

The Buzz



Brighstone C.E.
Primary School

24th November 2023



Learning and Achieving Through Love,
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

Thank you to those who were able to come along to **parents evening** this week. This was a good opportunity to talk about your child's progress and attainment, as well as their next steps. However, as always, if you have any queries at any other points between parents evenings, please do not hesitate to contact the school. You can email your child's class teacher (they will aim to reply within 3 days). However, if it is more urgent, please contact the school office.



You may have heard about the blue post-it notes! As part of our Promoting Positive Behaviour policy, we have high **behaviour expectations**, and children know that low-level behaviour (such as not listening when they should be) isn't acceptable as it doesn't reflect our school values, or ensure that all learning time is effective. We have introduced the use of blue post-it notes as part of our process. If children have already been told or reminded once but they continue, their name is then written on a blue post-it note and given to Mrs Jones as Behaviour Lead. Mrs Jones then has a restorative conversation with them during part of play or lunchtime about any possible reasons for their behaviour, how it might impact on themselves and others, how they could improve it and how we can help them with this. These procedures are in our policy, and the post-it notes act as a visual reminder. We have had positive feedback about it so far, as lessons run much more smoothly and children are much more able to focus on their learning and show our school values. This is all alongside the use of positive praise and other strategies that are already in place.

Yesterday, we held a **whole school pupil conferencing** session, during which subject leaders met with groups of children from Y1-Y6 to talk about their learning in each subject. I met with children to talk about English, and I loved their enthusiasm. However, it is one of my favourite parts of the job when children also share their learning with me 'off the cuff'. This afternoon, Christopher in Y5 came to me to tell me about a story he has written. Well, it's more of a riddle, asking the reader to work out the name of the footballer. It is written in the second person (he is talking to the reader). He read it to me, but, not being a football fan, I couldn't work out the name. I had to call on someone who might - Mr Lennon - who helped me out. The story is on p4. Can you work out who Christopher has written about?!



Year 1 and 2 have been discussing the question "What was life like in Grandma's day?" in their History unit. They've been lucky enough to have visits from Adah the storyteller via Zoom, then Tracy, William's Granny, and Sylvia, Rufus' Grandma, came in to talk to them and share their memories. They've focused on technology and the children have been so surprised to find out that there were only three TV channels 50 years ago, that phones had to be plugged into the wall, and that there really weren't any computers at home.



It was Road Safety Week this week, and Mr Randini came in to present his **Road Safety Magic Show** to the whole school throughout the morning. There was lots of laughter coming from the school hall. Ask your children how they can keep safe near and on roads.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

With very best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team

Collective Worship - Trust

This week, we have been thinking about 'Knowing Jesus is with us in stormy times'.

We all acted out the story of 'Jesus calms the storm', before talking about what it might mean. Jesus asked two questions after he had calmed the storm:

Where was your faith?



Why didn't you trust me?

What do you think he meant by the words 'faith' and 'trust'?

Who do you trust? What do you have faith in?

Why do you think faith and trust are important?

Almighty God,

Be to me a solid rock to stand on,
a strong tower to shelter in,
and a firm anchor to hold me safe in the storms of life.

Amen

"Two people are better than one...

If one person falls, the other can reach out to help. "
Ecclesiastes 4.9-10

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.

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pizza	Turkey chilli	Roast beef	Sausage pasta	Fish fingers
Option 2	Tomato pasta	Macaroni cheese	Cheesy veg crumble	Veggie sausage pasta	Quorn nuggets
Dessert	Apple crumble	Choc biscuit	Marble cake	Carrot cake	Ice cream

Poetry Corner

My Body and Myself

My body and myself
 We are the best of friends.
 Wherever body wants to go
 Myself it that way sends.
 If suddenly I want to run
 My body it speeds up,
 And if my body's thirsty,
 I drink water,
 From a cup.



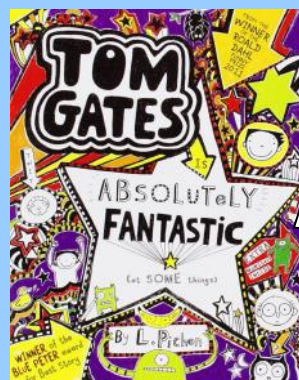
When my body's hungry
 I give it food to eat.
 I always feed my body
 With a healthy, tasty treat.
 You know I think my body is
 A special place to be.
 When I'm good to my body,
 Then my body's good to me.

Mr Peek

Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Christopher recommends:



It's about a boy called Tom Gates. He's a bit naughty. He also has a friend called Derek. He really likes playing a game. He draws scribbles and then makes pictures out of them. I recommend it because it's quite funny and quite enjoyable. It's got lots of pictures in it so you can see what he looks like. It's a mixture of pictures and words so it's really good.

Christopher has also written his own story - see later in this Buzz!

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

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!

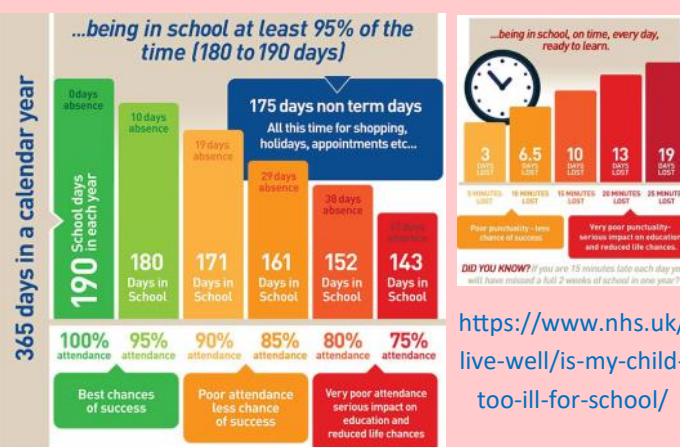
Week Commencing 20th November

Whole School attendance target:

96.5%

Actual Attendance: **93.49%**

Late marks this week: 1



Golden Book

Bumble Bee	Autumn for always being keen to have a go at our independent Maths Activity (courage). Rufus for his love of learning and excellent learning behaviours in our English work about past tense verbs (love).
Honey Bee	Luna & Georgia for fantastic work in English and showing love of learning (love). Helena for using beautiful vocabulary in her English (love). Reece for consistently good behaviour and showing respect to adults around school (respect).
Ivy Bee	Iris for consistent all round effort (love). Max C for positive, confident & engaging participation in class discussions (love and respect).
Bee-Haviour	Harvey for his love of learning and telling Mrs Jones all the sounds he has learned so far (love).
Sports bee	Reuben for always showing the School Games Values and being a great role model at the Basketball tournament (respect). Wilbur for showing the bravery and courage to face up to a challenge at the Basketball tournament (courage).

Winners from 17.11.23



Guess Who

By Christopher in Y5

Hello, today we are going to talk about, oh wait, first of all let us talk about what he or she liked as a kid. He liked football. Here is the name of who he liked. It is, wait, you did not think I was going to tell you that easily, did you? If you did, SHAME ON YOU!

Okay, let's go back to the kid. His name starts with a K and ends with an N. Oh my gosh, you are so lucky I have told you so much. Not many people get that. Do you know why? Well probably you have figured out that I am quite annoying. Wait, let me rephrase that. I am VERY ANNOYING!

Let's go back to this mysterious he or she. The second letter in his name is Y. Let's go back to he liked football as a kid. He liked football as a kid so much that he played hours and hours every day. Okay, I think it is about time I say the second to last letter in his name, and the second to last letter is A. We will move onto his surname in a bit.

Let's go to where he lived as a kid. OK, well I really don't want to tell you this but here we go. He lived in France. Oh, I forgot to tell you that he is the fastest football player and person in the world.

Can you use the clues to work out who this is?



SEMH

Social, Emotional & Mental Health



We have been looking closely at our behaviour expectations this week.

Children know that we have behaviour expectations so that they are able to learn and we are able to keep them safe. They have also been reminded of our golden rules that link with our school values.

Love: Show love to yourself and others through kindness

Courage: Have the courage to be honest and make the right choices and have a go

Respect: Show respect for yourself, others and the world around you

Please discuss our behaviour expectations with your children and see if they are able to tell you our golden rules linked to our school values.

At the moment when children do not meet behaviour expectations, their name is written on a **blue post-it** note and given to Mrs Jones. Those named children will miss some of their break the next day for reflection and a restorative conversation.

Online Safety



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#WakeUpWednesday



Online Safety Tips For Children



Do's



Don'ts

1 KEEP YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION PRIVATE ONLINE

Only share it with people you know like friends and family. Ask a trusted adult, like your teacher or a family member, to help you change your privacy settings so that strangers can't see it.

2 SPEAK POLITELY AND BE KIND TO OTHERS WHEN YOU SPEAK TO THEM ONLINE

Treat them like you would treat them in real life and always remember your manners.

3 TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU ARE BEING BULLIED ONLINE

If other another person is sending you nasty messages, a trusted adult will be able to help you collect evidence and report the person to the relevant authorities.

4 USE PASSWORDS TO PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Ask a trusted adult to help you create a password that you can easily remember but which is hard for other people to guess.

5 ALWAYS CHECK WITH A TRUSTED ADULT FIRST BEFORE USING A DEVICE OR DOWNLOADING A NEW APP

This is so that they can check it is safe for you to use and make sure the privacy settings are right.

6 TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU SEE SOMETHING ONLINE WHICH YOU DON'T LIKE

This can include anything that upsets you, makes you feel sad or which you're unsure about.

7 USE THE INTERNET TO HAVE FUN AND TO HELP YOU FIND OUT INFORMATION ABOUT THINGS

Remember to ask your trusted adult for help and always use child friendly search engines so that the information you get back is safe.

1 ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS OR PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW

Always tell a trusted adult if somebody you don't know tries to contact you online.

2 SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON YOUR DEVICE

Instead, go out and play with your friends, get some fresh air and try to exercise more. This will help you stay fit and healthy.

3 REPLY TO MESSAGES FROM ONLINE BULLIES OR PEOPLE WHO SEND YOU NASTY MESSAGES

The most important thing to do is to tell a trusted adult and then block the person from contacting you.

4 COPY PEOPLE'S WORK ONLINE OR PRETEND IT IS YOURS

This is called plagiarism and can get you into a lot of trouble.

5 BE MEAN OR NASTY ONLINE

Behave online like you would in real life and don't post anything that can make you look like a bad person. Things that you post online can stay there for a very long time.

6 USE YOUR DEVICES CLOSE TO BEDTIME

This will allow your brain to rest so that you can get a good night's sleep, stay focused at school and perform better in class.

7 SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET WITH STRANGERS

Always tell a trusted adult if somebody you don't know asks you for your personal information.





Brighstone School Association

PRELOVED CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

We would love to be able to have a preloved Christmas Jumper sale again this year.

If you have any good quality jumpers that your children have out grown, please donate them to our cause.

The sale rail will be up from 1st December by the office.

Wear your Christmas Jumper to school day will be on 14th December.

Please place clean donations in the collection box in the school foyer.

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Brighstone School Association

Pre-order Christmas Wreaths

£10

Collect at our Event on 15th December

The BSA are taking pre-orders for our homemade Christmas Wreaths

Orders to be placed by Sunday 10th December

If you would like to place an order please email us: brighstoneschoolassoc@gmail.com and drop your money in a named envelope to the office. Alternatively you can pay online at pta-events.co.uk/brighstoneschoolassociation/



Brighstone School Association

Mufti Day

Friday 8th December

In return for wearing your own clothes/sports clothes (if you have PE) please bring in an item that you would like to find in a

Christmas Hamper

Your items will then be made up into hampers for our Christmas Raffle



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Brighstone School Association

Secret Present Room

Monday 4th December

Happening during the school day

We are giving the children an opportunity to purchase small gifts in our Secret present Room

If you would like your child to take part, please complete the form being sent home and return it to school by Wednesday 29th November in a named envelope with the correct money. You can also pay online using the link below.

www.pta-events.co.uk/brighstoneschoolassociation

Each gift will be wrapped ready to go under the tree

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Secret Present Room Return Slip

Childs Name

Childs Class

Presents required:

Adult:

Mother Qty

Grandmother Qty

Father Qty

Grandfather Qty

Other (please state male or female) Qty

Child:

Younger Brother (Under 11) Qty

Older Brother (Over 11) Qty

Younger Sister (Under 11) Qty

Older Sister (Over 11) Qty

Total gifts required:

Money enclosed:

Please note all forms and money to be returned by Wednesday 29th November. Alternativity please log in to our PTA-events page to pay online.

Thank you for Supporting the BSA

Please note that your child's name will be collated on a list by the BSA this is to enable us to bring your child to the Secret Present Room to choose their gifts. This list will be destroyed after the event.



**Brighstone School
Association**

Christmas DISCO & MINI MARKET

Friday 15th December
Market Times 4:30pm - 6:30pm

MARKET INCLUDES:

- Mulled Wine
- Craft Stall
- Reindeer food
- Raffle tickets
- Refreshments
- Homemade Wreaths

DISCO DETAILS:

- KS 1 (including reception)
4.30pm - 5.15pm
- KS2 5.30pm - 6.15pm

Disco Ticket - £2.50

Includes:
Drink/Treat/Christmas Santa Hat

**Please send money in an envelope to the office with your
childs name and year group on or pay online@
pta-events/brighstoneschoolassociation/**

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

The school day is as follows:

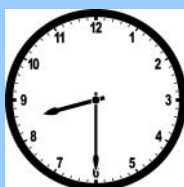
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.



Key dates this year

2023-2024 academic year

- Thursday 7th December: Pantomime in Portsmouth - see letter for more information
- Friday 8th December: Mufti in return for a gift for a hamper (BSA)
- Sunday 10th December: Stars of Wonder concert in St Mary's Church at 7pm
- Tuesday 12th December: Nativity (afternoon)
- Wednesday 13th December: Nativity (evening)
- Thursday 14th December: Christingle service (2pm) and Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 15th December: Christmas Disco and Craft Market (BSA)
- Tuesday 19th December: Last day of term; Christmas Dinner Day; Christmas Mufti
- 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.

