



Chimpanzee Class



Newsletter 2021 - 2022

Welcome to Year 4 and 5 in Chimpanzee Class

The adults working with you this year

Class Teacher: Miss Smith

LSA: Mr Burnett

PE: Mr Goldsmith (Sports Coach)

Science (Y4): Mrs Denness

Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon cover: Mrs Johnstone

General Information

Hello! First and foremost, I would like to introduce myself (Miss Smith), as I am new to Brighstone Primary School. I moved to the beautiful Isle of Wight last August to pursue my teaching career and it is the best decision I have ever made. I am extremely excited to get to know all of the children in Chimpanzee class and further afield, throughout the whole school. I am glad that I have started in what seems to be a normal(ish) year! Bubbles have gone, collective gathering is permitted and it is almost business as usual – we will still be mindful about hand hygiene, not encourage too much close contact and still have back up plans if there are Covid cases in school, but by being sensible we hope that we can get back to a pre-Covid school life.

We will be continuing our one-way system for dropping off and collecting children at the beginning and end of the school day. Please enter school through the field gate which will be will opened at 8.15am; children will be expected to come directly to the classroom via the **double doors to the Roy Bromley building** and be settled in the class ready for registration at 8.25am. Parents will then be expected to leave school via the front gate.

At the end of the day the field gate will be opened at 2.40pm and Chimpanzee class will be dismissed by Roy Bromley room doors.

Emails: Following on from the success of the class emails during lockdown, a new account for Chimpanzee class has been set up. It will be checked several times per week; however, if your enquiry needs an immediate acknowledgement or reply then please contact the main school office.

Equipment: Children have all chosen a reading book which will be kept at school; however, if they wish to bring one in from home, this is also ok. We will be distributing reading records over the coming weeks and this will be expected to come in each morning, as well as a named water bottle in their school bag. Children do not need to bring in any equipment as everything they will need will be provided in class.

PE: PE days will be Tuesday and Friday. We will still try to hold these outside or in the well ventilated hall. This means that children will need to wrap up warm when the weather grows chilly. A grey/black/dark blue track suit as well as normal PE kit may be beneficial.

Break time snack:

The school does not provide a snack for Year 4/5 children. If you would like your child to have a morning snack, it must be fruit and it can be brought in daily. Only water is permitted in water bottles.

Golden Worship

Whole school Worship and Golden Worship will resume in person in the hall in the mornings. On a Friday morning, we will return to inviting parents in to watch their child receiving their certificate.



Topics

A Topic Web will be sent out at the beginning of every half term that explains what we will be learning and the subjects that will be focused on.



Homework and Reading



Homework is given out in the Homework folders for each half term, along with regular spellings to be practised at home. Please see the Homework Diary for more information. After October half-term there will be some additional tasks in either Maths or English.

We will be encouraging daily reading in the classroom but would also encourage it at home too.

Attendance



At Brighstone we expect all children to have a minimum attendance of 96.5% and to start the school day punctually. This is key to ensure that children are settled, ready and focussed for their learning that day as soon as lessons start at 8.25am! The field gate will be locked at 8.25am so after please enter school via the main entrance.

Parents' Evenings

Information about parents' evenings will follow in due course.

If you have some time to spare and would like to come in to hear children read, then please let us know. We would greatly appreciate it – this makes a huge contribution to the children's progress.

Thank you!