

The Buzz

19th April 2024



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

Welcome to the summer term! I hope you all had a lovely Easter with friends and family. We have a jam-packed term ahead of us; please see later in this Buzz for dates coming up.

This week saw Bethan, Charlie, Violet and Skye represent our school at the **Inter-School Dressage Competition**. "Bethan and Charlie riding pony Echo, and Skye and Violet riding pony Yasmin, all did brilliant dressage tests and achieved very good scores and comments from the judges. Overall, Charlie got the highest score of the team getting individual 3rd place and Bethan got individual 4th place, out of circa 23 other riders also competing in their section. The scores were very close and Skye and Violet narrowly missed out on placings but also achieved good scores and feedback from the judges. The overall team result was judged across all sections which consisted of circa 50 riders, and so they missed out of the placings for the team results but this didn't dampen their enthusiasm and they all showed great team spirit. Overall, the children were brilliant and had a great day out representing the school." Well done to all, and thank you to the parents for taking the time to support the children, and for writing the report.



This week in **Honey Bee class**, they have started learning about their new book - Fox and the Deep Sea Quest. They made predictions about who the main character is and whether they thought it was an actual fox or a boy or girl named Fox. They drew what they thought the front cover might have looked like before having the front cover revealed to them! In Geography, they have started to look at different settlement types including different villages, towns and cities. They looked at whether they were linear, dispersed or nucleated and weighed up the pros and cons of living in all three.

Following the success of last year's **Science Day**, Mrs Denness is organising another one this year, on Monday 22nd July. Please see the poster later in this Buzz for more information. We would love as many people as possible to be involved.

A huge congratulations to **Mr and Mrs Rosanna and George Hatt** who got married over Easter. What a fabulous day they had!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

With very best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team



Collective Worship - Service

This week, we have been thinking about how we can use our talents to serve others.

We discussed that we all have talents that we can use to serve others or brighten up their lives. We put a 'Talent Tub' on the reflection table in the main corridor, and children have been writing statements showing how they can use their talents to help other people. Some examples include:

I can dance for charity because I am good at dancing.

I am good at writing so I can help others read with my books.

I am great at bellringing so I can teach people.



Children have also been spotting people who have been serving others. When they see someone helping someone else, they put a bead in the jar. So far, they have seen people holding doors for others, helping others build models, helping them put their jumpers on, and more!



Father God,

Thank you for the many different skills, gifts and qualities you have given us.

Help us to serve others with willing hands, With generous hearts,

And with kind words.

Use our eyes and ears to notice how others serve us

And remind us to show our gratitude and thanks To our teachers and LSAs, our parents and our friends.

In serving others in love, may we also serve you. Amen



"Serve one another in love."

Galatians 5.13



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	Beef Bolognese	Roast Pork	Chicken Curry	Breaded Chicken
Option 2	Veggie Bolognese	Veggie Burrito	Quorn Roast	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Fingers
Dessert	Cookie	Cake	Jelly	Choc Shortbread	Cake

Poetry Corner

Service is...

Spending time on others

Enjoying giving help

Responsibility in action

Volunteering willingly

I second, you first

Committing to a task

Everyone offering their talents and gifts.

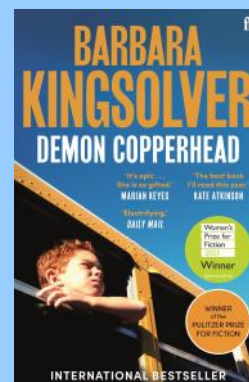


Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Mrs Boyd recommends:

I recommend this book because it is engaging and clever, with a very resilient main character. It is a reimagining of Dicken's David Copperfield, set in the mountains of Southern Appalachia. Once I got into it, I couldn't put it down!



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

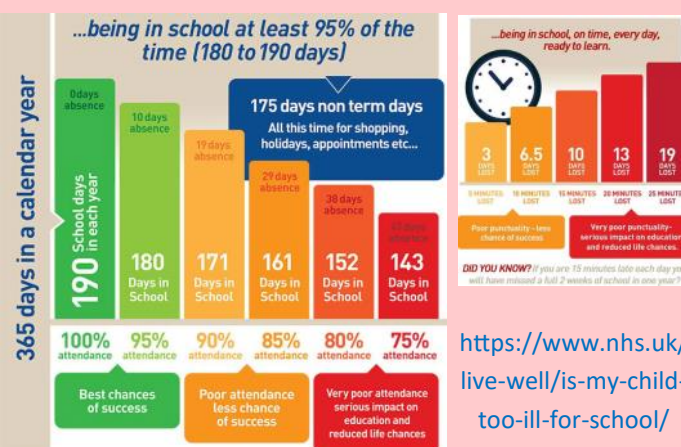
Or call children's services 0300 300 0117

Attendance Matters!

Week Commencing 15th April
Whole School attendance target: **96.5%**

Actual Attendance: 92.26%

Late marks this week: 6



Golden Book

External Awards



Talking about Preparing for School Webinar for parents / carers

24th April 2024

7pm-8.30pm

FREE

Via
Zoom



ERIC UK are hosting a FREE 'Talking about preparing for school' webinar for parents/carers on 24th April, 7pm-8.30pm via Zoom

Our Family Services Team is hosting a webinar to support children to be ready for school.

They will guide you through top tips to help your child get ready for school, including how to spot and treat constipation and the importance of doing this before your child starts school; implementing a toileting routine; what to do if your child holds their wee or poo in (withholding), and how to manage if your child isn't toilet trained yet.

One of their expert advisors, Sam, will talk about her own experience of supporting her child when he started school, to ensure his toileting needs were met.

Please pass the information on to any family or friends who have little ones starting school in September.

Book [HERE](#)

Online Safety

HOW TO MINIMIZE YOUR SCREEN TIME

++++ According to Health Experts +++++



1

Set a screen time maximum per day (4-6 hrs max where possible with work schedule).

2



Plan screen free activities a few times a week (even if they are in the house, such as game night).

3



Take media breaks for 1-2 days a week outside of work related hours to reconnect with human contact and relationships.

4



Turn down the brightness of screens or stop screen use to improve readiness for sleep 1-2 hours before bedtime.

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Use blue light protective glasses while using screens.

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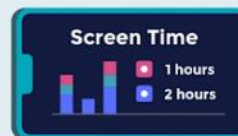
Remove notifications.

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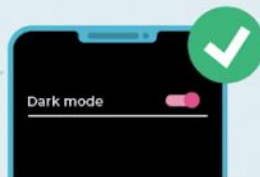
Always ask 'why?' when you're about to pick up your phone.

8



Set app limits: screen time feature on iPhone, Google Android – Digital Wellbeing.

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Use the dark or grey mode settings to limit blue light.

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Seek professional help if you feel it is a serious problem impacting on your mental health and physical health.



Brighstone School Association

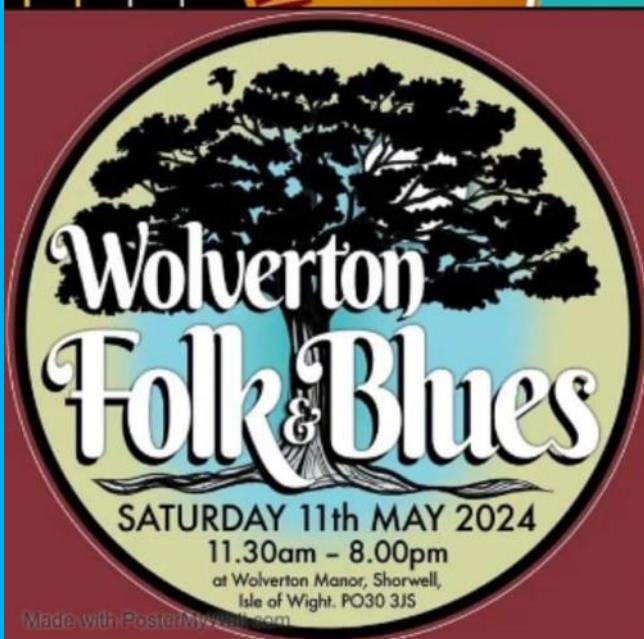
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



SIGN UP FORM IS
IN THE OFFICE

COME AND JOIN IN
THE FUN TO HELP
US RUN THE TEA
TENT AND
CHILDRENS CRAFTS

CAN YOU HELP
FOR AN HOUR
OR LONGER?



PLEASE
SUPPORT US BY
PUTTING YOUR
NAME ON THE
LIST



*Brightstone
CE
Primary
Presents...*

SCIENCE DAY 2024

MONDAY
22ND
JULY

After the spectacular success of our Science Day last year, parents, grandparents and friends are invited to come and speak about what they do, and how science is involved, with one of our classes.

Last year we welcomed: vets; a fishmonger; an aerospace engineer; a water drainage expert; a wind turbine designer; a food technologist and enjoyed a visiting natural history museum.

ALL contributions are welcome thankyou - even if you participated last year. We'd love to host you in a different class.

Please contact Mrs Denness via the school office.

Respect Charter

at Brighstone C.E. Aided Primary School

At Brighstone C.E. Aided Primary School, we believe staff, parents and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to learn and work. We strive to ensure that our school offers a warm and nurturing environment. All members of the school community and visitors should demonstrate mutual respect, to feel safe, work together and to use restorative approaches as the foundation of our practice. Any behaviour that may lead to feelings of harassment, alarm or distress to members of our community, will not be tolerated and action taken.

Expectations

- That all adults set a good example to children at all times, showing them how to get along with all members of the school and the wider community.
- That no one - staff, governors, parents, carers, volunteers or children - be subjected to abusive behaviour or any form of threats from visitors on the school premises.
- That physical attacks and threatening behaviour, abusive or insulting language, verbal or written (including on social media), to staff, governors, parents, carers, volunteers, children and other users of the school premises will not be tolerated and may lead to a ban from school premises and/or police action.

Types of behaviour that are considered serious and unacceptable

This is not an exhaustive list but seeks to provide illustrations of such behaviour:

- Shouting, either in person or over the telephone
- Speaking in an aggressive/threatening tone
- Physically intimidating; e.g. standing very close
- The use of aggressive hand gestures/exaggerated movements
- Physical threats
- Shaking or holding a fist towards another person
- Swearing and name calling
- Pushing
- Slapping, punching, hitting or kicking
- Racist, homophobic or other hateful behaviour
- Sexist comments or sexual innuendo
- Disrespecting religion or belief
- Inappropriate communications (posting on Social Networking sites, emails or letters, etc.) which could bring the school into disrepute or be deemed as bullying, harassment and/or a hate-related comment

The school reserves the right to take any necessary actions to ensure that members of the school community are not subjected to any form of abuse in line with policy and procedure. If you choose to engage in these behaviours you may be asked to leave the site or the police may be called.

Thank you for your understanding and support

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

Please be reminded that all children need to wear the correct PE kit on PE days.
The correct PE kit is also needed for sports clubs.
Socks and hair accessories must be in the school colours.

School Day Timings

The school day is as follows:

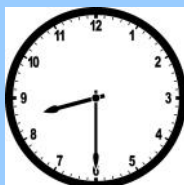
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.



Key dates this year

2023-2024 academic year

- Wednesday 17th April: Y4 residential parents information meeting at 3pm
- Wednesday 24th April: Y6 SATs parents information evening
- Monday 29th April - Wednesday 1st May: Y4 residential at Tile Barn
- Saturday 11th May: Wolverton Folk and Blues Festival (helpers needed!)
- Sunday 12th May: Walk the Wight
- W/C 13th May: Y6 SATs
- Friday 24th May: Last day of term
- Monday 27th - Friday 31st May: Half term
- Sunday 2nd June: Northcourt Manor Open Gardens (helpers needed!)
- Monday 3rd June: School closed for staff development day
- Tuesday 4th June: Back to school
- Saturday 15th June: Shorwell Midsummer Fair
- Wednesday 18th - Friday 21st June: Y6 residential in London
- Friday 5th July: Sports Day
- Tuesday 9th July: Transition Day
- Friday 12th July: Y6 Leavers' Service at Portsmouth Cathedral
- Friday 12th July: Reports go home
- Tuesday 16th July: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 6pm
- Friday 19th July: Sports Day (back-up day)
- Friday 19th July: Summer Sizzler
- Monday 22nd July: Science Day
- Wednesday 24th July: Forest Day
- Thursday 25th July: Last day of term; Y6 Leavers' Service in St Mary's Church
- Friday 26th July: School closed for staff development day

Term dates are also available on our school website.

