

The Buzz



Brighstone C.E.
Primary School

15th December



Learning and Achieving
Through Love, Courage and
Respect



Dear parents, carers and children,



What a fun-filled week this has been! Lots of you came to see our wonderful children in '**Lights, Camel, Action: It's Strictly, The Nativity!**' this week. They wowed us with their singing, dancing and acting, and we are all very proud of them. I would like to thank Charlie M, Christopher, Jared and Daniel for stepping in at the last minute to take on roles due to illness in the cast. You wouldn't have known that they hadn't had any rehearsals. What professionals they were! Thank you and well done to all the children and to the staff, as well as to you for all your support for the school. Through ticket sales and donations at the end of each performance, we raised an incredible **£548.58**, which will be shared equally between the BSA and St Mary's Church. A huge thank you to you all. (See more photos on our Facebook page.)

Yesterday, we were very lucky that **Bumble Bee class** have saved Christmas! A few days ago, they received a letter from Father Christmas letting them know that Rudolph had escaped from his stable, and is thought to have come to Brighstone. The children have been looking out for him, and leaving carrots around the school to entice him. Yesterday, they went for a walk around the village and, luckily, found him hiding amongst the trees on the Recreation Ground. They sang 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer' to him, and then told him to go back to Father Christmas so he could help to pull the sleigh. Well done to Bumble Bee class for saving Christmas! (See more photos and videos on our Facebook page.)



In the afternoon, we all went to the church to take part in a **Christingle Service**. We sang carols, listened to a reading about the meaning of the Christingles, and then stood in a circle to light our own Christingles that the children had made that morning. Standing in the dark church, surrounded by candlelight with the Christmas tree twinkling behind us, was a magical moment. Thank you to Rev Jackie for leading the service, and to parents and grandparents who also came along. (See more photos on our Facebook page.)

I always say to the children when they go on trips that I love receiving an email about their **positive behaviour** from a member of the public or the staff from the organisation that we are visiting, so I was delighted to receive exactly that this week! A member of the public was travelling on the same Fastcat as us on the way back from Portsmouth, and they emailed to congratulate the children on their exemplary behaviour and our staff on their superb organisation. Well done to all!



Yesterday, **Year 1 and 2 Bumble Bees** finished their History topic "What was life like in Grandma's day?", by presenting a Museum of Memories. They have focused on technology in the 1970s and 1980s, looking at how TV, computers, telephones and home technology to play music and clean the house, have changed. Thank you to their visiting 'Grandmas' - Sylvia, Tracy, Adah, Mrs Boyd and especially (not a grandma!) Mr Worrall, who loaned us some of his artefacts. The children answered some tricky questions from the museum guests, including how things were different back then, and which things they prefer. I visited the museum, and I was very impressed with the level of knowledge and enthusiasm that the children had. Well done!

We are delighted to have appointed two of our Year 6 children as **Pupil Safeguarding Leads**. Max C is our Pupil Safeguarding Lead (PSL) with Max B being his deputy (DPSL). They will help our school Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Mrs Jones, capture the pupil voice when it comes to safeguarding at Brighstone Primary School.



I hope you have a wonderful weekend, and if I don't see you, a fantastic Christmas and New Year. With best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team



Collective Worship

This week, we have been thinking about 'Christingle'.

The children made their own Christingles, and we learnt what each part represents. Ask your children if they can tell you about it.



Lord Jesus,
Light of the world,
As I hold this Christingle
And think about your great love for me,
Help me to take this light out into the world,
And to share your love with others,
Especially those who need it most.
Amen

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

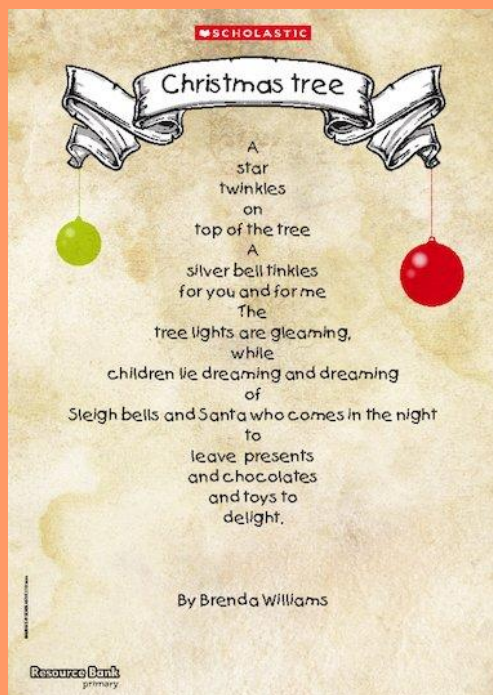
School Dinners

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 3	Monday	Tuesday
Option 1	Pizza	Christmas Dinner
Option 2	Tomato pasta	
Dessert	Apple bake	

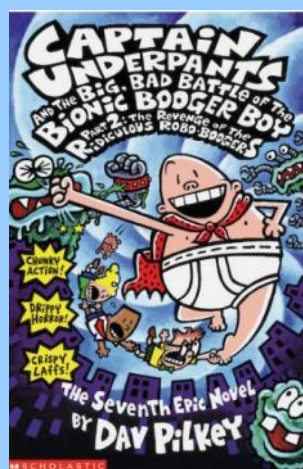
Poetry Corner



Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Bram recommends:



I recommend this book because it's really good. I found it one day in a library and then I really liked reading it. It was really funny and there was time-travelling and I am writing about time-travelling in the books that I write. One day, a couple of days ago, I bought it as a Christmas present for myself. I think other children should read it (but not adults!).

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](#)

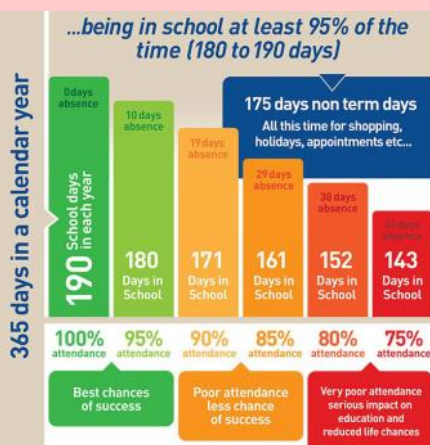
Or call children's services 0300 300 0117

Attendance Matters!

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

Actual Attendance: **93.81%**

Late marks this week: 11



<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Golden Book

Bumble Bee	Jacob for being brave and finding the confidence to do new things, and to talk about how he feels. Bram for using super vocabulary in his writing in RE and explaining what it meant to the class. Bethan for always taking a conscientious attitude to her learning and trying hard. Evan for working hard on becoming more independent, especially when writing sentences in English.
Honey Bee	Charlie for love of learning recently and for stepping in as Joseph in the Nativity. Daniel for a positive can do attitude at school, for being so polite to other adults, and for stepping in as a Floor Manager in our nativity.
Ivy Bee	Toby B for showing exemplary behaviour on our pantomime trip. Anna for submitting a very frightening story into the 500 words competition. Jared for showing exemplary behaviour on our pantomime trip, and for stepping in as a Floor Manager in our nativity. Christopher for stepping in as the donkey in our nativity.
Bee-Haviour	Poppy J for showing courage and stepping out of her comfort zone to be in this year's nativity.
Sports bee	Oskar for demonstrating the school games values in PE to be an important team player in matches. Autumn for creating some inventive games during PE.





Sending our best wishes to all of
our school community.
We hope you have a
restful break.

Online Safety

The 12 Online Safety Tips of Christmas

FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

Christmas is almost upon us once again, and soon some lucky children will be excitedly tearing the wrapping off a new mobile phone, tablet or games console. For some of them, it will be the first time they've owned a device that connects them to the online world. Even for older children, a new device means new corners of the digital landscape to explore – and, unfortunately, new risks to be aware of.

We've put together our top tips so that you can guide your young ones in enjoying their new digital gifts safely and responsibly throughout the year to come. Merry Christmas!



1. ALWAYS SET A PASSWORD

If your child's new device has a password protection feature, use it! It'll help to keep their private information safe and will deny others access to their device without permission. Your children's passwords should be something memorable to them – but something which other people can't guess (it's also a good idea for parents to write it down in case it gets forgotten!).

2. SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'

This really is an essential when your child gets a new device, so they're protected from the outset. Most phones, tablets and consoles allow you to customise their settings to determine which games your child can play, how they can communicate (and who with), what content they can access and so on. It will give you peace of mind that they can't inadvertently do something they shouldn't.

3. PAY ATTENTION TO AGE RATINGS

One of the first things children want to do with any new device is play games and explore apps. Before they download anything or install a new console game, check its age rating. Many popular games and apps have content that's not suitable for younger ages. The safest long-term solution is to adjust the device's settings so they can only download and use games and apps appropriate for their age.

4. KEEP NUMBERS AND DEVICES PRIVATE

Make sure your child understands that they should never share their phone number with someone they don't know or accept a friend request from them. They should also appreciate that it's a good idea to mainly keep their device out of sight, never lend it to a stranger, and never put it down somewhere that other people could steal it or take it to use without asking.

5. HAVE 'THE MONEY CONVERSATION'

Before your children start using their new device in earnest, talk to them about in-app purchases and other ways that money might be spent through their device. Once they understand, you might want to agree on a spending limit and reassure them that they can come to you if they're uncertain, or if they have made a purchase by accident.

6. DISCOURAGE DEVICE DEPENDENCY

Of course, children who've just got a new device will naturally want to spend as much time on it as possible. But whether they're zapping bad guys, watching videos or connecting with friends, it's easy for them to get attached very quickly. Gently remind them that having family time, going outdoors and getting some exercise are still fun, too. And the device will be there when they get back.

7. EXPLAIN SECURE WIFI NETWORKS

Your home WiFi is protected by a password that only your family knows, whereas public networks (like those found in coffee shops, for example) can be accessed by anyone. It's important that your child grasps this difference because, if they're using a portable device on an unsecured network, then a hacker could access their personal information without them even knowing.

8. LIMIT SCREEN TIME

Using a device for too long, especially just before bed, can interfere with a child's sleep quality and reduce their concentration and overall enthusiasm. It might be helpful to agree on certain times of day when they don't use their device. Most devices' settings let you specify a screen-time limit, helping your child to stay fresh and focused in order to perform well at school.

9. ONLY PAIR WITH KNOWN BLUETOOTH DEVICES

Your child may want to connect to another device via Bluetooth, so they can listen to music wirelessly or share pictures and videos with nearby friends. But if they use Bluetooth to link with a device that they don't know, they're at risk of a stranger being able to see their personal information or having someone transmit a virus onto their device.

10. TURN LOCATION SETTINGS OFF

It's safest to disable the device's location services (if it's a portable device) so your child doesn't inadvertently make other people aware of where they are. You can usually do this via the device's privacy control settings. Turning location settings off not only means your child's whereabouts can't be tracked by others, it also significantly extends battery life.

11. STAY AWARE OF THE SURROUNDINGS

It's quite common to see adults not looking where they're going while engrossed in their phone. Children are even more easily distracted. In some cases, children have been hit by cars or cyclists because they were staring at their device and lost track of where they were. Remind your child that screens and walking don't mix. If they need to use their device, they should stop in a safe place first.

12. BE THERE IF THEY NEED TO TALK

Even when you've made a device as secure as you can, there's still a possibility of your child seeing something that bothers them, or someone they don't know attempting to contact them. If this happens, listen to their concerns, empathise and reassure them. Once they've explained what happened, you can decide if you should take further action like blocking or reporting another user.



National Online Safety®

#WakeUpWednesday





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.

Made with PosterMyWall.com



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**

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:

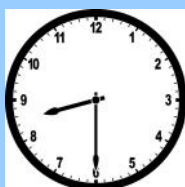
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.



Key dates this year

2023-2024 academic year

- Friday 15th December: Christmas Disco and Craft Market (BSA)
- Saturday 16th December: School choir performing at IOW Pearl (11.30am)
- 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
- Monday 29th April - Wednesday 1st May: Y4 residential at Tile Barn
- 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
- Wednesday 18th - Friday 21st June: Y6 residential in London
- 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.

