

# The Buzz

## 26th April 2024



Learning and Achieving Through  
Love, Courage and Respect



Dear parents, carers and children,



We welcomed Ella from the IOW Council to lead a fantastic workshop in each class about **waste and recycling**. She talked to Honey Bees and Ivy Bees about our household waste and how we should be careful when putting things in different bins because of the effect that that can have on the environment. They discussed the ways that we can all help to reduce household waste and even decorated an initial of their names, made out of cardboard and recycled materials. Bumblebee class also had a great session with Ella, learning about which items belong in which dustbin. Annie enjoyed dressing in the protective clothing and then the children used different scraps of re-used materials, to create their own initial letter. See Facebook for more photos.



In other subjects, **Honey Bee class** have been practising with imaginative and illustrative vocabulary when describing the underwater sea life in their book, Fox and the Deep Sea Quest. The children have come up with some fantastic sentences which we look forward to seeing in their end pieces.

After reading different versions of Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs, **Y1/2 Bumblebees** have been gathering evidence and writing their persuasive speeches in preparation for the wolf's court case on Tuesday. Is the wolf guilty or not guilty of eating grandma and the three little pigs? How much can they persuade the judge with their impassioned speeches and persuasive vocabulary?! Watch this space...

In DT this week, **Ivy Bee children** have been finding out how strong (or not!) beam bridge structures are, then thinking about and trying ways of making them stronger (folding to strengthen proved quite useful). Over the next few weeks, they will be finding out about and making structures that are much stronger and versatile.



Today, our wonderful **show jumping team** did our school proud. Skye and pony Yasmin put in the speediest round of the day, which resulted in her achieving an individual 1st place out of 25 riders. Bethan and Echo were next, coming away with an individual 2nd place, and Violet secured individual 3rd place. With the girls gaining the top 3 placings individually, this resulted in Brighstone School winning 1st place overall in the team placings! Fantastic! See Facebook for more photos.

### A few reminders

If your child would like to take part in **Schools' Walk the Wight**, please do sign up: <https://www.mountbatten.org.uk/swtw>

There will be another **Messy Church** session held at the Methodist Church on Thursday 2nd May. Please see the email.

Next week, you will receive an email and survey about **school place planning** (the potential closure of some schools). Please do fill it in and ensure your views are heard.

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 'receiving as well as giving'.

We watched an animation of the story of Elijah and the Widow. Even though the widow only had enough flour and oil to make one last loaf of bread for her and her son, she still shared it with a stranger called Elijah, who, unbeknownst to her, was one of God's prophets. She served by sharing all she had, and was rewarded in an amazing way. Serving helps the one who serves in some surprising ways.

How can we serve others? How will it help both them and us?



How can we accept help from others?

Children have also been spotting people who have been serving others. When they see someone serving someone else, they write it down and put it in the jar on the prayer table. If they have served someone else, they write it down and put it in the jug. Well done, everyone!

### Serving With Joy Prayer

Father God,  
Give us willing hearts to serve others with joy  
And bring them help and comfort.  
Give us humility to accept help and service from others  
With thankfulness and grace.  
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 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pizza	Sausages	Roast Chicken	Chicken Pasta Bake	Fish Fingers
Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Veggie Sausages	Ch & Onion Pasty	Veggie Balls	Quorn Dippers
Dessert	Brownie/Fruit	Jelly	Cake	Cookie	Ice Cream

### Poetry Corner

#### Catch a Rainbow

If I could catch a rainbow

I'd hang it round your shoulders.

A rainbow scarf.

Its pot of gold

next to the beat of your heart.

If I could catch a rainbow

I'd make

Rainbow puddles

For you to splash colour

Wherever your steps may take you.

If I could catch a rainbow

I'd turn it upside down.

A rainbow rocking bed

To let you float to a land of bliss,

Drift safe on dozing dreams.

If I could catch a rainbow.

Brian Whittingham

### Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Mrs Jones recommends:

The Couple on Cedar Close by Anna-Lou Weatherly. I am really enjoying this series of psychological thrillers. They keep me guessing all the way through with some great twists and turns along the way.



### 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](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

**0808 800 5000**

**Find out more**

Or call children's services 0300 300 0117

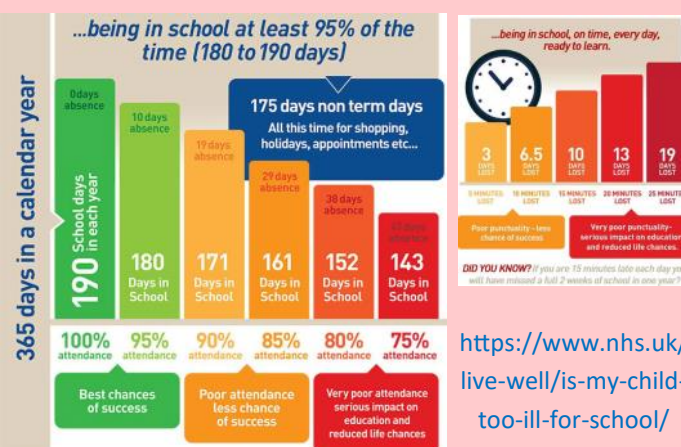
#### **Attendance Matters!**

Week Commencing 22nd April

Whole School attendance target: **96.5%**

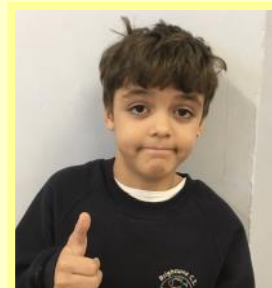
Actual Attendance: 94.09%

Late marks this week: 3



# Golden Book

Bumble Bee	<b>George</b> for confident sounding out to write words. <b>Forbes</b> for listening and joining in well with our lesson about recycling with Ella. <b>Theodore</b> for his love of learning in Maths, becoming much more confident in coin names and their value, and even adding them up!
Honey Bee	<b>Alyssa</b> for fantastic writing about Fox and the deep sea quest. <b>Flo</b> for a beautiful diary entry from Fox's perspective.
Ivy Bee	<b>Christopher</b> for love his of learning with a fantastic explanation about why we have day and night, correctly spelled and beautifully presented. <b>Grover</b> for the excellent improvement in his reading test scores. <b>Charlie</b> for the effort, imagination and creativity he is putting into his descriptive writing.



## GENTLE REMINDERS



YOU DESERVE  
TO BE HEARD



YOUR OPINIONS  
MATTER



YOUR FEELINGS  
ARE VALID



YOUR BEST  
IS ENOUGH



IT'S OK TO  
REST & PAUSE



IT'S OK TO GROW  
AT YOUR OWN PACE



IT'S OK TO HAVE  
MOMENTS OF  
DOUBT



YOUR MISTAKES  
DON'T DEFINE  
YOU



HOW YOU SPEAK  
TO YOURSELF  
MATTERS



# Online Safety

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

#### SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

#### DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Lately, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

#### FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outshine any suspicions they may have.

#### SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

#### MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

### BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

### CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

### KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.





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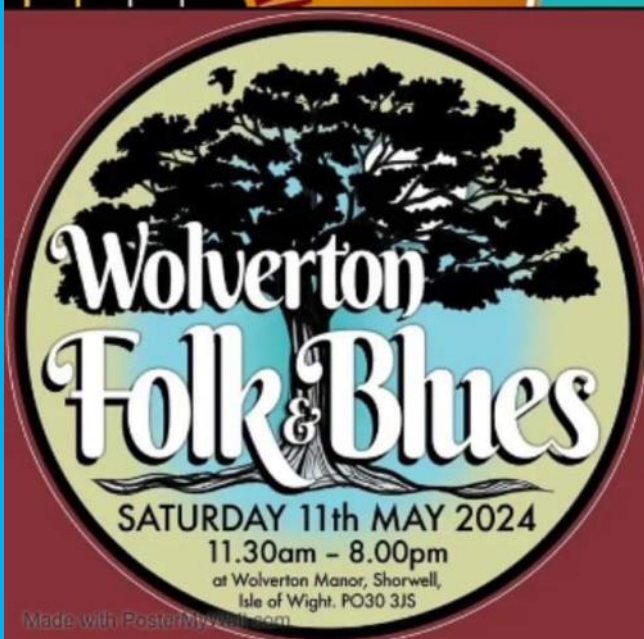
# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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?





**Brighstone School Association**

# MUFTI DAY

**Friday 10th May 2024**

In return of wearing your own clothes please can you bring in a cake for us to sell at Wolverton

**Ideally we would love homemade if you have time**

## **Some ideas**

**Cupcakes/biscuits, Traybakes/Flapjacks**

**Chocolate, Classics eg lemon drizzle, vic sponge, coffee and walnut, fruit etc**

Any cake goes, don't feel you have to stick to the list, they are just ideas, please bring in what you can.

Thank you for your support.

We will post up some recipes from our cookbook on our facebook page for ideas too.

**Gluten free and vegan cakes very welcome**



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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 thank you- 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:

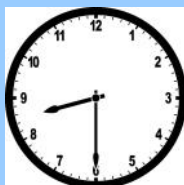
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.





## Key dates this year

### 2023-2024 academic year

- 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.

