

NEWSLETTER



Be nice. Work hard. Look after yourself.

Week 7 16th October 2020

Dear Families,

Julie Rebbeck will be leaving our school at the end of this half term. Julie has had a positive influence on many children and staff during her 22 years here at Brunswick (and before amalgamation) Davigdor. Her legacy is a long list: class teacher, deputy headteacher, literacy lead, parent workshops, Miss Dose the Doctor's Daughter, Bounce for Books and Builders day are just a few of the activities that have helped to shape the educational lives of our children.



Staff old and new will know her more as an expert strategist for all things curriculum. Julie has set the scene and raised the bar for curriculum planners and many have impacted the futures of children in both this school and others in our locality. She has been an expert and talented staff mentor and a very kind and respected colleague.

Most recently she has been the architect of some complex risk assessment planning to enable the school to fully re-open during Covid 19.

A private person, Julie will be very cross with me that I have let you know she is off to pastures new (she wanted to wait until next week), Miss Rebbeck is keen to sail quietly off into the sunset however I know that many of you will want to spend next week saying your goodbyes.

Next week is a four day week for the children as it is INSET day on Friday. We will be using our INSET day for teacher staff appraisal, subject leader time and blended learning CPD. Teaching assistants will be renewing their knowledge about working with children with ASC and having refresher training on our Behaviour Regulation Policy.

Could I please remind parents to wear masks when they drop off and collect at the start and the end of the day, thank you to those who are.

Marquees arrive on Monday, we can't wait! Have a relaxing weekend and see you next week.

Warm wishes

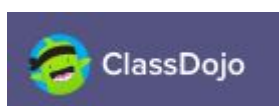
Alison Colbran

Interim Headteacher

Blended Learning

Much has been happening since you were last informed - on the 25th September - about how we are approaching making blended learning work here at Brunswick. Below, I have summed up what you can expect from the different platforms now, if your child needs to self-isolate and if we go into some form of lockdown.

There will be "How To" videos sent out next week to support you with the highlighted parts below.
Leah Wright



Now

- A weekly video introducing the learning that week from a teacher in the year group in **Class Story**
- Celebrations of learning on **Class Story**
- Helpful reminders from teachers on **Class and School Story**
- A place to communicate with your child's teacher in private **messages**
- **School stories** about exciting things going on around the school from other teachers
- Set up and ready for use, no content yet
- Your child's year group page has links to all websites you will need.
- School information as before.

Self isolation

Same as above AND:

- A link to **one** Google Classroom assignment will be shared in **messages** to you personally.
- Invite to **Zoom** assemblies will be shared in **messages** to you personally.
- **One assignment** set for both weeks which will contain a **two week timetable** of learning. English and maths will, mainly, have links to the **Oak Academy** website as there are videos by teachers with the lessons to help your child.
- There might be documents uploaded as **attachments** to support the topic learning.
- The children will add their learning to their **Virtual Workbook** and 'submit' it each day for their teacher

Lockdown

- A daily greeting video from the class teacher on **Class Story**
 - Assemblies each day from Ms Colbran and other teachers from across the school on **School Story**.
 - Link to daily Google Classroom assignments with day's learning on **Class Story**.
 - Invite to Zoom sessions with the teacher both for small group work and whole class sessions in **messages**.
 - Teacher communication in **messages**.
- to see and provide feedback when needed.
- Daily **assignments** with attached resources, including **recorded lessons** from teachers in their year group.
 - Each week, your child will be expected to put one bit of English, one bit of Maths and one bit of topic, as directed by their teacher, into their **Virtual Workbook** to receive feedback. This will be monitored.
 - NOTE: the learning will not always require a device.

Secondary School Applications - CLOSING DATE 31st OCTOBER 2020

All Year 6 Parents and Carers will have received a Ping message regarding Secondary School last week along with information about virtual open days at the various schools.

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2020 which falls during half term. Any applications received after this date will be classed as a late application and will not be considered until later on in the year when all other applications have been processed.

Please apply online at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you are unable to apply online and need a paper copy of the guidance booklet and/or the preference form, or have a query about applying for a school place, please contact the School Admissions team - details below.

Email: schooladmissions@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Phone: **01273 293653**

Website: www.schooladmissions@brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Class Dojo - reporting absences

If your child has a medical appointment or if your child is absent, please remember to contact the school office on **01273 711816** or email office@brunswick.brighton-hove.sch.uk rather than reporting the absence on Class Dojo.

Year 1 Seahorse -Seb Lobster - Kyle Starfish - Charlotte Octopus - Martha	Year 2 Grasshopper - Renie Dragonfly - Jude Ladybird - Eca Bumblebee - Sonny	Year 3 Salamander - Chloe Gecko - Ben Chameleon - Dimitrios Iguana - Autumn
Year 4 Puma - Thea Tiger - Amelie Lion - Erigert Jaguar - William	Year 5 Griffin - Effie Pegasus - Raheem Phoenix - Brigid Dragon - Rex	Year 6 Falcon - Wesley Eagle - Alex K Osprey - Alex Owl - Matheus Kite - Ada-Mae Kestrel - Kinga

IMPORTANT : Virtual Public Meetings on Public Consultation on Admission Arrangements for Brunswick Primary

As mentioned in my letter to you on Monday 12th, the council are proposing to reduce the number of places available for children at Brunswick Primary. There is a copy of the letter attached with this newsletter that outlines our opposition to the proposal based on the negative impact we believe it would have on the school.

The council will be holding a series of virtual meetings for the public to attend which will outline the reasons for the proposed changes and give the opportunity to ask questions. These will be held using Microsoft Teams and links to these online events are below:

Thursday 22nd October, 10:30 to 11:30am

Thursday 22nd October, 6:30 to 8:00pm

Links to join the meetings, which will be held on Microsoft Teams and should be accessible to all devices, can be found here

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-applications/school-admissions-consultation>

This is a great opportunity to get answers to any specific questions you might have and to share, directly with those responsible for the proposal, your views. As such, we would encourage parents, carers and members of our wider community to attend.

Thank you.

Michael Williams

Chair of Governors

Parent Governor Election (message from Chair of Governors)

Let me start by saying how unbelievably lucky we are to have so many amazing candidates apply for the two vacant Parent Governor positions we have at Brunswick Primary. We think fourteen might be a record by some margin.

The parent/carer voice is essential on the Governing Board. It is that first hand experience, live and in the moment, of what our children are experiencing. It is essential in shaping the future for the school.

The current situation, regardless of who you are, has added complexity, worry and challenge to all our lives. With that in mind, for anyone to think 'this is a way I can help our children, our school and our community' and raise their hand is fantastic.

Can I please ask that we all put aside five minutes to read through the short application statements (included with this week's Newsletter) and vote online using the link below.

[< Vote for Parent Governor here >](#)

And can those of you on the parents WhatsApp groups please spread the word too please.

Thank you.

Michael

JUST ONE TREE NON-UNIFORM DAY - Thursday 22nd October

Last year Brunswick Primary participated in the global fundraiser called Just One Tree and we are proud to be participating again this year on 22nd October (the last day of school before half-term).

JUST ONE Tree is a non-profit initiative removing CO2 from the atmosphere through global reforestation.

JUST ONE Tree supports established reforestation companies who plant in areas severely affected by mass deforestation such as Kenya, Madagascar, Haiti & Indonesia. In doing so they have the greatest positive effect on rising global temperatures whilst simultaneously alleviating extreme poverty within local communities through the provision of training, agricultural education and sustainable incomes.

JUST ONE Tree makes it simple for everyone to contribute to collective action on the climate crisis because **Just £1 plants 1 Tree.**

We have set up a Golden Giving fundraising page to save you bringing cash to school, which will be live for a week. The suggested donation is £1.

<https://www.goldengiving.com/fundraising/BrunswickPrimaryBrighton>

Children can come to school in their own clothes and we are encouraging them to wear something green! Even a pair of green socks, a hat, or a t-shirt will do, so please don't purchase anything especially for the occasion. Thank you in advance for your support, we look forward to seeing how many trees we can plant this year.

Brunswick PTFA Face masks

We are delighted that a Brunswick grandparent has sewn us some lovely face masks in Brunswick purple. Masks come in plain purple, polka dot or stripe pattern and all profits raised will go to the PTFA to re-invest back into the school. We have just pledged £5000 to help school cover the cost of the huge marquees that will be arriving at school this weekend, so that the children can safely continue with as much outdoor play and learning as possible in the winter months.

Masks can be purchased on our PTA events webpage. If you have already registered you can now make your purchase, or please follow this link to register.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/brunswickprimaryschoolpta>

Masks will be posted to you via second-class post.

Many thanks again to our wonderful seamstress.

School Streets scheme - MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The street closure to motor traffic has been continuing as usual and we hope you are still enjoying the extra space and calm both in the mornings and afternoons.

The closure has been possible thanks to the great team of volunteers but also to the help of Brighton and Hove City Council staff as, on average we have 2 parents/carers volunteers for each shift. It is however possible that the Council is going to have to stop their support after half-term.

For this reason we do need more volunteers. Timings are approx from 8.15 to 9.30am and 2.30 to 3.45pm (but you can commit for less). You'll need a 30 minute training session and then you can start helping. Please contact the school office or come and have a chat with the volunteers at the barriers.

After School Clubs - Outdoors

This is a quick reminder of the After School Clubs we currently have. **Please see the attached leaflets sent with this Newsletter for information on how to book.**

Monday - Lioness Sport/LionPride Sport (Football) - Years 5 boys and girls
Albion in the Community (Football) - Year 3 and Year 4 girls and boys

Tuesday - Lioness Sport/LionPride Sport (Football) - Year 6 boys and girls

Wednesday - Lioness Sport/LionPride Sport (Football) - Year 3 boys and girls
Outdoors Project - Year 5 and Year 6 boys and girls

Thursday - Lioness Sport/LionPride Sport (Football) - Year 4 boys and girls
Outdoors Project - Year 1 and Year 2 boys and girls

Friday - Albion in the Community (Football) - Year 5 and Year 6 boys and girls
Outdoors Project - Year 3 and Year 4 girls and boys

The Outdoors Project are offering a FREE taster session please email for further information - sam.smith@theoutdoorsproject.co.uk

Dates for your diary

When?	What?	Where?
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 11th December	Christmas Lunch	School
Friday 18th December	Last day of Autumn Term	School
Monday 21st December	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
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
Friday 23rd July	Last day of Term - Summer Holidays	School