

The Buzz

6th September 2024



Brighstone C.E.
Primary School



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,



Welcome back to the new school year! It was a delight to see everyone's smiling faces on Wednesday morning, and all the children have settled back really well. I would like to say a warm welcome to all of our new Reception children as well as our new children who have started in KS2. Please see p3 of this Buzz for some **reminders** about uniform and snacks etc...

Despite the rain over the last couple of days, we haven't let it dampen our spirits. In fact, we were out in the drizzle at lunchtime today, ensuring they got some fresh air, and so many children were dancing to the music as part of our Funky Friday fun! Mrs Jones and I had a discussion with them this morning about **behaviour reminders, learning behaviours and safeguarding**, and the behaviour around the school has been excellent. **Reception Bumble Bees** have been busy exploring the classroom with all the different learning areas, and many have been very creative with their paintings and dough (I enjoyed some very tasty biscuits at the dough table!). **Y1/2 Bumble Bees** have been listening to the story of Elmer, and seeing which common exception words they can read and spell. As well as their usual lessons, children in **Honey Bee class** have been busy seeing which spellings they have remembered, and practising their handwriting. **Ivy Bees** have had a fantastic start to the new year, and they have shown excellent learning behaviours, and Mrs Sharp and Mrs Denness have been so pleased with the kindness and courtesy in the classroom. They've already begun fantastic pastel drawings in the style of Peter Thorpe, and tackled a few tricky fractions questions to get their brains working. 10/10 of tidiness in the classroom and very sensible behaviour.



You will have been aware, over the past few months, of the **school place planning** issue, and the Local Authority's need to close a number of schools due to surplus places and fewer pupils across the island (and nationally). Whilst we acknowledge that something has to be done, it has been a very stressful time for the island, and will continue to be so for the next year. However, we are very relieved to find out that our school has not been named for potential closure, and that it has been proposed that we create a 12-place Resourced Provision for children with speech, language and communication needs and/or Autism on our site, the first of its kind in the West Wight. This is very welcome news and you can find out more by accessing the following documentation on the IOW council website: <https://iow.moderngov.co.uk/ielListDocuments.aspx?CId=145&MId=1884&Ver=4> Thank you to all of our parents and members of the community who have been supporting us over the previous few months by sharing their views with the Local Authority. Following the cabinet meeting on Thursday 12th September where the plans will be discussed, there will be the opportunity to engage in the consultation that will run from 20th September until 1st November 2024. Again, we are very relieved that we can continue to be here for our local community and the surrounding areas for many more years, but we are also mindful of the difficulties and upset that the communities of the named schools must be going through.

Today, you will have received a letter about the upcoming **parents evening**, which is earlier in the term this year. This will give teachers and parents the opportunity to talk about how their children have settled in and how we can work together to support them throughout the year.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team



Collective Worship

This week's focus was 'Welcome Back: The Same, but Different'.

We looked at two Spot the Difference pictures and noticed so many differences! We then talked about what is the same and different in school. Some of the suggestions included: same teachers (but no Mrs Johnstone this year); new outside area for Y1/2; same classes but different year groups; new children; and new display in the hall.

We talked about how they might feel about changes. Do they feel happy or excited, or a little bit nervous? Which changes are they looking forward to? Which changes caught them by surprise?

We discussed how often we like things that stay the same, because they feel familiar and comfortable. However, change is important. If everything always stayed the same, life would be very boring!

We then heard the Bible story of the fishermen, and how they became Jesus' disciples, which was a big change for them.



Dear God,

Thank you for brand new starts and for this new school year.

Please help us to make the most of every new opportunity so that we grow and develop well.

Amen



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 **£3.20** per day.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pizza	Beef Burger	BBQ Chicken	Turkey Lasagne	Fish Fingers
Option 2	BBQ Quorn Fillet	Vegetarian Burger	Cheese Ploughman's	Veggie Chilli	Quorn Dippers
Dessert	Crispy Bar/Fruit	Jelly	Cake	Ice Cream	Flapjack

Poetry Corner

Back to School

Welcome back!
School has begun.
Time for work.
Time for fun.
Smile brightly,
On your way.
School has started,
Just today!

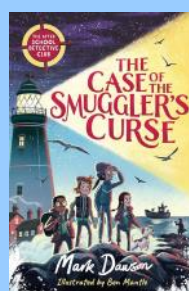


Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Sammy recommends:

I recommend this book because it's a very good book with lots of excitement. It's a very good detective book and I think that all the children in the end were rightfully classed as heroes.



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

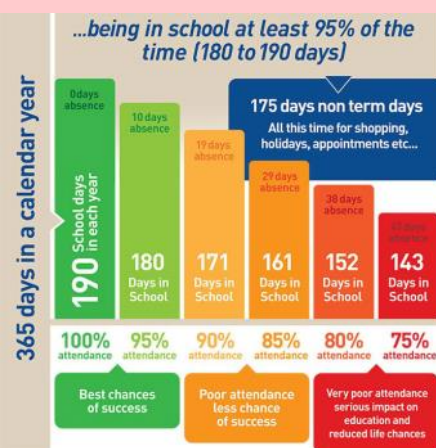
Attendance Matters!

Week Commencing 4th September 2024

Whole School attendance target: **96.5%**

Actual Attendance: 98.72

Late marks this week: 4



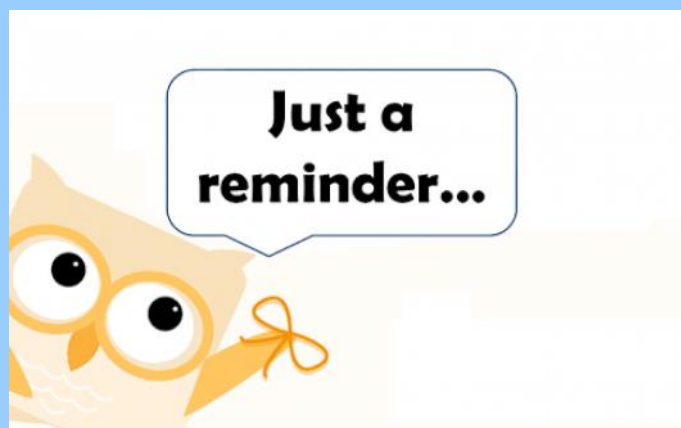
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Reminders

What a wonderful first few days back. All has gone well and children look so smart in their new uniforms. We just have a few little reminders:

- All hair accessories, socks, shoes and trainers must be in the school colours: navy blue, grey, black or white (no novelty socks)
- All long hair must be tied back (pony tail, bun, plaits etc...) to avoid the spreading of headlice
- No jewellery to be worn other than stud earrings, which must be removed or taped over on PE days
- Gates open at 8.25am and are locked at 8.30am, and in the afternoon, gates are opened at 2.55pm and locked at 3.10pm
- As teachers are busy welcoming and supervising children first thing in the morning, please could any messages be given to Mrs Pelosi in the office, who will then pass them on to the teacher
- Only water is allowed in drinks bottles, and snacks must be fruit only
- Please ensure you have returned the start of the school year paperwork to the office

Thank you!





Reading



As a school, we actively encourage reading at home for practise, enjoyment and education. To quote JK Rowling "If you don't like reading you just haven't found the right book yet".

The importance of your child reading for pleasure, or of listening to a book being read to them, cannot be underestimated:

- Supported cognitive development.**
- Improved language skills.**
- Preparation for academic success (and future success in the workplace).**
- Developing a special bond with your child.**
- Increased concentration and discipline.**
- Improved imagination and creativity.**
- Cultivating a lifelong love of reading.**

We are happy for children to read or listen to books from home as well as ones from school. Encouraging children to step out of their reading comfort zone can be a challenge and, whilst we encourage children to read Roald Dahl / David Walliams / Diary of a Wimpy Kid etc, reading nothing but these can place a ceiling on expanding children's interests, vocabulary and comprehension.

If you would like some inspiration on what your child could be reading (or listen to when sharing a book with a family member or friend), then the links below provide a good range of modern and classic stories over a wide range of genres.

Remember also that reading does not have to be expensive; our local libraries will stock many of the titles and there are reputable used books websites that sell good quality copies at a fraction of the new price (see below).

If you need any further persuasion on the importance of regular reading, then take a moment to take in the following:

Research conducted by the National Literacy Trust found that almost 1 in 5 young children between ages five and eight do not have their own book at home. It has also been noted that children who read at home are not only six times more likely to then be able to read above their expected level, but that reading is also linked to lots of great benefits, such as more complex vocabulary, greater emotional depth and further successes.

Visit the links below for ideas for books to read for different ages of primary school children.

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-primary-school-pupils/>

<https://www.wob.com/en-gb>

<https://www.abebooks.co.uk/UsedBooks.shtml>

Golden Book

Watch this space for next week's winners!

Each week children are nominated by staff members and other children to be celebrated in Friday's Golden Worship for their achievements and behaviour.

If your child is to receive an award, you will get a text message inviting you to Golden Worship at 8:40am on Friday mornings.

The last Friday of each half term is for outside achievements. Please send these into the school office the day before.

New Reception Children join Golden Worship after Christmas - if they are ready to.



Brighstone
School
Association

**RUN FOR
the BSA**

**Round the Island
relay race**

**Calling all Runners...
The sponsored
relay race against
Nine Acres Primary
School is back!**

**Saturday
14 September
2024**

Please let Melissa Jones
or Caroline Greenslade
know if you can run a
section... 🏃 🏃
To everyone else, please
support our runners by
sponsoring them!

Learn more about this fundraising event at
www.facebook.com/brighstoneschoolassociation



Respect Charter

at Brighstone CE Aided Primary School

At Brighstone CE 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

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:

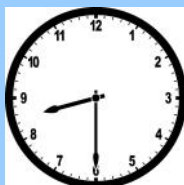
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.



Key dates this year

- Saturday 14th September: Round the Island Relay Race
- Monday 16th September: Admissions round for secondary applications opens
- Tuesday 24th September: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 5.30pm
- Thursday 26th September: Whole school trip to Blackgang Chine (a letter will be sent home next week with further details about this)
- Wednesday 9th October: Flu immunisations
- Monday 14th October: School photos (individual)
- Friday 18th October: Last day of term
- Thursday 31st October: Deadline for secondary applications
- Monday 4th November: Back to school
- Monday 18th November: Admissions round for primary applications opens
- Friday 22nd November: Pearl of Africa Choir visiting
- Saturday 7th December: BSA Christmas Fair
- Friday 20th December: Last day of term
- Monday 6th January: Back to school
- Wednesday 15th January: Deadline for primary applications
- Friday 14th February: Last day of term
- Monday 24th February: Back to school
- Monday 3rd March: National offer day for secondary admissions
- Friday 4th April: Last day of term
- Wednesday 16th April: National offer day for primary admissions
- Tuesday 22nd April: Back to school
- W/c Monday 12th May: Y6 SATs week
- Friday 23rd May: Last day of term
- Tuesday 3rd June: Back to school
- Friday 25th July: Last day of term

This list is regularly updated.

School Term Dates for 2024-2025

Please note that the school will be closed on the following days in this academic year:

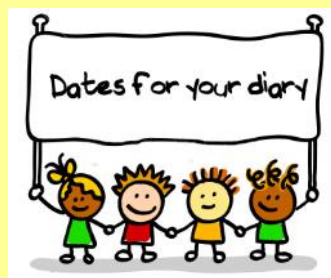
Day 1: Monday 2nd September 2024

Day 2: Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Day 3: Monday 2nd June 2025

Day 4: Monday 28th July 2025

Day 5: Tuesday 29th July 2025



Term dates are available on our school website: