

The Buzz



15th September 2023



Learning and Achieving Through Love,
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

It is always a delight when a child takes the time to say "hello", "good morning", "how are you?" and "how has your morning been?" to me. This may be as I am walking down the corridor, when I pop into a class, or when I am sitting at my desk and a smiling face appears in the doorway. The other day, I was showing some prospective new parents and their children around the school, and, everywhere we went, the children greeted them with warm, friendly smiles and enthusiastic 'hellos'. These demonstrations of our **school values** in our lovely little community are wonderful to see and experience.

Thank you to those who filled in the **parent/carer survey** in July. It was heart-warming to read so many positive and thoughtful comments, and we really appreciate you taking the time to do this. The results were emailed to you all today, along with our response to each question and your feedback. This is also available on our school website.



We have invested a lot of money recently into purchasing new books across the school, including fiction, non-fiction and poetry for all ages, but we would like to increase the range of text types so children can experience reading and enjoying a wider variety of texts. We are lacking **comics and magazines**, so I was wondering if you have any old comics and children's magazines that your child no longer needs that you could donate to the school. Please contact the school office if this is the case. We thank you for your support.

We are taking part in the **World Maritime Day mufti day** in aid of UKSA on Friday 29th September, who fund sailing sessions for every Y6 child across the island. These are funded entirely by donations, so children are encouraged to come into school in blue or sea-themed mufti for a suggested minimum donation of £1.



Reception parents were recently emailed about the **hearing and vision screening**. This year, you will have been sent a text with a link for you to complete an online form. Once completed, it will go back directly to the school nursing team. We would like to reassure you that the text is genuine, and is therefore safe to respond. Should you wish your child not to be screened for hearing and vision, you need to contact their Duty Desk on 0300 123 5224. You have received a text with this information in; otherwise your child will be screened.



You will be aware of some of the events that the wonderful **BSA** organise for the children and community. They are a huge asset to the school and children, organising treats for the children throughout the year, as well as helping to purchase extra resources for the school, including hoodies for Y4 and Y6. They also provide large financial contributions for trips and residentials, meaning that the costs parents pay for these are highly reduced. In order to fund all this, they organise events throughout the year, including the Round The Island Relay Running Race, tea and cake stalls at local events, the Summer Sizzler, school discos and much, much more. Without their support, the children wouldn't be able to experience all these extra treats, and the cost of school trips and residentials might prove prohibitive for many parents. However, without your support, the BSA won't be able to continue. They are looking for more members, as well as people who are able to take on the leadership roles, including Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer, when the current members step down in October. This is a plea for your support. They are holding a meeting on Monday 18th September at 7.30pm in The Hive room at school, and they look forward to seeing you there. Thank you.

I hope you have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday morning.



With very best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team

Collective Worship - Thankfulness

This week, we have been thinking about people who help us.

Who helps us in school? Who helps us at home? Who helps us when we are out and about?

We also thought about people who help us 'behind the scenes' who we don't always see.

Do we say thank you to them enough?

Who helps you?



Who can you say thank you to?

Dear God,

Thank you for all the people who help us in school and when we are out and about.

Help us to remember to say thank you to them.

Amen.



St Paul said of his friends: "Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God."

Philippians 1.3

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 **£2.90** per day.

Baguettes now available on Tuesdays and Thursdays instead of JPs (ham, cheese or tuna)

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pizza	Bangers and Mash	Roast Turkey	Beef bolognese	Fish Fingers
Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Veggie Sausages	Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta	Veggie dippers
Dessert	Ice cream	Lemon Slice	Shortbread	Jelly	Crispy bar

Poetry Corner

Reading Books

Inside each book there is a world
Between the letters it's been curled,

And when you read a book with me
That world comes out for us to see.

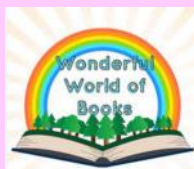
Then you and I can travel there
And in this world we both can share.

So come and sit with me a while,
Please read for me and make me smile.

Let's open up and take a look
Inside this magic,
Reading book



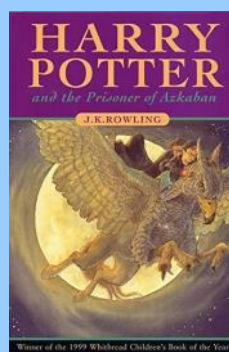
Mr Peek



Reading Recommendations

Each week we will include a book recommendation from a child and/or adult.

This week, Ruby (Y3) recommends:



Amazing

Magical

Creepy

Ruby's synopsis

Start: Harry's aunt Marge has come to have dinner with the Dursleys. She makes Harry angry and he blows her up!

Middle: Harry keeps being told about Sirius Black and he is not allowed to go to Hogsmead because his aunt and uncle didn't sign the form. He finds out Sirius Black is his godfather.

End: Hermione and Harry go back in time to save Buckbeak from being executed and Sirius Black from getting his soul sucked out. I recommend this exciting book!

Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child you can call the police on 999 if you feel they are at risk of immediate harm

Contact us: safeguarding@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

Speak with our DSL Mrs Jones in the school office

You can contact the NSPCC:

Contact the NSPCC Helpline

If you have any concerns at all about a child's safety or wellbeing, don't hesitate to contact us.

Call us or email help@nspcc.org.uk

0808 800 5000

Find out more

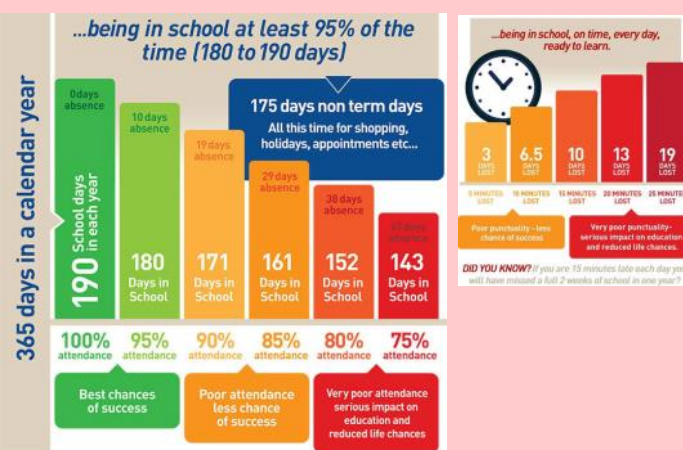
Or call children's services 0300 300 0117

Attendance Matters!

Week Commencing 11th September
Whole School attendance target: **96.5%**

Actual Attendance: 99%

Late marks this week: 1



Reading

Do you enjoy reading? If so, what sort of books do you enjoy? What does your child enjoy reading? Were you an avid reader as a child but not so much now as an adult? Do you read for pleasure or just for information?

We have a big focus on reading at Brighstone. We all recognise the importance of reading with and to children, no matter what their age or reading ability.

Parents who engage their children in books prepare them to become committed and enthusiastic readers: they can transform their attitudes to reading. Their children learn to focus and share the enjoyment of the story; they learn how stories start and finish, and how a plot unravels and is resolved; they learn that books can transport them elsewhere.

Second, book-related talk introduces children to language that they might not hear in ordinary, especially the vocabulary of the book itself. This primes them to understand what they read later, in their leisure reading and across the curriculum.

Research has shown how many words children would have heard by the time they were 5 years old:

Never read to, 4,662 words; 1–2 times per week, 63,570 words; 3–5 times per week, 169,520 words; daily, 296,660 words; and five books a day, 1,483,300 words.

Extensive international research shows that being a frequent reader is associated with a range of academic, social and emotional benefits; children who read more achieve more. Also, for many, reading is a form of relaxation, a place to escape everyday challenges, a source of entertainment. Reading allows readers to adopt new perspectives, develop empathy and become more socially conscious.

We provide lots of opportunities for children to read, listen to, talk about and enjoy books in school, and we welcome your support in encouraging your children to read and talk about books at home. They will be coming home with different books to enjoy, which they can read to you, and you can read to them!

We have resumed our book recommendations for children and adults; if you or your child have any recommendations, please let us know and we will include them in the Buzz!

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact me via the school office.

Thank you,

Mrs Lennon



Golden Book

Bumble Bee	<p>George ~ for listening really well in our RWI lessons</p> <p>Autumn-Blossom ~ for listening really well in our RWI lessons</p> <p>Harvey ~ for listening really well in our RWI lessons</p> <p>Ellis ~ for listening really well in our RWI lessons</p> <p>Bram ~ for wanting to complete challenges in Maths, really trying to focus on his work and keeping calm</p> <p>Skye ~ for starting year 2 with such a super attitude to learning and always being helpful</p> <p>Tristan ~ for asking thoughtful questions when the bee farmer came in.</p> <p>Year 1 and 2 ~ for showing respect to the bee farmer, listening and asking questions.</p>
Honey Bee	<p>Quinn ~ for super work in English and computing where he really considered his device invention. Well done Quinn for showing super school values</p> <p>Freddie K ~ for super behaviour and hard work in maths</p>
Ivy Bee	<p>Grover ~ for fantastic labelling of a bike diagram in computing</p> <p>Fraser ~ for a positive and mature start to Year 6.</p>
Sports Bee	<p>Bram ~ for showing excellent PE skills</p>
Bee-Haviour	<p>Skye ~ for being so responsible and helping out when needed!</p>



Love

Courage

Respect

SEMH

Social, Emotional & Mental Health



MENTAL HEALTH

IS...

- A part of everyone
- Something to look after
- Real and complex
- Really important
- Something you can change

ISN'T...

- A sign of weakness
- All in your head
- Something you can just snap out of
- Always a negative thing
- Something to be ashamed of

FIVE TIPS TO

IMPROVE YOUR MENTAL HEALTH



PHYSICAL

Exercise (think "baby steps!"... even a short walk helps), drink lots of water, see your doctor, eat foods that make you healthier, take time to stretch throughout the day



MINDFUL

Try yoga, meditation, make a list of three things you are grateful for, engage in random acts of kindness, spend time in nature or outdoors when possible



SOCIAL

Try something new and creative, call a friend/family member, send a card/note, organize lunch/dinner over video chat with friends or family



EMOTIONAL

Focus on the present moment, not what might happen; increase positive self-talk—be a cheerleader for yourself or a friend, find activities that relieve stress and tension, journal, try therapy or support group



MENTAL

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Online Safety



**BE SMART
ONLINE** 



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SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



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MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

**THINK
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KNOW**

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ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



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RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



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TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk



BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.





BRIGHSTONE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

SCHOOL BSA MEETING



Monday 18th September

7.30pm in The Hive Classroom

THE FUTURE OF THE BSA IS IN YOUR HANDS

At this meeting we will be discussing how the BSA will operate after our AGM in October. If you hadn't heard, the current trustees are stepping down.

What does this mean for you and your children?

It means that there will be no extra funding for the school, no extra treats for the children, no extra events at school and trip costs will be higher.

You have the opportunity to make a real impact on the school community and build our community spirit.
See you on Monday.

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TESCO

TESCO COMMUNITY GRANTS

Brighstone School Association

We have been successful in applying for a Tesco Community Grant and we need your VOTES

Everytime you shop in FRESHWATER Tesco between the first week of July and end of Sept please put a blue token in our box

Our application is for a new cooker for the Cookery Club. The cookery club teaches the children an essential life skill and inspires them to try new foods.

If your message is **urgent** or about **attendance** contact Mrs Pelosi in the **office**:
01983 740285
office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Office Hours 8am - 4pm

If you would like to speak with the **Headteacher** Mrs Lennon, you can find her at the school gate every morning or you can call 740285 to make an appointment with her



For **general enquiries** you can call or email the office, text the school messaging service or send a message to our school **Facebook** page: <https://www.facebook.com/BrighstoneCEPrimarySchool>
Our Facebook page is open so you do not need a personal account to view it

If you have concerns about your child's **learning** and progress, email the class teacher in the first instance and allow at least 1 working day for a reply:

Years R, 1 & 2 - teacher.bumblebee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Years 3 & 4 - teacher.honeybee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Years 5 & 6 - teacher.ivybee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

If you have concern regarding **safeguarding** or your **child's mental health and wellbeing** please contact Mrs Jones. You can speak to her on the playground every morning, call into the school office or email m.jones@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
safeguarding@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

Our **Newsletter** is published every Friday with key information for parents and carers. You can find it on our school website: <https://www.brighstoneprimary.org.uk/category/the-buzz/>

Contact us



If you have a **safeguarding** concern about a child outside of school hours you can call the police on 999 if you feel they are at risk of immediate harm or contact Children's Services on 0300 300 0117

School Day Timings

From September 2023, the school day is as follows:

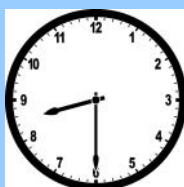
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.



Key dates this year

2023-2024 academic year

- Wednesday 20th September: Y1-Y4 - Marwell Zoo
- Friday 22nd September: Y6 UKSA Test the Water
- Friday 29th September: UKSA Fundraising Day - blue or sea-themed mufti
- Thursday 5th October: Flu vaccinations
- Saturday 7th October: BHS Autumn Show
- Thursday 19th October: Last day of term
- Friday 20th October: School closed for staff development day
- Monday 23rd October - Friday 3rd November: Half term
- Monday 6th November: Back to school
- W/C Monday 13th November: Inter Faith week
- Tuesday 21st November: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 6pm
- Wednesday 22nd November: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 5pm
- Tuesday 19th December: Last day of term
- Wednesday 20th December - Monday 1st January: Christmas holidays
- Tuesday 2nd January: Back to school
- Friday 9th February: Last day of term
- Monday 12th - Friday 16th February: Half term
- Monday 19th February: Back to school
- Tuesday 5th March: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 6pm
- Wednesday 6th March: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 5pm
- Thursday 7th March: World Book Day
- Thursday 28th March: Last day of term
- Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April: Easter holidays
- Monday 15th April: Back to school
- W/C 13th May: Y6 SATs
- Friday 24th May: Last day of term
- Monday 27th - Friday 31st May: Half term
- Monday 3rd June: School closed for staff development day
- Tuesday 4th June: Back to school
- Friday 12th July: Reports go home
- Tuesday 16th July: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 6pm
- Thursday 25th July: Last day of term
- Friday 26th July: School closed for staff development day

Term dates are also available on our school website.

