

The Buzz

15th January 2021



Learning and Achieving Through Love,
Courage and Respect

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you and well done to you all for everything that you are doing to support your child's education at home and in school. I would also like to say a huge thank you to all the staff in school for all the extra hours that they have put in to sorting out these new systems for remote education. I know that these school closures have had a huge impact on everyone, and we understand how difficult it must be to 'juggle' your child's remote learning with your own work, as well as the staff juggling the preparation and provision of learning for children in school and at home. The new systems that we have set up through the use of Google Classroom will seem overwhelming at first (we know how you feel as we are also learning how to use this!) but once we all become more confident with it then hopefully it will alleviate some of the pressure. Do what you can, but please don't worry if something gets missed occasionally—we fully understand. We are also aware of technical difficulties at times, and where we can we try to fix them or provide appropriate support as soon as possible. We thank you for your understanding with this.



The children and staff all look forward to their daily Zoom calls (despite the technical difficulties!) and we are starting to build in some more throughout the week. These may take the form of small group or one-to-one calls focusing on a certain aspect of learning, or a social interaction game, or a story. Lessons form part of a sequence of learning, and there will also be lots of recapping, retrieval practice, quizzes, discussions and activities around what has been learnt previously. Our remote learning provision will evolve and be refined according to children's needs. We have all come so far so quickly — the children are becoming so proficient at using this technology and adapting to remote learning — so well done to you all!

On the subject of technology, we have today received our allocation of laptops from the government and we will be in touch with those of you who don't currently have access to adequate technology.



You will have seen my email about Collective Worship. Each week, a Collective Worship PPT will be available on the 'Church Links' page of our school website, along with a video recording from the church and South Wight Area Youth (SWAY) leaders. These are for you to view and talk through with your child if and when you wish. More information about this is in on the school website.

I have been enjoying seeing the learning that the children have been taking part in at home and in school. Robertson class have been learning all about London and have created a 3D map of London buildings and monuments. Clover class have started reading Holes by Louis Sachar. I read this last year and loved it—I couldn't put it down! I hope that you will love it, too. This morning I was treated to a poetry reading by three children in Lambert class. They have been learning about the Great Fire of London and using pictures to generate descriptive language, which they then used to create poems. I was very impressed by all the children's use of language—well done to you all.



Please remember that we are here for you and will support you in whatever way we can. We hope you all have a relaxing and well-deserved weekend.

With very best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team

Courage

This week's Collective Worship focus is: 'Stepping out of your comfort zone'

With the closure of schools and the provision of remote learning everyone has had to face challenges and step out of their comfort zones. Challenges can be faced through small steps, one at a time. What small steps will help you? How can other people support you? How can you support others?



"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

Facing challenges prayer

Dear Lord,

Give us your strength to face challenges.

Help us to remember that sometimes we need to take small steps to begin with,

But it's starting the journey that matters.

Thank you that just as you promised to be with Moses,

You have also promised to be with us

Wherever the journey leads us.

Amen



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 11th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pizza	Sausage roll/ Mexican vegan roll	Roast chicken	Macaroni cheese	Fishfingers
Option 2	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
Dessert	Shortbread	Fruit crumble	Fruit and ice cream	Fruit sponge cake	Oaty cookie

Safeguarding

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

Even during "lockdown" 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 Safeguarding Hub) line on: 0300 3000 117 or email - 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)

Golden Awards

Ainslie	Samuel for thinking really carefully about numbers in Maths, and explaining his answers to his Mum. Charlie for being so super dedicated and joining in enthusiastically with our Zoom meetings from his Mum's stables.
Lambert	The whole class for their enthusiasm with our new History topic 'The Great Fire of London'.
Robertson	Erin for her huge effort with her home learning
Macarthur	Casper for his fantastic comparison of the training between Black Beauty and
Clover	Austin for following the instructions to create a lovely piece of mathematical Islamic art at home.
Other	All the parents for learning how to use Google Classroom and Zoom so quickly, and for their understanding and support!

Bottle Tops

If you have any plastic milk bottle tops, please bring them to the school entrance when you are out doing one of the permitted activities (while ensuring that you are within the lockdown laws).

These bottle tops will then be passed onto Ability Dogs 4 Young People where they will be used to raise money for this very worthwhile charity!



**Ability Dogs
4 Young People**

The last day of this half-term is
Friday 12th February

The first day of next half-term is
Monday 22nd February



Doodle Maths



Well done to Macarthur class and Lambert class who are the top Doodlers this week!

SEMH

Social, Emotional & Mental Health

Wellbeing Window

Did you manage to do something just for you last week? If so, well done, make sure you continue to do at least one thing each week that is self-care.

This week's suggestion is **Smiling**

There are proven benefits to turning up the corners of your mouth. Some may find that particular thought difficult at the moment, but just fake it until you make it! Have a go.

SMILING

Smiling has lots of benefits:

- It can make you feel happier
- It can boost your mood
- It can help you make more friends
- It can make you feel and look more confident
- It can spread, as in, if you smile at someone they will often smile back
- It can help to reduce stress
- It can boost all the positive emotions
- It can increase FUN
- It can be understood by everyone because everyone smiles in the same language
- It looks good on you!



Help Through Crisis

citizens advice
Isle of Wight

If you need help with food, utilities and other essentials, or would like help accessing a support network or services please contact us on

01983 823859

or make an online application at

www.iow.gov.uk/helpthroughcrisis

Cyber bullying, what is it? How can I protect my child?



With children spending an ever increasing amount of time online, we must be mindful of the possibility of cyber bullying. The NSPCC website has a wealth of information on how to keep our children safe. Please click the link below and spend 10 minutes raising your awareness of the risks.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/#support>

Please reach out for help

This lockdown may be a difficult time for you and your child/ren. Do please let us know if you are struggling and we will do our best to help you or point you in the direction of services available. Please speak to Melissa on 740285 or email:

m.jones@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

Parenthood...

The most rewarding job in the world

And also the toughest

Need some advice about your child's behaviour or emotions?

Contact YoungMinds' Parents Helpline
0808 802 5544
youngminds.org.uk/parents

COVID-19: Five steps to look after yourself and others



Take care of yourself and stay healthy



Call, chat, check



Be Kind. Think of others.



Get online to stay in touch



Share accurate advice and information



YOUNG MINDS



Please see the list below of additional dates for flu catch up clinics:

18th Jan. Ryde Family Centre (PO33 2 JF) 10:00 – 14:00
20th Jan. West Wight Family Centre (PO40 9XH) 12:00 – 16:00
22nd Jan. East Newport Family Centre (PO30 2AX) 10:00 – 14:00
25th Jan. Cowes Family Centre (PO31 7ET) 10:00 – 14:00
26th Jan. East Newport Family Centre 10:00 – 14:00

As these are drop in sessions there may be a short wait to see a nurse, social distancing measures will be in place and face masks must be worn. Please dress warmly as you may have to wait outside. If further information is needed parents can email snhs.childreimmunisationteam@nhs.net or call the office on 821388.

Calling all Blue Peter Fans!

Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

If you think your pupils would be interested in this, please do send this out to your parents and ask them to subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.00pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.

Thanks so much for your time,
The Blue Peter Team!

