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NEWSLETTER

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Friday 13th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back

It has been great to stand at the school gates once again, welcoming our children and families back to another exciting new academic year at Brunswick. We have already had positive start to the year with the children settling very well into their new classes and year groups, already showing us the learning behaviours that we encourage at school. Today we were able to celebrate in our assemblies with children who have had an excellent start to the school year, receiving the first celebration certificates in their classes. It has also been great to welcome back our wonderful staff, who remain fully committed to giving our children the very best educational opportunities and experiences. It is only with their continued dedication that we are able to make Brunswick Primary School the exciting and dynamic place that it is.

We would also like to give a huge welcome to our new children and families who are joining us; we look forward to getting to know you and working with you during your time with us.

Welcome to Brunswick

This year we are pleased to be able to welcome a new teaching assistant to Brunswick. Chloe Chauwin will be working across the school during this year providing in class support, 1:1 support as well as intervention work with small groups.

Class Awards

This week we are celebrating with...

Seahorse	<i>Nell</i>	Starfish	<i>Whole class</i>
Lobster	<i>Whole class</i>	Octopus	<i>Whole class</i>
Grasshopper	<i>Jake</i>	Ladybird	<i>Whole class</i>
Bumblebee	<i>Lucas</i>	Dragonfly	<i>Louise</i>
Gecko	<i>Whole class</i>	Iguana	<i>Jacob</i>
Chameleon	<i>Holly</i>	Salamander	<i>Cami</i>
Lion	<i>Whole class</i>	Jaguar	<i>Divine</i>
Tiger	<i>Whole class</i>	Puma	<i>Maddox</i>
Dragon	<i>Zaina</i>	Phoenix	<i>Hallie</i>
Griffin	<i>Kitty-Rose</i>	Pegasus	<i>Evie Rae</i>
Unicorn	<i>Ruby</i>	Falcon	<i>Violet</i>
Kestrel	<i>Phoenix</i>	Eagle	<i>Sophia</i>
Osprey	<i>Rhianna</i>	Kite	<i>Millie</i>



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

Volunteering at Brunswick – a date for your diary

It is wonderful to hear that there are Parents and Carers who are keen to get involved in supporting children's learning at Brunswick. All volunteers must be DBS checked and attend safeguarding training. The training for the autumn term will be held on Friday 4th October at 2.30pm in the carpeted hall. Please inform the office if you will be attending. In addition, please be advised that the content of this training is not suitable for young children, so we request that you do not bring pre-school children with you.

Please see a member of the office staff to initiate your DBS clearance.
Mrs Graham (trainee teacher/volunteer coordinator)

Whatsapp

As a school, we of course do not sanction the use of Whatsapp groups by our children and there are recommended age limits and associated risks if you choose to allow your child to do so. Please take a few minutes to click on the link below to gather important information about the Whatsapp platform. Thank you for your support in helping your child stay safe online or when they are using a portable device.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/whatsapp/>

Euan Hanington
Deputy Headteacher

Scooters and Bicycles

We strongly advise that your child locks up their scooter or bicycle upon arrival at school. This is particularly pertinent in Key Stage 2 where the scooter pods and bicycle racks are visible and easily accessed from anyone walking along Somerhill Road. Let's keep our bikes and scooters safe!



Spelling Bee

Yesterday's KS2 assemblies witnessed the first Spelling Bee battles of the school year and the results were as follows:

Yr 3 & 4: Winners: Adi and Adela; Runners up: Boushra & Rosie

Yr 5 & 6: Winners: Layla & Sophia; Runners up: Maite & Yasmine

The spelling list, which competitors will be quizzed on, can be found in your child's new Reading Record book so start practising: the next Spelling Bee champion could be you!



BRUNSWICK PTFA

Welcome back to school and a warm welcome to all new parents and carers from Brunswick Primary PTFA. For those of you who are new to the school, we are a very active PTFA who organise a range of fundraising events throughout the school year. These fundraising initiatives have enabled the purchase of equipment such as the scooter pods, the school minibus, new iPads and other awesome play equipment that you see around the school. We also store and sell second-hand uniform in order to make uniform more affordable to parents and to help the environment by helping to close the textile loop. We will run another second-hand uniform sale of INFANT sized clothing very soon.

AGM

Our AGM is open to all who wish to attend on Monday 30th September in the Junior Carpeted Hall at 9:15 a.m. This is a great opportunity to hear about the results of last year's fundraising efforts, to sign up if you wish to help at future events, and to raise any other issues that may concern you. Even if you can't attend committee meetings throughout the year, we would love to see you at the AGM. Biscuits are provided, naturally.

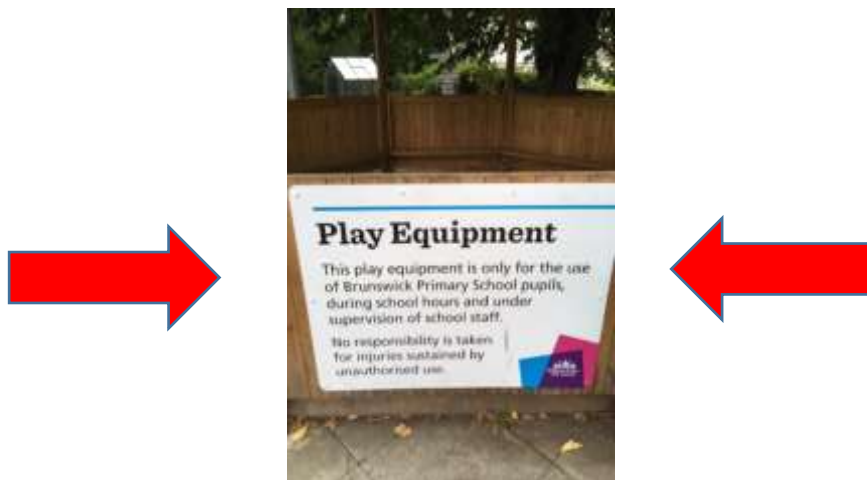
Class Messengers (Reps)

The PTFA are setting up WhatsApp groups in order to communicate more effectively with parents about our events. Many classes already have a Class Messenger in place. Being a Messenger simply means copying and pasting messages, such as reminders about non-uniform days or cake sales, and passing them on to your class group. Most parents have found them a useful way of keeping in touch with other parents and carers in their child's class. If you would like to be a Messenger and help set up a group for any of the classes, please contact Vicky McNeilly on 07900 192 140.

Please like our FB page for regular updates and information.



Please refrain from letting your children play on the equipment before and after school.



Egg boxes needed



The chicken team are running low on egg boxes! If you do have any lying around, we'd love to have them - they are always welcome. Please drop them off at the school office.

Many thanks

Mr James

P.E Before and After school clubs

P.E Development clubs before and after school are on the school website under the curriculum tab in extra-curricular then Physical Education. There will be links to P.E Development's website with all their clubs and start dates and how to sign up.

Mr Pannett

Year 6 Teacher & P.E Coordinator



The choice we are
making this week is to
say please and thank you.



New KS2 Reading Record Books

Your child will have been provided with their own reading record book. The core purpose of this book is for your child to record what wonderful books they have been enjoying at home and in school.

Also included in this book are some key spellings for your child to practise and learn as well as some top tips to support you when reading with your child. In addition to this, there are some essential grammatical definitions which will help your child become a master of the English language!

Your child's class teacher will check your child's reading record book on at least a weekly basis and we ask that you remind your child to bring their reading record book to school (and then home again) each day.

In these days of hi-tech gadgets and gizmos, it is more important than ever to encourage your child to read for pleasure because, as we all know, reading is the bedrock for future learning. As well as the child writing their own comments, please feel free to pen your own encouraging words in the 'comments' section: a home-school partnership is key to a child becoming a successful learner.

Thank you for supporting your child with their reading at home.

Euan Hanington
Deputy Headteacher

Attendance

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

Class	13/09/2019
Seahorse	94.9
Octopus	99.6
Lobster	96.4
Starfish	99.6
Grasshopper	97.6
Ladybird	96.1
Dragonfly	95.1
Bumblebee	99.1
Salamander	97.6
Chameleon	98.1
Gecko	94.4
Iguana	97.5
Lion	96.4
Puma	95.8
Tiger	97.5
Jaguar	98.7
Griffin	89.2
Phoenix	97.2
Unicorn	97
Dragon	99.6
Pegasus	99.2
Falcon	98.4
Osprey	97
Kestrel	94.3
Eagle	95.8
Kite	99
TOTALS	97

Yours sincerely,



Shaun Collins
Headteacher

Tues 17 th Dec		Year 3 Winter Performance – Iguana & Chameleon	2.30pm
Tues 17 th Dec		Year 4 Workshare – all classes	2.30pm
Wed 18 th Dec		Year 1 Blue Penguin Winter Show - Lobster & Seahorse	9.30am
Wed 18 th Dec		Year 2 Workshare – Dragonfly & Bumblebee	2.30pm
Thurs 19 th Dec		Year 5 Workshare- all classes	8.45am
Fri 20 th Dec		Last day of term	
Mon 6 th Jan		Children return to school	