



# Bumblebee Class

## Newsletter

### (Reception)

2023-2024

A very big welcome to Brighstone Primary School. I hope you and your child have enjoyed your first few days and are feeling relaxed and settled.

#### The adults working with you this year

**Class Teacher:** Mrs Cousins

**LSAs:** Mrs Brear (Mon, Tue, Fri) Mrs Green (Weds,Thurs) Mrs Denness (Weds pm)

**PE:** Mr Goldsmith (Monday and Wednesday pm)

Mrs Cousins, Mrs Brear and Mrs Green are the Key People for all Reception children, so if you have any questions or worries, please don't hesitate to speak to us.

#### What do you need to bring?



#### **Every day:**

- Bring your Reading Bag with your reading books, and a named water bottle.
- Spare clothes if your child is prone to accidents (and wipes if appropriate) – we have a limited supply in school. We don't make a fuss or mind when these accidents happen.
- Packed lunch (if not having a school dinner) and drink (water).
- Coat in cooler weather as we spend a lot of time outside (clearly named, please).
- Wellies and wet weather gear (named) for outdoor play. We will happily support children to put them on until they are independent.

#### **P.E.**

Please come to school in your PE kit on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. You do not need to bring separate school uniform on these days.

**We encourage children not to bring toys into school as these do sometimes get lost. Do speak to me if your child needs a special toy for comfort though, as we can always accommodate this.**

## Reading



Your child will be given a book bag and storybook to bring home and share. Whilst we will not be setting Home Learning activities for children in Reception, we ask that you **please do** try to read together every evening if possible. This is a good habit to start in Reception. When your child begins to read words, s/he will also be given a school Read Write Inc reading book to enjoy at home. It is important to both listen to your child read his/her school book, and also to read stories to your child. Please sign in the reading record book each time you listen to your child read their Read Write Inc book. You do not need to sign that you've read the story/picture book together, and children will be encouraged to change these independently whenever they want to. Look out for the blue Read Write Inc book in your child's book bag, which contains information about current learning.

## Snack Café and Lunchtime



The Snack Café is open every morning after Read Write Inc and children can access it freely. There is always fruit and water available, and children are entitled to free milk until they are 5. The children learn to pour their own milk and wash up their cups afterwards. You do not need to provide fruit for your child, but please do send in a clearly named water bottle. We encourage children to drink water throughout the day.

Lunch is between 11:45 and 12:45. Children can have a school meal or bring a packed lunch and they self-register each morning by putting their name on the school dinner or packed lunch picture. The weekly menu is posted in The Buzz newsletter which is published on the school website every Friday.

## Toilets



The toilets are just outside the classroom and the children can go to the toilet whenever they need to. I also encourage them to go at certain times (e.g. before Worship or lunch). Toileting can be a troublesome thing for some children and we will do everything we can to keep it calm and stress free. We do insist on regular hand washing and good hygiene, and we have a limited supply of spare undies. If your child is prone to accidents it would be really helpful if you could keep a spare pair of pants, socks and a carrier bag on their peg. Thank you.

## Golden Worship



This takes place on Friday mornings from 8:35am. Parents of children who are in the Golden Book that week, for an outstanding achievement, will be invited to join us in the school hall. This will be accessed via the school car park once children have been dropped at their classroom doors. Please sign in at the office.

## Brighstone School Association

As parents, you are automatically members of our BSA. We meet approximately once per half term and our meetings are fun, informal and with no commitment. We raise money for the school throughout the year, which makes such a difference to the children. Come along to meet other parents and be part of the fun. It really is worth it. Please check the BSA Facebook page for details of meetings and events.



## 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 they don't miss any important schooling – lessons start as soon as school starts at 8.30am! If by any chance you are late, please go to the main school office where they will be registered.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please do come and see me.

Many thanks,

Kirsti Cousins