



Dear Parents and Carers,

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## Class Awards

This week we are celebrating with...

Seahorse	<i>Whole class</i>	Lobster	<i>Kira</i>
Starfish	<i>Adi</i>	Octopus	<i>Max &amp; Rena</i>
Grasshopper	<i>Ajay</i>	Ladybird	<i>Florence</i>
Bumblebee	<i>Layla</i>	Dragonfly	<i>Mia</i>
Gecko	<i>Fintan</i>	Iguana	<i>Jorge</i>
Chameleon	<i>Oliwia</i>	Salamander	<i>Thomas</i>
Tiger	<i>Sabrina</i>	Puma	<i>Whole class</i>
Leopard	<i>Whole class</i>	Jaguar	<i>Whole class</i>
Lion	<i>Mila &amp; Jibril</i>	Pegasus	<i>Lola</i>
Unicorn	<i>Dylan</i>	Phoenix	<i>Raffi</i>
Centaur	<i>Romaisa</i>	Falcon	<i>Rufus</i>
Owl	<i>Whole class</i>	Kestrel	<i>Maisey</i>
Osprey	<i>Deshawn</i>	Kite	<i>Whole class</i>



*Congratulations to Lily in Pegasus class who has been awarded the Toby Nichols Cup this week for outstanding effort and achievement.*

## Walk to School Week Data

We have interpreted the data collected during Walk to School Week this year (20/25 May). It was a great effort by the whole school community and the results were impressive indeed. The average % of pupils using active modes (walk/scoot/cycle/bus) to travel to/from school was about 80%, with a peak of almost 85% on the first day (it is normally around 75%).

Well done to all, and also well done to those parents and carers who, when using their cars, do park and stride (park away from school and walk the final bit). Park and stride was not counted in the figures above, so Walk to School Week definitely was a very healthy and active week for the whole of our school community!

## Attendance

Recently we have had an increased number of families requesting term time leave for holiday or other extended leave. The following information is a reminder of our expectations. We thank you in advance for ensuring that your children come to school each day until the end of the school term, unless they are too ill to do so.



### Ill or Not?

We work with young children and are very aware that they become poorly. Children who are ill need time to recover. Some minor illnesses are part and parcel of school life such as tickly coughs and tummy aches. We only expect children to be kept at home if they have a serious illness or injury. Use the traffic light system to help you.

**STAY AT HOME**

Raised temperature (at over 37.5)

Rashes can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses such as chickenpox and measles. If your child has a rash, check with your GP before sending them to school. Vomiting and diarrhoea. Children with these conditions can return to school 48 hours after their symptoms have settled.

**TAKE ADVICE**

Headaches. A child with a minor headache does not usually need to be kept off school.

If the headache is more severe or is accompanied by other symptoms such as raised temperature or drowsiness, then keep your child at home and consult your GP.

**COME TO SCHOOL\***

Cough

Cold

Sore throat

Feeling tired

\*We will always contact you if your child becomes ill during the school day.

### Problems?

Sometimes, some children may be reluctant to come to school. If this happens, please bring your child in to school. Make an appointment with the class teacher to try and work out the cause of anxiety. Deputies and Learning Mentors are always on the gates, so grab a quick chat then. Keeping anxious children off school can add to their anxiety.

### Holidays/Absences in term time.

Time off for holidays is not a right, therefore, parents/carers should not arrange holidays or visits to their country of family origin, during term time. Term times are for education. If the event can be scheduled outside term time it will not be authorised.

### Exceptional circumstances.

The Head teacher will only authorise absence in exceptional circumstances. The fundamental principles for defining exceptional are rare, significant, unavoidable and short. By unavoidable we mean an event that could not be reasonably scheduled at another time.

### What do I do if I have an exceptional circumstance?

1. Write a letter at least 14 days before the event. The office will date stamp this on receipt.
2. Outline why your event is rare, significant, unavoidable, short.
3. Is your reason\* related to –
  - Bereavement of a close relative?
  - Visit to a seriously ill relative?
  - An important religious observance?
  - A wedding within the immediate family?
1. A panel will meet to decide if reasons given are exceptional.
2. If they are then you will receive a letter authorising your request.
3. If the reasons are not exceptional you will receive a letter that tells you your reasons are not exceptional and the request is not authorised.
4. If your request is not authorised and you take the time off anyway, you will be fined

\* We may ask you for further evidence to support any requests.

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### Useful Facts

90% attendance = 19 days absence a year.

15 minutes late every day = 10 days of school lost a year.

There are 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays and appointments.



## Brunswick PTFA

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make last week's Summer Fair such a huge success! We raised £5111.81 for the school after the fair and raffle totals were combined, which is a wonderful result!! If you have been notified that you won a raffle prize make sure you collect it before the end of term from the school office.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help on the day, to those who donated gazebos, tombola prizes, cakes, and so much more. A special nod to Mr Collins, Mr Hanington and all the very sporting teachers who were willing to donate their time to 'Beat the Goalie' and 'Teachers in the Stocks'! A huge thank you as well to Mr James for his popular stall with the chickens and Humphrey the reading dog.

Keep an eye out for news of our AGM when school returns in September. There are plans in place for continued refurbishment in the infant playground and other areas of the school that we will be investing in.

Thank you to all Brunswick Parents and Carers for supporting our events throughout the year.

## Pirate Dress Up Day - Reception

On Tuesday 23rd July Reception children and staff are invited to come to school dressed as a pirate! We will spend the day searching for treasure and going on adventures. Watch out you aren't made to walk the Plank! Please see the classroom window notice for some ideas of how you can dress up.

## Chess Club

Chess Mates is an after school club for pupils from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. We have a wide range of abilities and all are welcome, from beginners to experts.

The club runs from 3.15 to 4.20. Years 3 and 4 meet on Wednesdays. Years 5 and 6 meet on Mondays.

If your child is interested in joining in the autumn term please email [richardjames@brunswick.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:richardjames@brunswick.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

## Keyboard lessons

Limited spaces are available for keyboard lessons starting in September. For more information about registering your child, please contact the music service at [www.bhma.org.uk](http://www.bhma.org.uk)

## Attendance

Key: Green-97% attendance, Yellow-95-96.9% attendance, Orange-90-94.9% attendance, Red 89.9% attendance and below.

Class	05/07/2019	12/07/2019	19/07/2019
Rabbit	93.3	95.4	97.1
Duck	87.9	91.7	96.1
Hamster	91.3	95.4	95.4
Fish	92.5	87.1	95
Seahorse	94.2	95.3	98.3
Octopus	96.1	96.6	99.6
Lobster	94	97	92.7
Starfish	99.1	100	94
Grasshopper	97.1	97.1	94.6
Ladybird	92.2	94.4	98.3
Dragonfly	93.5	95.7	92.2
Bumblebee	95.3	91.8	96.6
Salamander	97.9	98.3	93.8
Chameleon	97.9	98.8	97.5
Gecko	95.9	95.4	93.1
Iguana	95.7	97.8	97.4
Leopard	97.3	95.5	95.1
Puma	98.3	91.4	99.6
Tiger	95.7	95.3	93.8
Jaguar	91.4	95.3	94.8
Lion	100	95.3	96.6
Phoenix	94.1	89.5	94.5
Unicorn	98	96.9	98.4
Centaur	98.4	97.2	95.4
Pegasus	96.1	95.3	99.6
Falcon	98.6	98.6	91.2
Osprey	100	96.6	99.1
Owl	96	94	100
Kestrel	91.8	90.4	91.3
Eagle	91	93.8	93.8
Kite	99	93.3	90.4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>95.5</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>95.7</b>

Yours sincerely,



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## Brunswick Diary Dates 2019

*Please refer to the calendar on the school website on a regular basis as dates can sometimes be changed or new ones added.*

Key:	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All School
Date	Event							Time
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July								Year 4 Residential trip to Sayers Croft
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July								Year 5 parents & carers invited to a new Year 6 meeting 3.30-4pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July								Reception workshare (all classes) 8.50-9.20
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> July								Reception Pirate Day
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> July								Year 1 parents & carers invited to meet the Year 2 team 9am
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> July								Reception parents & carers invited to meet the Year 1 teachers 9-9.20am
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> July								Year 4 children return from Sayers Croft
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> July								Last day of term
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept								Uniform sale 9.30am-11.30am
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept								Children return to school for the start of the Autumn Term 8.55am