



Ivy Bee Class



Autumn Newsletter 2022 – 2023

Welcome to Years 5 & 6 in Ivy Bee Class

The adults working with you this year

Class Teachers: Mrs Sharp (Mon – Wed) Mrs Johnstone (Thurs – Fri)

LSAs: Mrs Eggleton (am) Mrs Dunn (Mon-Thurs)

PE: Mr Goldsmith (Sports Coach)

General Information

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 – we will be trialling an opening time of 8.20am; children will be expected to come directly to the classroom via the **double doors** 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 Y5 and Y6 will be dismissed via the **library door**. (This is to help parents who have more than one child to collect and means that Y5 and Y6 do not walk back into the playground against the flow.)

Emails: A new account for Ivy Bee Class has been set up and will be checked weekly; however, if your enquiry needs an immediate acknowledgement or reply then please contact the main school office.

teacher.ivybee@[brighstoneprimary.org.uk](mailto:teacher.ivybee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk)

Equipment: Children will be expected to bring their reading book, reading record and named water bottle in their school bag on a daily basis. Children do not need to bring in their own pencil cases and equipment, as everything they will need will be provided in class.

PE: PE days will be Tuesday and Friday. New for this year: all children are asked to wear their PE kits to school on their PE days. The main reasons for this are to save 15+ mins of each lesson that is taken up by getting changed and to make forgetting PE kits a thing of the past. Children will still need to wear their school jumpers and, when the weather is chilly, track suit bottoms are advisable.

Golden Worship



Golden Worship takes place in the hall on Friday mornings at 8.35am, to celebrate special achievements. As usual, parents/carers of recipients will be invited in to watch their child receiving their certificate. Please sign in at the school office.

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. This will also be available on our class page on the school website.



Homework and Reading



This year as a school, we are moving to Google Classrooms as a platform to deliver homework. Your child can then upload their homework activities as documents or photos. Please do try and support your child with the activities and let us know if there are any issues either with the system or the ease/difficulty of the tasks.

After October half term there will be additional weekly tasks in either Maths or English.

There will be greater expectations for reading in Ivy Bee Class. Children will be expected to read a reading book (preferably a classroom book but you may read book from home, too) several times each week for periods of at least 10-15 minutes. Reading books can be changed on any day and reading diaries will be checked regularly.

By Years 5 & 6, most children will be fluent enough readers to read independently to themselves; however, all children benefit from reading aloud to an “audience”. Children may complete the reading record themselves but it must be signed by an adult at home. Discussions about what has been read is just as important as the reading itself, so please make time to discuss what has been read – talk about the plot, the characters, your child’s predictions and opinions along with any tricky or new vocabulary. It is also always beneficial for a child of any age to listen to a story being read by someone else!

Year 6 tests SATs



At the end of Key Stage 2 in May, Year 6 sit the National Tests, known as SATs, in English (reading comprehension, writing and SPaG) and Maths. At this stage, we feel that the focus should be on settling the children into the new school year, but there will be a steadily increasing awareness of and preparation for them as the months progress. However, we do not wish any child to feel pressured or stressed about SATs, so please do talk to me if your child is struggling.

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 focused for their learning that day as soon as lessons start at 8.25am! The field gate will be locked at 8.25am so after then please enter school via the main entrance.

Parents’ Evenings

Parents evenings for the autumn term will be held on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th October. Parents evenings for the spring and summer terms will take place during the week commencing 13th March and Monday 10th July.

**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!**