

Dear parents, carers and children,

Welcome back! It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces yesterday at the school gate. I hope you all had a wonderful summer, and managed to have some quality time with family and friends. September is a time for new beginnings, and we welcomed new members of staff and new families to the Brighstone community. We hope that you have settled in well.

It feels like a fresh start; no bubbles means that we can return to whole school gatherings and activities. It was heartwarming to be able to lead school worship in person once again. While we are still remaining vigilant, we can, once more, work together as a whole school community.



On the subject of fresh starts, we are slightly changing our communication of news. Class news and community flyers will now be shared on our school Facebook page, as well as any other pertinent information. This is an open site so you don't need to be on Facebook to access it. The Brighstone School Association (parent/teacher group) also has a Facebook page, which is also an open site.



Please access class newsletters and topic webs via the class pages on our school website. Just go to the website: https://www.brighstoneprimary.org.uk/, click on the 'Teaching and Learning' tab and find your child's class.

If you would like to contact the school or your child's class teacher via email, please use the following email addresses. Class emails will be checked two or three times a week, so please contact the office for anything of an urgent nature.

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This week, each class welcomed Tracy Dove into school, from Zoologica Conservation Education. Tracy led workshops about each class animal, and shared lots of fascinating facts! This year, each class will find ways to raise awareness and money to help support the conservation of their class animals.

I am delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Brear has had a delightful baby girl called Olive! We wish Mrs Brear and her family all the very best, and we are all looking forward to seeing the little bundle of joy soon!



Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all again bright and breezy on Monday morning.

With best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team



This week's Collective Worship focus is: Welcome Back—A New Adventure

This week we focused on different stages in life, and what the future might hold for us. What do we want to do when we are older? What opportunities lie ahead? What do we want to do tomorrow, next week, next year or when we are older?

Children shared their aspirations for the year ahead, as well as for when they are older. It was fantastic to hear so many ambitious plans! We have future doctors, footballers, vets, cleaners, police officers, teachers and many more!



Your challenge is to try something new. This could be something big, or something small.

Our school prayer

We thank you, God, for your unfailing and never ending **love** for us.

Lord Jesus, please give us the **courage** to be lights in the world.

Holy Spirit, please help us to have the **respect** to show God's love to others and the world around 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.

Last Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pizza	Sausage & Mash	Roast Chicken	Beef Lasagne	Fish fingers
Option 2	Veggie Bolognese	Veggie Noodles	Vegetable Pie	Veggie Curry	Veggie Burger
Dessert	Flapjack	Shortbread	Yoghurt cake	Brownie	Ice Cream



Grammar and Spelling Matters

Each week we will include a mini grammar or spelling lesson so you know what your children are learning in class!

Their	There	They're
Shows possession	Refers to a location or place	ls a contraction of they are
That is their car	My house is over there	They're swimming in the ocean

<u>Reminders</u>

Only plain water (no squash or flavoured water) in reusable water bottles.

Long hair must be tied back (both boys and girls), and hair must be kept away from eyes.

Only fruit provided for snacks, and healthy items in lunch boxes.



Watch this space

Golden assembly returns next week. If your child is going to receive a certificate, you will receive a text message inviting you to join us for Golden Assembly on that Friday from 8.35am.

Children can receive awards for academic and sport, representing the school and/or demonstrating our school values of Love, Courage and Respect.

Whole school dates

Watch this space for important dates coming up

Facebook

A reminder that lots more information will be shared throughout the week on our school Facebook Page. This is an open page so you do not have to have an account to check it. If you do have a Facebook account make sure you like and follow

> Our page: https://www.facebook.com/ BrighstoneCEPrimarySchool



