



16th October 2020

Learning and Achieving through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents and carers,

Well, here we are at the end of our first half term, and what a busy few weeks it has been! The children and staff have all been working really hard in class—I have enjoyed popping in to see what they have been up to.

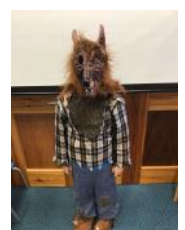
In Y5 (Macarthur class) they have been learning about Survivors, and have written some really interesting pieces about 'How to survive a bear attack', which will hopefully not be needed when next you are taking a stroll through Brighstone forest...

Y6 Clover class have been learning about WWI and how it started, which, being as complicated as it was, is not easy to learn and remember, so well done to you!

After a wonderful trip around the Island, Robertson Class put their tourist information heads together to plan and design an information leaflet for visitors to the Isle of Wight. They started to think about what made a good information sheet and the sort of activities that might attract visitors. After that, they designed their own map of the Isle of Wight which complimented their learning in the Geography part of our topic. The final task was to write paragraphs to support the images and then put the whole lot together. The children rose to the task and the finished results are hot off the press. It is hoped that more of these examples will be published on a tourist information website for the Island.



As I stood on the gate this morning, I was greeted by Elsa, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack, Little Boy Blue, the wolf, Cinderella, Mary, Incy Wincy spider and many more fairy tale, nursery rhyme and traditional tale characters, as Ainslie and Lambert classes enjoy a Fairy Tale Day as the culmination of their topic. As I type, I can hear the fun and laughter coming from the hall as they enjoy an afternoon tea, along with the delicious scent of homemade gingerbread men drifting up the corridor (and I'm hoping that there will be some left over for me to sample...)



We have a wonderful team here at Brighstone, but sometimes we have to say a sad goodbye to someone. Our fantastic caretaker, Mr John Stansbie, is retiring on 6th November after being a part of the team for six years. We will miss his dedication and support, and while we are extremely sorry to see him go, we wish him a very enjoyable, restful and well-earned retirement. Thank you, John! We would like to give a very warm Brighstone welcome to Mr Keith Williams, who will be taking over from John as our caretaker.

We wish you all a very happy and fun two-week half term break, and hope you all manage to keep safe and well. See you back in school on Monday 2nd November!

With very best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team

Ainslie	Freddie C - for his attitude to learning and great ideas! Charlie - for his perseverance with his letter sounds.
Lambert	Seren - discussion in RE. Christopher - Maths money work. Emily - Super behaviour & focus. Violet - Super RWI & Maths
Robertson	Toby W - great maths. Molly - positive attitude to her maths work.
Macarthur	Joe & Katherine - for brilliant instruction writing on how to survive a bear attack.
Clover	Ettienne - for his focus, effort and enjoyment of his learning. Olivia - for the way she is linking her learning.
Bee-Haviour	Kaiden - for being so calm, kind and helpful this week.
Sports Bee	Seren - for always setting a great example during PE and lunchtime competitions with her behaviour focus and effort.

School Dinners

Children in **Year R, 1 and 2** are entitled to a 'universal' **free** school meal everyday.

Children in years 3-6 are charged at £2.15 per day.

2nd Nov	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Sausage Roll	Chicken Pasta	Roast Pork	Chicken Wraps	Fish and Chips
Option 2	Vegan Roll	Veggie Tagine	Quorn	Veggie Wraps	Frittata
Dessert	Choc Brownie	Fruit and Yog	Iced Sponge	Cookie	Apple Sponge

If children from years 1-6 do not like what is on the menu, they can ask for a jacket potato with either beans, cheese, beans and cheese or tuna mayo. Fresh salad and fruit is offered everyday alongside the daily options.



Technology session for Parents

Wed 4th Nov, 10.30-12.00 Niton Methodist Church hall. We are running another drop in, free technology session to support parents in setting up online platforms like Zoom and Google meet. Many parents have also asked about parental controls and how to use them. Now is an opportunity to find out.

Please share this with anyone who may be interested.
for more information please email Jennie Burke SWAY Youth & Family worker:
jennie.swaymail@gmail.com

Active Travel Week

It has been great to see so many children using active travel to get to school this week. Children from all classes have been walking, scooting, cycling and using "Park and Stride" to get to school for Walk to School week.

The teachers have been noting down who has been using active travel this week, and there will be prizes handed out on the first week back after half term for some of the children that have shown use of active travel, and continue to do so throughout next half term.

Mr Goldsmith

What's on over Half-Term on the Isle of Wight?

<https://www.visitisleofwight.co.uk/whats-on/searchresults?sr=1&rd=on&stay=2020-10-16&end=2020-11-02>

Last day of this half-term is
TODAY!

Back to school on Monday
2nd November.

SEMH

Social, Emotional & Mental Health

Aerodynamically the
bumblebee shouldn't be able
to fly, but the bumblebee
doesn't know so it goes
flying anyway

At Brighstone Primary School, keeping children safe remains one of our top priorities.

Even over the half-term 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:

Email our safeguarding team on: safeguarding@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 Safe-guarding Hub) line on: 0300 3000 117 childrens.services@hants.gov.uk
Out of hours contact telephone number for Children's Services Phone 0300 555 1373

If you are unsure about anything to do with a child's safety you can call the NSPCC Advice Line on [0808 800 5002](tel:08088005002)

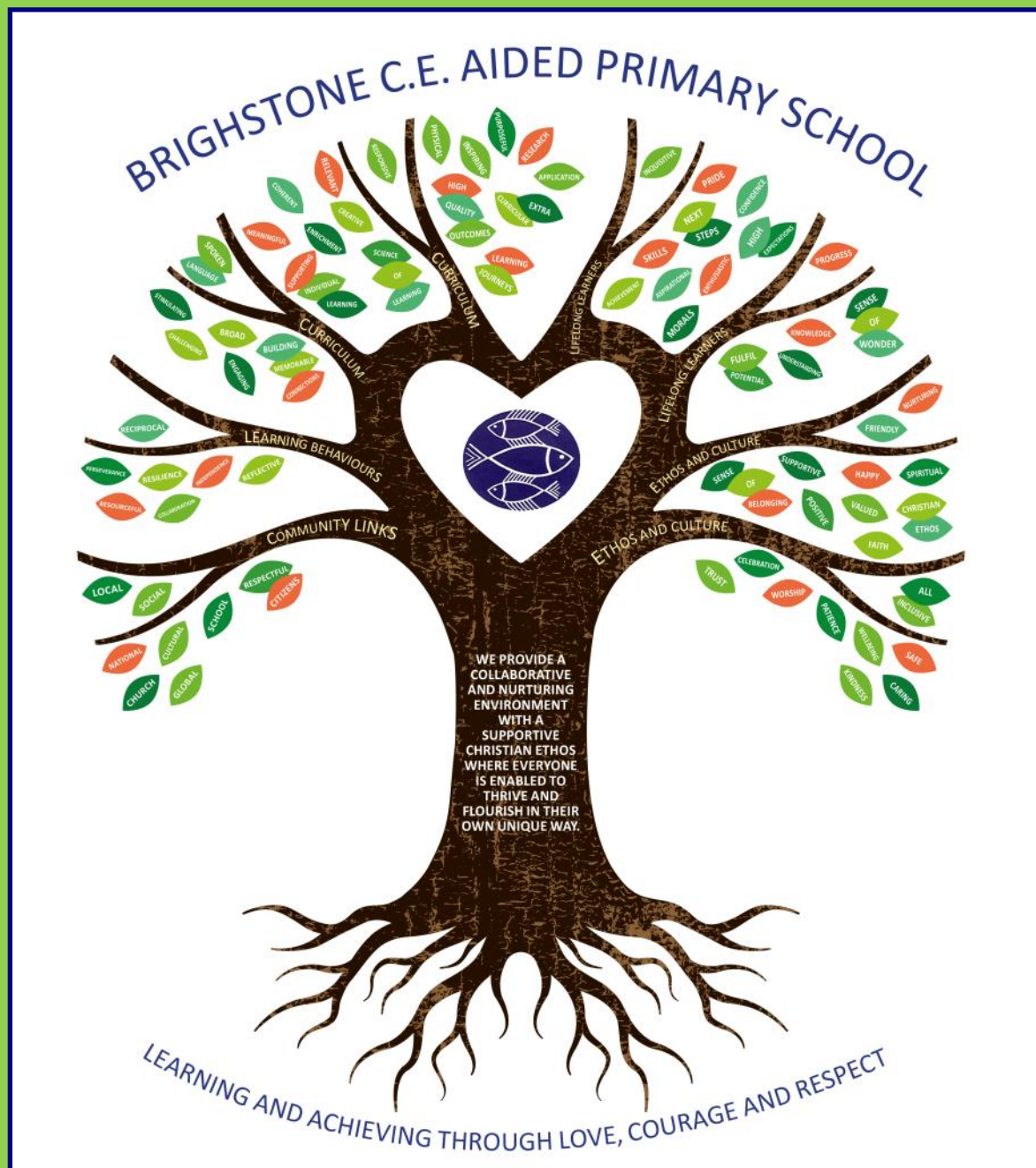
Wellbeing Window

Did you do something kind
for someone else last
week?



This week's task is: Accept yourself!

No one is perfect and so you don't have to be. We all have good days and bad days. Don't measure yourself on the bad days, measure yourself on how you deal with the bad days, the fact that you even got through it and you show up to start a new day.



Dr Michael Reuben (Mike), Local foodbank volunteer has asked us to share this message and pass on his thanks to the staff, pupils and parents, for a **magnificent harvest festival donation**.

This will make a real difference to those of our fellow islanders experiencing difficult times. Due to current stay safe working practices, I may not be able to weigh the donation and report back as usual.

I have attached some photos of the donations on display at St Mary's.

Thank you



Pumpkin Carving Competition Winners



Bubble 1

1st - Kieran, 2nd - Freddie C, 3rd - Samuel, 4th - Tommy

Bubble 2

1st - Jude, 2nd - Charlie E-T, 3rd - Sam S, 4th - Leigh

Bubble 3

1st - Tilly, 2nd - Katherine, 3rd - William, 4th - Lily R

Preschool Winner

Holly P

Brighstone School Association

Brighstone School Childrens Star

Competition

Before lockdown we gave you a star to remind you while you were at home that you belong to a great school

Now its time to get creative and write a poem or draw/paint a picture about your star

Entries to be received by Friday 20th November.

Star coordinates
RA: 15h17m1.74s DEC: +75 43' 12.3"



Dear all,

We are hoping to arrange a guided bird walk with a local expert on Thursday 5th November in Yarmouth.

The cost would be £10 a head. Please contact Sally if you would like to be involved.

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