



10th July 2020

Learning and Achieving through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents and carers,

We have come to the end of another week and it is not long now until the end of term. Transition activities are planned, and the children are looking forward to spending half a day with their new class teacher and LSA on Tuesday 21st July. Thank you to those who have already replied about this—if you haven't already done so, please reply with your preferred time by Monday.

We have also had some replies about telephone parental consultations. If you wish to speak to your child's current teacher, please let the office know.

If school closures hadn't happened, our whole school topic this summer would have been about the Olympics. Even though the main Olympics can't go ahead this year, we will be holding our very own Brighstolympics next week, organised by Mr Goldsmith. As mentioned elsewhere in the Buzz, the bubbles will be taking part in events, and points will be awarded to those who demonstrate the Olympic values: Excellence, Respect, Friendship, Determination, Inspiration, Courage and Equality. Children at home can also take part in the events to win points for your Hives—Mr Goldsmith will put information about these on the Home Learning pages.

In school, the children have been working hard across all the subjects. In Y5 they have been reading *Treasure Island*, and producing some excellent written work that encompasses the excitement and drama of the story. In Y6 they have been working in the school garden as part of their work about *The Secret Garden*. In Reception they have started to create a stone snake, made up of lots of painted stones. This is on the path in the school field, and everyone is invited to paint their own stones and add to it. Let's see how long we can make our school stone snake! In Year 1 they have been busy making hobby horse dinosaurs to be used as part of their Brighstolympics events—they look amazing! In the Key Worker bubble, they explored the history of the Olympics, including what the flag rings represent. They also explored the motto in Latin, what it meant and why it had been chosen. They watched the 2012 Olympic Opening Ceremony in London and were fascinated by the way we showed off our culture through the years. They made lots of links to their experiences, history and books, such as celebrating the NHS scene and linking it to the *Midnight Gang* by David Walliams, as well as traditional sports such as cricket and maypole dancing that still take place nowadays. They were very cross to see how the landscape changed during the industrial revolution. The children enjoyed finding out that the flame of the Olympics never goes out and seeing it lighting up the beacon at the start of the Olympic games. They were so inspired that they did some free writing on this, including fact files, posters and diary entries as if they were there!

We look forward to seeing what all the children at home do as part of the Brighstolympics! Send in your pictures—we love to see them!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Take care,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team



Superstar Awards

Our superstars this week are:

Ettienne—Super home learning
Soul—Fantastic story writing and handwriting
Seren—Excellent fractions work

Lyra—Excellent fractions work
Toby B—Excellent mental maths
Well done to you all!!



Transition Sessions

All children who will be on roll in September are invited to attend school for half a day on Tuesday 21st July. You should have received a letter about this via email. If you haven't received one, please speak to Mrs Pelosi in the office.

The sessions are:
8.30 - 11.30am **OR** 12.15 - 2.45pm

To make the transition sessions possible we need to have bubbles of no more than 15 children and clean the classroom in between the two sessions.

Current Year 6 children can attend school all day in their own bubble with Mrs Jones and Mr Goldsmith.

Young Minds

Tips, advice and where to get support for your child's mental health during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This is a really useful website:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>



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

Make sure you check out the Brighstone Library Facebook page for more information about this.

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Menu W/C 13/07

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

"Brighstolympics"

As we are unable to run our annual Sports Day this year, we are going to be running a 'Brighstolympics' event towards the end of the Summer term. Each of our 'bubbles' in school will have their own day where they will take part in activities such as Speedbounce, Standing Long Jump and running races.

The children out of school will also be set activities and challenges through our Home Learning Page, giving them the opportunity to join in and win Hive Points for their house teams as well.

Each bubble are also going to be making Olympic torches and flags for each country so that the children can perform a socially distanced Opening Ceremony before they take part in their events, and there is also a competition for all pupils to design a poster for the event, that is focusing on the Olympic values.

