



## 6th November 2020

Learning and Achieving Through  
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents and carers,



We hope you all had a restful half-term break. It was such a shame that the **weather** was a bit wet and windy, but maybe some of you took the opportunity to go outside in your macs and wellies to splash in the puddles! Doing little activities like that are fun and does wonders for your **wellbeing**. The weather this week has been much more pleasant, with blue skies, sunshine, and colourful autumn leaves.

This week brought **new lockdown rules**, and we have had updates from the Department for Education around this. Our risk assessments remain in place—please see the Covid-19 page on our website. Sports clubs were due to start this half term, but unfortunately these will have to be postponed until restrictions are lifted. However, peripatetic music lessons can go ahead, so if you have previously had lessons, we will be in touch about these.

Next Wednesday is **Remembrance Day**. As a school we usually go over to the church to commemorate with the Royal British Legion, but, due to restrictions, this unfortunately can't take place. Instead, we are holding our own bubble commemorations in school. Each class is making a poppy display, and they will learn about the origins of Remembrance Day. We usually sell wristbands, bag tags etc... but, in our drive to reduce single-use plastic, we are asking everyone to wear red, black and green and bring in a donation for the Royal British Legion. This is also an opportune time to remember our loved ones who we may not have been able to see due to Covid restrictions. How can you keep in touch? An email, phone call, video call (or even a letter—we all like receiving letters in the post that aren't bills...!) makes all the difference.



**Children in Need** takes place on Friday 13th November, and again, our usual fund-raising activities (such as holding a cake sale) are unable to go ahead; instead, children and staff are asked to wear a silly hat or wig, or style their hair in a silly way, and bring in a donation for this very worthy cause.

Our Personal, Social, Health and Relationships Education this half term is 'Celebrating Differences', and **Odd Sock Day** takes place nationally on Monday 16th November as a way of celebrating what makes us all unique. All you need to do is wear odd socks (along with your usual school uniform)!



It's great to see lots of children using **Doodle Maths**. Last week Lambert Class had a fantastic week of Doodling and gained the most points, and this week Macarthur class are the top Doodling class! Who will it be next week?

As mentioned in the Buzz before the half-term break, we say goodbye to **John Stansbie**, our caretaker, who is retiring. We wish him all the very best—we will miss him! We say a huge Brighstone hello to **Keith Williams**, our new caretaker, who has already been working hard! You may have noticed the busy building work taking place in our school grounds—both John and Keith have been hard at work creating a new PE shed and a new fenced-off outside play area for Reception class. It's exciting to see the progress of these projects! Thank you to you both.



I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team

Ainslie	The whole class - for being so interested and excited to learn on their trip to the zoo.
Lambert	The whole class - for their enthusiasm, behaviour and excitement on their trip to the zoo.
Robertson	Erin - for her wonderful IoW writing after the round the Island bus tour.
Macarthur	Lauren - for her hard work on creating a card and her consistent good work in Maths.
Clover	Soul - for his positive learning attitude, effort and achievements.
Bee-Haviour	Felicity H (Year 4) - for demonstrating our school values so beautifully at break time.
Sports Bee	Thomas D - For always showing great enthusiasm and energy in PE, as well as demonstrating fantastic teamwork and

## 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.

W/c 5th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pizza	Turkey Pitta	Roast Gammon	Spag Bol	Fish Fingers
Option 2	Veggie risotto	Veggie Pasta	Veggie Pie	Veggie Chilli	Cheese pastry
Dessert	Oaty Square	Fruit and Yog	Marble Cake	Drizzle Cake	Ice cream

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.

### Reminders

The **gates** open from 8.15am - 8.25am then from 2.40pm to 2.45pm. Please maintain social distancing at all times. Once you have dropped off/collected your child, we ask that you please leave the playground to ensure that there is space for other parents to collect their children.

**PE Kits** are to be kept in school Monday to Friday.

Please make you send a letter/email to the office when a child returns to school from any period of **absence**. Failure to do this with 3 days of returning will mean that the absence is marked as unauthorised and could result in a fine from Education welfare.

**Snacktime** - children are permitted to bring in fruit and water.

**No food containing nuts** is permitted in school.

### Robertson Class

As part of their topic, Robertson class created posters of the Isle of Wight to persuade people to come and visit us (once regulations are lifted). Look on our Facebook page to click on the link to the Isle of Wight Tourism website where they are published!

Well done, Robertson class!



Last day of this half-term is  
**Friday 18th December**

Back to school on Monday  
4th January 2021

**SEMH**  
Social, Emotional & Mental Health

*This, too,  
shall pass*  
-William Shakespeare



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<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/odd-socks-day/what-odd-socks-day>

### Wednesday 11th November

**Poppy Day:** Wear Red/Green/Black for a donation to the Royal British Legion.

This is because we didn't want to sell single use plastic for this year's appeal.



Next week!

### Friday 13th November

**Children in Need day:** Children are invited to come to school in uniform but with silly hair/wig or silly hat/ Pudsey accessory for a donation to the Children in Need appeal.



### Wellbeing Window

Did you work on accepting yourself as you are?

This week's task is:

**Mindful breathing.**

This can be done wherever you like but choose somewhere and a time with minimum distractions. Put your phone on silent and just sit and concentrate on your breath:

Imagining your tummy is a balloon, inhale for 6 counts - really inflate the balloon, hold the breath for 4 counts then exhale for 8 counts, really empty the balloon. Repeat this sequence for 5 minutes or for as long as you feel happy to. By just focusing on your breathing, this gives your brain a break from everything, just for this time. Try it, you might like it!



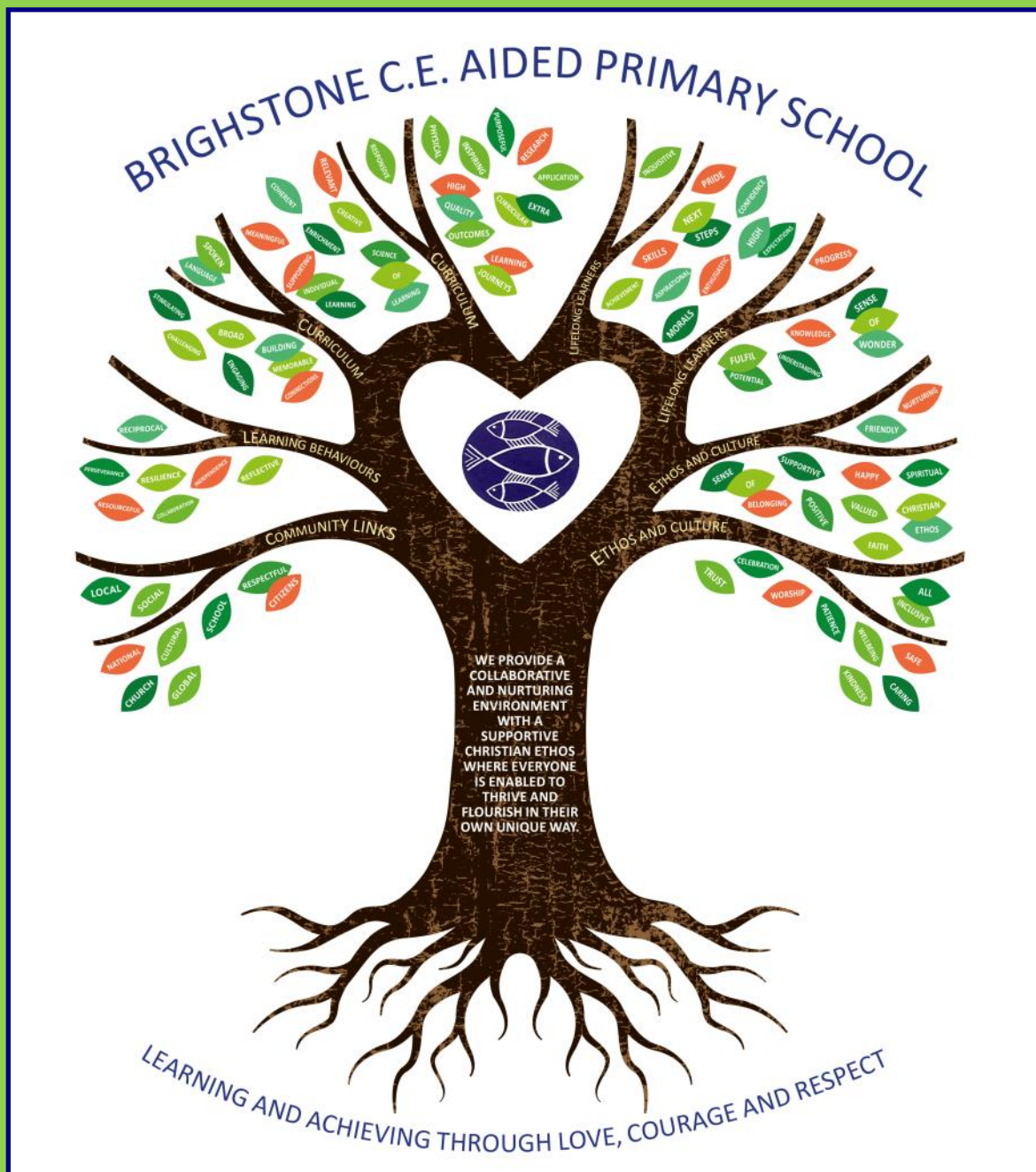
# Our new vision statement

At the end of the summer term we shared our new vision statement with you all. This was written after gathering feedback from staff, governors and children, as well as from your feedback from the parent survey. A vision statement 'seeks to inspire and give direction to all stakeholders (staff, children, parents, governors and the wider community). It is an aspirational description of what an organisation would like to achieve or accomplish in the mid-term or long-term future. It is intended to serve as a clear guide for choosing current and future courses of action.'

Our vision statement works alongside our mission statement 'Learning and Achieving Through Love, Courage and Respect', and our values, to reflect and guide our culture, ethos and decision making.

As a school we decided to create a visual vision statement to make it stand out and be memorable. We hope you like it!

The values, as part of the mission statement (tagline), are the roots and foundations that feed and nourish our school. The vision statement is the main body (trunk) that guides all our actions. The branches reflect the different aspects of life in our school, and the leaves show examples of how these are shown. The school logo in the centre of the tree represents the Christian element that is at the heart of everything we do.







**Still time to enter!**

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"

**Deadline extended!**



Last chance to get your favourite recipe in our very own cook book

Deadline extended to Monday 9th November

email: [Brighstoneschoolassoc@gmail.com](mailto:Brighstoneschoolassoc@gmail.com)

Cookbook will available to buy in time for Christmas

## West Wight

### Help Hub

#### COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN FRESHWATER, YARMOUTH, TOTLAND, SHALFLEET, THORLEY AND WELLOW

Our communities have come together during the pandemic to offer support to one another. We can help those who are isolated or experiencing difficulties with:

#### **PRESCRIPTION DELIVERY**

We offer support with prescription deliveries three times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please book by 11am on the day. Our volunteers deliver from 3:30pm.

#### **PHONE SUPPORT**

Our volunteers can offer support over the phone to provide a listening ear and to offer reassurance during this difficult time. They can also put you in touch with local services who can offer more intensive support.

#### **HOT MEAL DELIVERY**

The hub offers hot meal deliveries on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Meals cost just £6 each and the menu can be found on the West Wight Sports and Community Centre website or by calling the hub. Meals are delivered between 12:30pm and 1pm.

If you or someone you know would benefit from support contact:

**01983 752 168**

email [help@westwight.org.uk](mailto:help@westwight.org.uk)  
Hub phone line open Monday-Friday  
9:30am - 12:30pm

Outside of these times you will be able to leave a message

Visit [www.westwight.org.uk/coronavirus](http://www.westwight.org.uk/coronavirus)  
for more information

