



26th June, 2020

Learning and Achieving through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents and carers,

Well, what glorious weather we've had this week! The sun has been shining and people have had the opportunity to enjoy time in their gardens or on the beach, whilst also maintaining social distance measures. People have been busy planting flowers and tending to their gardens, and Chloe and Carlton very proudly showed me their potatoes, runner beans and gooseberries that they have grown in the school garden. You may have noticed on our Facebook page that Devon in Y2 has also become a horticulturist! He has sown and tended over 40 tomato plants that are free to good homes. These are available to collect from outside the school foyer - I would recommend that you come along and get yours now, so you can enjoy the fresh taste of home grown tomatoes this summer! Thank you, Devon - this shows great kindness.

On the theme of kindness, we have been seeing other lovely examples this week. Charlie in Y2 has been busy mowing his grandma's lawn, Toby in Y1 organised and sorted the word cards without being asked, Ila cleaned the tables without being asked too and in the Key Worker bubble, all the children have been helping each other with their sewing, when needed. We would love to hear about other acts of kindness - please let us know by emailing your class teacher.

Reading is really important and it is proven that children who read every day are more likely to succeed in life. Reading is also an enjoyable pastime, both for pleasure and information. Because libraries are still closed, we have a box of books in our school foyer that are free to take or borrow - please come and have a look through to see which ones you would like to read.

This week we sent out a letter about our parent consultation about the new Relationships and Sex Education curriculum that will be implemented from September 2020. The draft policy is available on the home page of our website. We value your feedback on this, so please do read the policy and fill in the survey on: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/VGIF2S/>

Paper copies of the policy and survey are available on request. The closing date for the survey is noon on Wednesday 1st July. We thank you for your support with this.

You will have received a letter today about further arrangements in school. Following government guidance, we have assessed our provision and now have the capacity and staffing to open up to a Y5 bubble, to help them with their transition into Y6. We are now also welcoming more children into our Reception, Y1, Y6 and Key Worker bubbles, which is fantastic - it is great to hear the school filled with the sound of children. We are all looking forward to seeing all the children back at some point, whether that may be before or after the summer holidays, and we will keep you updated with government advice as to when this may happen.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team



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

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>

Kindness Prayer

Dear God,
 Help us to be kind to everyone around us. Let us be kind to others without thinking of ourselves and what we might get back in return. Support us to try random acts of kindness this week. Make the world a better place. Amen.

What does the Bible say about kindness?

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Learning Awards

W/c 22nd June

Izzy R, Devon S, Christopher H, Ila B, Jared A, Lauren B

Reports and parental consultations

You will receive your child's end-of-year reports on Monday 6th July.

Due to social distancing measures, the usual parents evenings won't be able to take place. However, there will be the opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher on the telephone during the week beginning Monday 13th July, and further information about this will be sent with the reports.

Menu W/C 29/06

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Couscous Salad	Sausages / Vegetable Sausages with Oven Baked Wedges	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Fishfingers with Chips
Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled 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

First Day of New Academic year will be Thursday 3rd
 September

