Mr Goldsmith's commitment, dedication and enthusiasm.

We wish you all a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team



<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Reports and parental consultations

You will still receive a written report about your child's learning this year, which will be based on the progress that they made up to Friday 20th March when schools closed due to Covid-19. There will also be the opportunity to speak with your child's teacher via a telephone call, and more information will follow about this in the next couple of weeks.

Parent feedback

As a school, we welcome and value the feedback, views and thoughts of all stakeholders (parents, staff, children and governors) as we feel that this is a crucial part of the process for celebrating successes and identifying improvements to be made. We are currently gathering feedback from all staff, children and governors, and a parental survey will soon be coming your way. To make it accessible to as many people as possible, there will be the opportunity to share your responses through either an online survey, paper version or verbally over the phone. We will inform you via text and email when this survey is available in the next few days.

What the Bible says about success

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

Prayer about celebrating successes

Lord, we want to thank you for all you have done for us and all that you will continue to help us do in our lives, And that through your power and blessing we are able to fulfill our potential. Thank you for helping us to help each other achieve success. Amen

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

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

Hampshire and IOW CYP Crisis Line
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3:00pm to 8:30pm

Telephone support for Children and Young People aged 11 – 17 years old.

Who are experiencing mental health crisis and living in Hampshire or the Isle of Wight.

Immediate access to...

- One to one confidential, emotional support
- Advice on healthy coping skills and resources
- Signposting to useful apps and websites

Freephone: 0300 303 1590 Starting 4th May 2020 **NHS**

Menu W/C 08/06

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thurs | Fri |
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| Cheese and Tomato Piza with Couscous Salad | Sausages / Vegetable Sausages with Oven Baked Wedges | Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Macaroni Cheese | Fishfingers with Chips |
| Filed Jacket Potato | Filed Jacket Potato | Filed Jacket Potato | Filed Jacket Potato | Filed Jacket Potato |
| Selection of vegetables | Selection of vegetables | Selection of vegetables | Selection of vegetables | Selection of vegetables |
| Fruit Crumble with Custard | Vanilla Shortbread | Fruit and Ice Cream | Chocolate Sponge | Fresh Fruit Salad |

Please note:

Our last day of the summer term (as it stands)
Wednesday 22nd July

