

The Buzz



6th October 2023



Learning and Achieving Through Love,
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

This week saw our annual **Harvest Festival** take place in the garden of The Rectory, led by Reverend Jackie. Parents, grandparents and carers joined us for this fun celebration. Each class took to the stage (aka the patio) and we saw Harvest-themed riddles, poems and songs, which were fantastic! All the children joined in with rousing home-made versions of Thank You Lord and He's Got the Whole World in His Hands (there seemed to be a bit of a chicken-theme taking place as well...!) and children presented their very generous donations for the Food Bank. Thank you to all who came along to help us celebrate, and for your kind donations.



Our new **EARA** group had their first meeting last week. We welcomed back some members from last year's group, as well as some new members. We explored and reminded ourselves of the meaning of each word in the title (Equality and Rights Advocates) and discussed the Equality Act and human rights. We celebrated all the actions that were achieved last year, and talked about the meaning behind the pictures in the poster. We have our next meeting next week, in which we will start formulating our action plan. If you would like to find out more, our EARA group updates are shared on our school website: <https://www.brighstoneprimary.org.uk/equality/>

KS2 children had a real treat today with a talk from Charles Dickens' great, great grandson, **Ian Dickens**. He gave us a fascinating insight into his early childhood. Many people didn't know that his father and all his family were sent to a debtors' prison and the 8 year old Charles Dickens was sent out to work as a 'blacker' who mixed boot polish. It was these early childhood traumas that shaped his writing and turned him into a world wide success. He was incredibly engaging and spoke passionately about writing and how easy it is to get your ideas down on paper as all it requires is a piece of A4 and a pen! He also encouraged the children to have a read of some of Charles Dickens' novels. Charles had happy memories of holidays on the Isle of Wight and, to celebrate 175 years since his birth, the Year 5s on the Isle of Wight are invited to write a short story (500 words) on any topic. The runners up and winners will have their stories read by another great, great, great grandson and receive a fistful of book tokens to spend. As a bonus, the winner's school will receive the child's height in books for our library. Watch this space!



Reminder

As part of our wider curriculum actions to develop, prepare and empower children to become global citizens, there are opportunities for children to engage in leadership and school community roles. This week, we invited the Y6 children to apply for **Y6 leadership roles**, including the Pupil Leadership Team, Hive Captains, Sports Captains, Sports Crew, Librarians and Buddies. To ensure the process is inclusive, children can apply through writing a letter, preparing a PPT presentation, creating a video or presenting their verbal application in person. I have already received some applications, and I look forward to receiving some more on Monday, which is the deadline.

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 the Harvest and Living Fruitful Lives.

We acted out the story of The Sower and the Seed, and talked about how we nurture plants to allow them to thrive. We then talked about how Jesus wanted his followers to know that for a healthy life they needed to be "rooting" themselves in his teaching. We looked at the words in Psalm 1:

"Happy are those...

Who find joy in obeying the Law of the Lord...

They are like trees that grow beside a stream,

That bear fruit at the right time,

And whose leaves do not dry up."

What do you think the 'fruit' is that the Psalmist is writing about?



Fruits of the spirit prayer

Lord of the Harvest

We welcome your spirit to work in our lives.

Let your word take root so that

Your love may grow up (reach up)

Your joy may spread out (reach out)

And your peace become deeper in us each day (reach down)

Amen

'Always give thanks for everything to God the Father' Ephesians 5.20

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

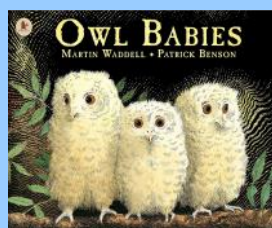


Reading Recommendations

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

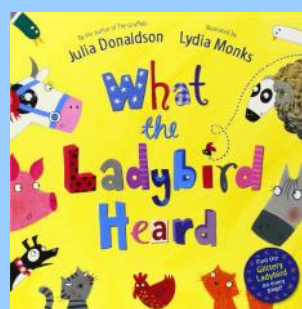
This week, Annie and Bethan recommend:

Annie:



I like it because the owls look cute, and on the last page it says "I love you".

Bethan:



I like it because all the animals trick the thieves.

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!

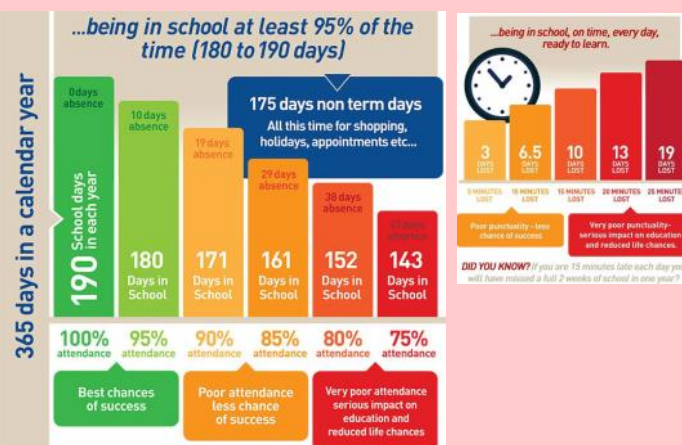


Week Commencing 2nd October
Whole School attendance target:

96.5%

Actual Attendance: 92.2%

Late marks this week: 5



Golden Book

Bumble Bee	Autumn for sharing, taking turns and showing kindness when playing with other children. William for his independent sentences in English.
Honey Bee	Alexander for being so helpful and kind to other children and grown ups this week. Reece for working hard across the board, in Science, Geography and Maths - always giving his all.
Ivy Bee	Thomas - for the continued high standard and enthusiasm he puts in all of his learning. Nico for his independent effort in Maths.
Sports Bee	Skye for some fantastic passing and moving skills when working in pairs and in a team.
Bee-Haviour	Jared for settling back into school so well and trying so hard with his work.



Love

Courage

Respect

SEMH

Social, Emotional & Mental Health



Welcome to Isle of Wight Family Centres

Our Family Centres offer information, advice and support to families on the Isle of Wight with children aged 0-19 years. We recognise being a parent is rewarding but also brings its challenges as every child is unique. To help you understand your child and their needs we offer a range of parenting programmes and services to cover all ages and stages including online courses and workshops.



If you are a Parent or Carer

[Find Out More](#)

Online Safety



TOP TEN TIPS TO



STAY SAFE ONLINE

1

Don't share your personal information



2

Only talk to people that you know



3

Don't meet up with anyone you have only met online



4

Only accept friend requests from people you know personally



5

Always think carefully about what you post



6

Make use of the privacy settings on all of your social media accounts



7

Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are



8

Report inappropriate content immediately



9

Only share images that you'd be comfortable with your friends and family seeing



10

Never share your passwords





Brighstone School Association



AGM

Annual General Meeting

Monday 16th October 7.30 pm @ School


As you will be aware, we need a new team to carry on the fantastic work of the BSA, if you are interested in carrying out a role please put your nomination in writing to our email - brighstoneschoolassoc@gmail.com, or contact us via our Facebook page prior to the meeting. You can also let Katherine know directly.

See separate poster for options on how the future of the BSA could be run with your help.

Can't join us in person? You can Zoom into the meeting.
Meeting ID: 731 7226 7173 Passcode: 46DgRv

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Options for the new committee

<p>Option 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Chair *Vice Chair *Secretary *Treasurer 	<p>Option 2</p> <p>*Chair and Secretary roles split into 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Treasurer 	<p>Option 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Chair *Treasurer *Event leaders/Teams to cover all jobs
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All options need to have a named Chair and Treasurer as Trustees.

The new committee can split the roles up as they see fit and works for them

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General Job Descriptions

Chair

The BSA Chair directs the committee's meetings, making sure everyone's views are heard, and that everyone is involved in the meeting. They should make sure all committee members are familiar with the association's constitution and their role and responsibilities as a committee member (and trustee, if your PTA is registered as a charity). The BSA Chair also holds the casting vote where there is a tied vote. This usually defers the decision to the following meeting, allowing committee members more time to consider and discuss the matter.

Treasurer

The BSA Treasurer ensures accurate financial records are kept, and that best practice procedures are followed for counting money, banking, and making payments. They should keep your committee updated with regular reports, and ensure end-of-year reports are completed for the association's AGM and, if your PTA is registered as a charity, the relevant Charity Commission's annual return.

Secretary

The BSA Secretary supports the BSA committee to build effective communication links between the school and the association. They also maintain accurate records.

Full job descriptions on request
These roles can be adapted and shared out for the new committee.

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Other possible BSA committee roles and responsibilities

There are other informal positions on the committee which can be beneficial to fill in order to spread the work load, here are the most common and roles will be decided by the new committee

- * **Vice Chair**
Some PTAs choose to spread the responsibilities of the Chair between two people, which can be a great way of working around individuals' schedules and prior commitments.
- * **Communications Officer**
To assist the Secretary, this role may take on the responsibilities of emails, newsletters and social media, as well as promoting the PTA more widely.
- * **Events Manager**
From planning, bookings, and licences, to organising volunteer roles on the day, an Events Manager can help ensure your events go smoothly every time.
- * **Raffles/Lotteries Officer**
This role involves liaising with local businesses for raffle prizes, services and sponsorships, and coordinating ticket sales and prize giving.
- * **Preloved uniform coordinator**
Someone to sort through uniform donations and arrange sales.
- * **Grants officer**
Grants can be an incredible source for fundraising, and having a role dedicated to researching and applying for these funding opportunities helps speed up the process.

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Preloved Uniform Sale

Next Sale from

25th September 2023

The sale rail will be up by the school office.
Money will be collected in the donation box.

 Unwanted uniform donations welcome.
Please place in box in office foyer the week before each sale.

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End of Term DISCO

Thursday 19th October

KS1 - 4.30PM - 5.15PM
KS2 - 5.30PM - 6.15PM

Please send money in a named/Year group envelope to the office or pay online @ pta-events/brighstoneschoolassociation

TICKETS £2.50 EACH
FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL

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:

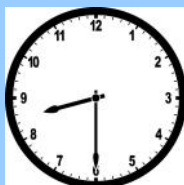
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.



Key dates this year

2023-2024 academic year

- Saturday 7th October: BHS Autumn Show
- Monday 16th October: School photos
- 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.

