

Brunswick Primary School

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NEWSLETTER



Be nice. Work hard. Look after yourself.

Week 5 2nd October 2020

Dear Families,

This week was another fun packed one. The children appear to be very much back in the saddle and they look well settled within their new classes and year groups.



Next week you will have the chance to have a remote, but very warm, catch up with your child's class teacher. We listened to the parent feedback last year and have put in place this opportunity for you to "meet" with the class teacher without your child present. We are sad that we are unable to welcome you into school this time due to current restrictions.

This first consultation of the year will be an opportunity for an update about your child, their well being and how they have settled back to school. We would like to know how they are being supported by our Recovery Curriculum. Conversations will also be about their attitude to learning and any ways that you can support at home. We do hope that you are finding the additional information that year groups are sharing on Class Dojo too. Reception class consultations will be taking place on the week beginning the 19th October. All appointments will be booked via the school office so please check for any PINGS, apart from Year 6 who are using Google documents.

The next parent and teacher consultations will take place in early January. Meanwhile do remember that we have an "open door" policy and we do encourage families to contact teachers directly with any concerns or queries as they arrive. We do not expect consultation evenings to hold any surprises! Our current "open door" looks a bit different right now as it is in the form of Class Dojo, email or telephone calls.



Best wishes

Alison Colbran - Interim Headteacher

Safeguarding - Allergens

School Lunches - An important message for parents.

We have children in school that have allergies. Allergens in the environment could cause a serious reaction.

To support us in our safeguarding role could we please request that families in KS1 **do not pack** tuna and **oily fish** such as **salmon** and **mackerel** in their lunch boxes. This is because these allergens can be airborne. Tuna and oily fish will also be removed from the school menu.

We have also been in contact with Caterlink, the company that provides our lunches, who will no longer be serving tuna as an option on their menu.

We are also a nut free school.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Black History Month



Brunswick are proud to be celebrating Black History month which takes place throughout the month of October. Black History Month provides an opportunity to explore the rich, cultural history of Asian, African and African Caribbean communities as we celebrate these diversities within our school community. We will also be exploring ways to interweave this important learning and cultural representation in our curriculum learning throughout the school year.

Work around great Black authors, scientists, artists, inventors, musicians and politicians are all valuable additions to this work. Alongside popular figures such as Nelson Mandela and Rosa Parks, we will be exploring lesser known figures who have made valuable contributions to society, for example, Katharine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson who led the successful launch and orbit of the space capsule Friendship 7 in 1962.

We will be exploring how such individuals have contributed to history and how the world may have been different without their discoveries. Our learning will also focus on folk tales and fables from Africa which promote positive role models and celebrate the rich heritage of Black history.



Online Safety Policy - This policy has been updated this year. A full copy can be found on our website.

Our updated Online Safety Policy has been updated to reflect changes in Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020. It can also be found on our Policies Page on our website. Headlines from the policy that are useful for parents are below -

- This school is a community and all members have a duty to behave respectfully online and offline, to use technology for teaching and learning and to prepare for life after school, and to immediately report any concerns or inappropriate behaviour, to protect staff, pupils, families and the reputation of the school. We learn together, make honest mistakes together and support each other in a world that is online and offline at the same time.
- Many social media platforms have a minimum age of 13 (note that WhatsApp is 16+), but the school regularly deals with issues arising on social media with pupils/students under the age of 13. We ask parents to respect age ratings on social media platforms wherever possible and not encourage or condone underage use.
- **Pupils/students** are allowed to bring mobile phones in but are taken to the office at the start of the day and returned at home time.
- **Parents** are asked to leave their phones in their pockets and turned off when they are on site. They should ask permission before taking any photos, e.g. of displays in corridors or classrooms, and avoid capturing other children. When at school events, please refer to the Digital images and video section of this document on page 29. Parents are asked not to call pupils on their mobile phones during the school day; urgent messages can be passed via the school office.

Behaviour Regulation Policy This policy has been updated this year. A full copy can be

found on our website.

We aim to promote positive behaviour and to understand behaviour as communication. To support children with the whole range of emotions we use Emotion Coaching. You might also find it helpful at home.

<https://www.emotioncoachinguk.com/>



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Welcome to “The Hive” a newly revamped sensory space created by Ms Montana, Learning Mentor, using resources we already have. Named by Mrs Rebbeck.

Emotion Coaching Phrases For Parents

1. It's okay to be upset -- it's good to let it out.
2. I hear you -- I'm here for you -- I'll stay with you.
3. It's okay to feel how you feel. It is not okay to _____."
4. How you feel right now won't last forever. It's okay to feel how you are feeling. It will pass and you will feel better again soon.
5. Let's take a breath, take a break, sit down, pause for a minute...

Class Awards - this week we are celebrating with... **Be nice** **Work hard**

Year 1

Seahorse - Ralph
Lobster - Lauren
Starfish - Minka
Octopus - Connie

Year 2

Grasshopper - Sofia B
Dragonfly - Hector
Ladybird - Jasim
Bumblebee - Harliv

Year 3

Salamander - Telio
Gecko - Kemar
Chameleon - Zoe
Iguana - Abdul Rahman

Year 4

Puma - Lotte
Tiger - Louis
Lion - Frankie
Jaguar - Evy

Year 5

Griffin - Ronnie
Pegasus - Phoenix
Phoenix - Martin
Dragon - George

Year 6

Falcon - Perdi
Eagle - Scarlett
Osprey - Freddy
Owl - George
Kite - Ruben
Kestrel - Angelo

Parent Governor Vacancies

There are 2 Parent Governor vacancies on our Governing Body here at Brunswick. Please find attached to this Newsletter the information letter and application form. There is also an application form attached as a word doc if you are interested in the role. Please email completed applications to rachelwright@brunswick.brighton-hove.sch.uk Please also email her if you have any queries about the vacancies.

The closing date for completed applications is Thursday October 8th at 3.30pm. Paper copies are also available in the office foyer.

Brunswick PTFA

A huge thank you to those who have recently donated pre-worn uniform. Our storage space has now reached full capacity so we are unable to accept any more donations. We'll inform all parents as soon as logistics and safety permit us to hold another sale.

Brunswick PTFA VIRTUAL AGM- TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 8pm

Did you know we are a registered charity? In accordance with UK charity law, we are registered with the Charity Commission as any organisation who raises above £5000 per year is obliged to do. To this end, we have a board of trustees and a full committee to oversee everything we do at Brunswick Primary School. We are holding our Covid-friendly AGM next Tuesday evening via Zoom and all are welcome. The meeting will comprise our annual report to trustees, a report of financial expenditure and election of office bearers for the coming year. We hope it also gives people the opportunity to put faces to names at a time when we cannot hold our usual events. You don't have to be a committee member to attend and you don't have to commit to anything in the future by showing your face, but it is an excellent opportunity to find out more about what we do and to have your say about how we commit the hard-earned funds that we raise. To receive a Zoom invitation please email brunswickptfa@gmail.com

Outdoor Play Equipment

This is to remind all parents and carers that the trim trail and all outdoor equipment should not be used before and after school. Please do not let the children venture over to those areas.

Brunswick Buddies

Please see below our exciting holiday club run by Brunswick Buddies which will take place during the half term week on Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th October.



OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB!!!

Dear parents/carers,

We are delighted to announce that Brunswick Buddies will be running an **October Half Term Holiday Club!**

The Club will be open and offering a wide range of exciting and fun activities on **Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th October**. We will be open to all children in all year groups. (Limited numbers)

The times and cost of these sessions is as follows:

Morning - 8.30am - 1.30pm - £20.00

All day 8.30am - 5.30pm - £36.00

Bookings can be made through our dedicated Brunswick Buddies booking website - Magic Booking

if you already have an account with Magic Booking please use the following link to login and book the sessions you require.

<https://brunswick.magicbooking.co.uk/identity/Account/Login>

if you do not have an existing account with Magic Booking please use the following link to register, set up an account and book your sessions.

<https://brunswick.magicbooking.co.uk/Register>

if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on our dedicated email address bb@brunswick.brighton-hove.sch.uk or call our club line on 01273 765781 (Monday - Friday 8.00am - 3.00pm) and we will be very happy to help with your enquiry.

Dates

| When? | What? | Where? |
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| Week beginning Monday 5th October - running throughout the week | Parent Consultations - instead of Termly Learning Conferences for this term | 10 minute telephone calls. Booking arrangements will be shared with you shortly via School Ping. |
| October | Black History Month | School, Local and National events |
| Friday 9th October | Hoshana Rabbah | |
| Monday 19th October | Flu Vaccinations | School |
| Week beginning 19th October | Reception Parent Consultations | 10 minute telephone calls. Booking arrangements will be shared with you shortly |
| Friday 23rd October | INSET Day | School is closed to children |
| October 26th-30th | Half Term Holiday | School is closed to children |
| Monday 2nd November | Autumn Term 2 starts | School |
| Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th November | School photographs | Format TBC |
| Friday 18th December | Last day of Autumn Term | School |
| Monday December 21st | Christmas Holidays | School is closed to children |
| Monday 4th January | Spring term starts | School |
| February 15th-19th | Half Term Holiday | School is closed to children |
| Monday 22nd February | INSET Day | School is closed to children |
| Tuesday 23rd February | Spring Term 2 starts | School |
| Thursday 4th March | World Book day | School |
| Thursday 1st April | Last day of Spring Term | School |
| Friday 2nd April - Friday 16th April | Easter Holidays | School is closed to children |

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| Monday 19th April | Summer Term starts | School |
| Week beginning 19th April | TLC week | |
| Monday 3rd May | Bank Holiday | School is closed to children |
| Friday 28th May | Last day of Summer Term 1 | School |
| Monday 31st May | Bank Holiday | School is closed to children |
| Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th June | Half Term Holiday | School is closed to children |
| Monday 7th June | INSET Day | School is closed to children |
| Tuesday 8th June | Summer Term 2 starts | School |
| 23rd July | Last day of Term - Summer Holidays | Friday School |