

The Buzz

5th March 2021



Learning and Achieving Through Love,
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

You made it! Give yourselves a well-deserved round of applause for making it through this period of lockdown and remote education. It has brought many challenges for those in school and at home, and, while there have been ups and downs, everyone has shown remarkable resilience and determination to do the very best they can. We are very much looking forward to **welcoming everyone back** on Monday—we have missed you all! Despite having daily Zoom calls, the sense of community that comes with seeing people in person cannot be underestimated. While the children will still remain in their bubbles, we are still planning whole school events to rebuild this sense of community and belonging (while still ensuring that we meet the health and safety risk assessment measures); these include whole school Collective Worship (via Zoom or in person outside), World Book Day and Red Nose Day. To help with the transition back to 'normal' school, a lot of focus will be on the developing of learning behaviours (including independence, collaboration, resilience and stamina), taking part in lots of social skills and speaking and listening activities, and revisiting, consolidating, practising and applying previous learning.



You will have received an email today detailing the **arrangements for Monday**; this letter is also available on our school website:

<https://www.brighstoneprimary.org.uk/covid-19/>



While we are on the subject of the school website, we are very pleased to announce that we have launched our **new website**! We aimed to create our website to reflect our school values of love, courage and respect, our school vision, and our bright, friendly and welcoming ethos and culture. A big part of the design was also to make it more easily navigable to find specific information. We hope you like it, and we would love to hear your feedback: <https://www.brighstoneprimary.org.uk/>

I would like to remind you of two whole school events that are taking place in the next two weeks: **World Book Day** on Friday 12th March and **Red Nose Day** on Friday 19th March. Please see more information on other pages in this Buzz.

I would like to give you advance notice that we will be taking part in a whole school celebration of Easter on **Friday 26th March**. Children are welcome to bring in an Easter bonnet, an Easter garden (e.g. shoebox size) or a decorated Easter Egg for a competition. They will be judged by members of the BSA, with prizes to be won. We look forward to seeing your creations!



I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back together on Monday!

Best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team

Forgiveness



This week's Collective Worship focus is: 'Turning over a new leaf'.

We are thinking how, if we have done something wrong, we can show that we are going to change our behaviour and turn over a new leaf, just like Zacchaeus did.



The New Leaf Prayer

Father God,
You offer forgiveness to us today
Just as you did to Zacchaeus 2000 years ago.

Like Zacchaeus, help us to turn over a new leaf and begin again.
Help us to show others we are sorry by the way we behave. Amen

"Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others."

Draw a leaf and cut it out.
On one side of the leaf, write something that you are sorry for. On the other side write how you will change your behaviour (or turn over a new leaf).



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 1st | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Option 1 | Pizza | Sausage Roll | Roast Chicken | Macaroni Cheese | Fish Fingers |
| Option 2 | Jacket Potato | Jacket Potato | Jacket Potato | Jacket Potato | Jacket Potato |
| Dessert | Shortbread | Crumble | Ice Cream | Fruit Sponge | Cookie |

Poetry Corner

This week I have chosen this poem as I thought it timely!

There are some good points to discuss with your children.

Use it to talk about what your child might be feeling nervous about, as well as what they might be looking forward to.

We're Going Back to School

We're going back to school; we might feel sad to say goodbye,
But friends are just like sunshine - they will help the tears to dry.
We're going back to school; we might feel nervous at the door,
But joy will soon take over when we see our class once more.
We're going back to school; we might forget a rule or two,
But soon we will remember as we gently talk them through.
We're going back to school; we might do things a different way,
But new will turn to normal as we practise day by day.
We're going back to school; we might not say that we are scared,
But don't forget: a problem gets much smaller once it's shared.
We're going back to school; we might have grown-ups who are new,
But we will get to know them and they'll get to know us, too.
We're going back to school; we might be facing things unknown,
But doing them together means we'll never be alone.
We're going back to school, where we will laugh and learn and play,
Then head back home for cuddles once we've had a lovely day.



Golden Awards

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| Ainslie | Charlie - super speaking and listening skills telling his class about his new puppies |
| Lambert | Lucy - trying her best all of the time and always completing her work. Allina - for showing great courage |
| Robertson | Nico - for fantastic sentence construction. Alfie and Devon - for brilliant fraction work |
| Macarthur | Leo - for showing great courage and being kind |
| Clover | Gemma - consistent hard work |

Well done everyone!

The last day of this half-term is
Friday 26th March

The first day of next half-term is
Monday 12th April



Doodle Maths



Well done to **Robertson class** who are the top Doodlers this week!

SEMH

Social, Emotional & Mental Health

*Deadline for orders is Tuesday
9th March, order forms available
from the school office.*

Brighstone School Association

Wellbeing Window



It is so important to take care of yourself.

We are all so busy taking care of everyone else, we quite often forget that we're important too! Set yourself the challenge!

How many can you tick off the list in a week?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gratitude list | <input type="checkbox"/> Message 3 friends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Practice an old hobby | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean for 20 mins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make a playlist | <input type="checkbox"/> Workout |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Favorite dinner | <input type="checkbox"/> Mail a letter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a walk outside | <input type="checkbox"/> Favorite movie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hour without technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep clean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> List of future plans | <input type="checkbox"/> Favorite dessert |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Binge your fave TV show | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean junk drawer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Try a new recipe | <input type="checkbox"/> Look at old pictures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dress up | <input type="checkbox"/> Stop procrastinating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day w/o social media | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan a vacation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Listen to a podcast | <input type="checkbox"/> Try yoga |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brain dump | <input type="checkbox"/> Read childhood book |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learn new skill | <input type="checkbox"/> Vision board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital cleanse | <input type="checkbox"/> Spa night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choose your favorite challenges & do them again! | |



Surprise Mother's Day gifts will be available to buy again this year. Pre-paid gifts will come home on Friday 12th March. £2.50 each.

IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!

Friday
12th
March

Theme:
Everyday
heroes

Dress up as an everyday hero from a book and raise money for charity!

Book swap shop - bring in a book to swap with your friend(s)! Please bring in books any time before 10th March to allow time to quarantine!

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 12th March**. This is so we can celebrate it together when all the children are back.

We have chosen the theme 'Everyday Heroes' because everyone is a hero in their own unique way, and this has been especially so over the past year of the pandemic. In return for a donation, children are invited to come dressed up as an everyday hero from a book; this might be a character who has shown bravery and courage, resilience, overcome a hurdle, and so on. It might be from a book about people who help us. It might be a story about mums or dads. It might be a book about a real person or a fictional character. It might be an historical person or a living person. The choice is yours!

Throughout the day, the children will be taking part in a range of activities about these books, including thinking about what qualities and actions make these people a hero. Children are also invited to bring in some of their books that they would like to swap. Please bring these in before Wednesday 10th to allow time to quarantine them before Friday 12th.



What's your secret superpower? On **Friday 19th March**

we will be celebrating Red Nose Day. The theme for this day is Superpowers! In return for a donation, children are invited to come dressed up as a superhero; this could be a well-known superhero or one they have made up. Bring out your inner 'Helps-Everyone Girl' or 'Resilience Boy', 'Mr Amazing' or 'Super Giggles Girl'. Throughout the day, the children will be creating their own superhero names and taking part in a range of activities around superpowers (class, bubble, or individual), such as the values of collaboration, courage, resilience and kindness, or practical superpowers such as epic dance moves, hilarious hopping or brilliant balancing!



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5-14 March

British Science Week 2021



Calling all Innovators!

To celebrate British Science week this week, we are offering you the chance to win a wonderful science encyclopedia, packed full of information and inspiration. Your task is to design an **Invention to Change the World!** Your entry can be either a drawing with a short explanation about what your invention is for, or perhaps you could get creative with Lego, junk, or anything else you can think of. Please hand your named entries in to the office by Friday 12th March. If you do make a model, please only enter photographs of it, as Mr Boyle our Science Governor will be judging the entries remotely. There will be a KS1 and KS2 prize awarded for the best invention. If you have any further questions, please email Mrs Denness at robertson@brighstoneprimary.org.uk, and of course, you can email entries to this address too.

After school sports clubs start next week. You will have received a text message to let you know what club your child has been given a place in. Payments will be set up on School Money by Monday Afternoon.

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| Bubble 1 (R,1,2) | Multi skills Mondays 8 th , 15 th & 22 nd | Football skills Thursdays 11 th , 18 th & 25 th |
| Bubble 2 (3&4) | Ball sports Tuesdays 9 th , 16 th & 23 rd | Football skills Wednesdays 10 th , 17 th & 24 th |
| Bubble 3 (5&6) | Football Skills Fridays 12 th , 19 th & 26 th | |

Reminders

- ⇒ The school gates will be open between 8.15-8.25am and from 2.40pm. Our school day starts at **8.25am** - children should be in their classrooms ready to learn by this time
- ⇒ Children should bring in their PE kits on a Monday and take it home on Friday
- ⇒ Children can bring in **water** in reusable water bottles and fruit for snack time. Food containing **nuts are not permitted** in school due to children with severe allergies
- ⇒ If your **child is unable to attend school**, you must let the office know by 8.40am. A note or email must be provided on their return to school so that the absence can be authorised office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

Lateness

Children must attend on time to be given a present mark for the session. Poor punctuality is not acceptable. If your child is late she/he can miss the teacher's introduction to the lessons and may also feel embarrassed having to enter the classroom late.

| Minutes late per day during the school year | Equals to days worth of learning lost in a year | Which means this number of lessons missed |
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| 5 Minutes | 3.4 | 20 |
| 10 Minutes | 6.9 | 40 |
| 15 Minutes | 10.3 | 60 |
| 20 Minutes | 13.8 | 80 |
| 30 Minutes | 20.7 | 100 |

Persistent lateness can add up to considerable amounts of learning lost and can be a serious disadvantage to your child.

How we manage lateness:

We open our gates from 8:15am to enable all children to be in class ready for the start of the school day at 8.25am. As soon as they come into school, they participate in reading and other activities. It is very important to attend school on time every day; this gives children the best start to their day.

If a child enters the classroom after 8:25am they will be deemed as late, receiving a late mark.

If your child arrives late, parents must report to the school office to sign the child in and give a reason for the lateness. You should not be sending your child in on their own if they are late. It is not fair on the children to explain why they are late. It is parents/carers responsibility to get them to school on time.

We do recognise that there may be a rare occasion when your child is late due to unforeseen circumstances and we are sympathetic of this.

Persistent lateness:

When a child has been identified as having persistent lateness, we will inform parents/carers of our concerns. In the first instance this will be an informal chat with the family liaison officer and/or a letter/email. We will then monitor lateness, hoping to see an improvement.

If this continues to cause concern we will then request a formal meeting with the Headteacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. The purpose of the meeting will be to address and resolve issues that are impacting on the child's lateness.

Persistent lateness due to oversleeping, traffic etc is not acceptable. Good sleep routines and early morning traffic is unfortunately something you must take into account. Please be aware that parents/carers can approach us at any time if they are having problems getting their child into school on time. However, as a parent it is your legal responsibility to ensure your child gets to school on time.

