



Flower Bee Class Newsletter

2026-2027

A very big welcome to Brighstone Primary School. I hope you and your child have enjoyed your first few days and are ready to embark on a new learning adventure.

<u>The adults working with you this year</u> Class Teacher: Mrs Cousins LSAs: Mrs Holmes every day. Mrs Eggleton Thursday PM P.E: Mr Goldsmith/Mrs Cousins	Contact us via: teacher.flowerbee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk or Tapestry All urgent messages to office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk or 740285
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I (Mrs Cousins) am the Key Person for all Reception children, so if you have any questions or worries, please don't hesitate to ask. Please use my class email or Tapestry for this as morning drop off is when my priority has to be the well being of the children coming into the classroom.

What do you need to bring?

- Named coat – We go outside in all weathers.
- School bag – Children will need a bag to carry their bottles, books etc. Lots of you have purchased a blue school reading bag which is ideal for carrying picture books and their reading books when they start these, without them being damaged. A small backpack is also useful for jumpers, packed lunch box, water bottles and also for when we go on school trips.
- Water bottles – We encourage the children to drink throughout the day.
- Wellies and wet weather gear (named) for outdoor play. We will happily support children to put them on until they are independent. These can be left at school.
- Spare clothes if your child is prone to accidents (and wipes if appropriate) – we have a limited supply in school.
- Please come to school in your PE kit on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. You do not need to bring separate school uniform on these days.



- We encourage children not to bring toys into school as these do sometimes get lost. Do speak to me if your child needs a special toy for comfort though, as we can always accommodate this.
- Please do ensure that clothing (especially jumpers and cardigans) are clearly named.

Tapestry

Thank you for signing up for Tapestry. This will be our main form of communicating what has been happening each day. Please add your own observations and use Tapestry to let us know about things your children have enjoyed and would like to talk about.

Toilets and toilet accidents



Children are free to go to the toilet whenever they need to and we are very aware that going to the loo can cause worries for some. We are always happy to support where needed, and independence is encouraged. Accidents will happen and we are very used to this. We have wipes and some spare pants/clothes, but having a spare set in your child's bag is very helpful and often feels more comfortable for the children. I will be contacting you to ask for permission to provide intimate care to your children if they need it.

Reading



Your child will choose a storybook to bring home and share initially, and a blue Read Write Inc book containing information about the sounds we are learning. Whilst we will not be setting Home Learning activities for children in Reception, we ask that you **please do** try to read stories and look at the sounds together every evening if possible. This is a good habit to start in Reception. When your child begins to read words, s/he will also be given a school Read Write Inc reading book to enjoy at home. It is important to both listen to your child read his/her school book, and also to read other stories to your child. Please sign in the reading record book each time you listen to your child read their Read Write Inc book. You do not need to sign that you've read the story/picture book together, and children will be encouraged to change these independently whenever they want to. **Look out for the blue Read Write Inc book in your child's book bag at the end of next week.**

Snack Café and Lunchtime



The Snack Café is open every morning after Read Write Inc and children can access it freely. There is always fruit and water available, and children are entitled to free milk until they are 5. The children learn to pour their own milk and wash up their cups afterwards. You do not need to provide fruit for your child, but please do send in a clearly named water bottle.

Lunch is between 11:45 and 12:45. Children can have a school meal or bring a packed lunch and they self-register each morning by putting their name on the school dinner or packed lunch picture. The weekly menu is posted in The Buzz newsletter which is published on the school website every Friday. Please let your child know what they are having for lunch, and if possible, talk to them about which option they'd like to choose.

Golden Worship



Golden Worship takes place on Friday mornings from 8:35am. Parents of children who are in the Golden Book that week for an outstanding achievement, will be invited to join us in the school hall. This will be accessed via the school car park once children have been dropped at their classroom doors (please sign in

at the school office). The last Friday of every half term is for outside achievements, during which we celebrate any certificates or awards that they have achieved in other clubs etc...

The Reception children do not start going up to Worship until they are ready, which is usually much later in the autumn Term, so their Golden Awards will be given in the classroom and celebrated in The Buzz.

Brighstone School Association



As parents, you are automatically members of our BSA. We meet approximately once per half term and our meetings are fun, informal and with no commitment. We raise money for the school throughout the year, which makes such a difference to the children. Come along to meet other parents and be part of the fun. It really is worth it. Please check the BSA Facebook page for details of meetings and events. **Our first meeting is on Monday 7th September at 7pm in the school hall.**



Attendance



At Brighstone we expect all children to have a minimum attendance of 96.5% and to start the school day punctually. This is key to ensure that you don't miss any important schooling – learning begins as soon as school starts at 8.30am.

If you arrive late, please go to the main school office where you will be registered.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please do come and see me or email me on: teacher.flowerbee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk Please note that whilst I check this email daily, I cannot check or respond during teaching hours, so for urgent messages please email office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk or telephone 740285.

Many thanks,

Mrs Kirsti Cousins