

Week 15 8th January

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the Spring Term and to our remote curriculum. 2021 has started with a third lockdown and for most of us this has been a really challenging week. I would like to take the time to share my enormous gratitude to all of our families who have embraced the rapid switch to remote learning. I am also really proud of the staff who have shown the immense team work that is required to juggle the demands of remote and in school teaching.



We are fully aware that families are under great pressure at this time, it is quite a juggling act to continue to parent, work and to act as teacher or to home school children in different year groups, it is not easy and we take our hats off to you. Remember that staff are on hand each day to support the learning if your child is finding things tricky or needs a teacher to get them motivated. We also have skilled staff on hand to guide you through the complexities of google classroom. I, and I am sure you, am extremely grateful for the technical support and parent training drop ins that Leah Wright has been leading this week. We have picked up on your feedback and next week will be slimming down to one workbook for all, considering how to enable clearer uploading of learning that is not printer reliant, ensuring all of the links are on the timetable and training the children so that they can access the google classrooms independently. In short we will be learning from this week and making improvements to simplify and streamline the remote learning.

The key message from us is to do what you can, when you can. We know that there will be productive days and days where it is a real struggle to complete learning. Staff are here to support, and not judge - comparison can be the thief of joy (I advise against it!) Do your best and ask for help when you need it. Great to hear about the level of support between the families on What's App groups, this will be an invaluable support network.

I am really hoping that the next few weeks will be full of more promising news. Here's to a brighter few months on the horizon. Have a restful weekend.

Warm wishes

Alison Colbran Interim Headteacher

Blended Learning – what does this mean?

The Policy can be found under the Covid 19 tab on our website

Remote Learning – at home

We have planned for pre-recorded learning that will be supplemented by "live" learning drop in opportunities each day. Research suggests that this "flipped learning" is the most effective way to teach remotely. It also allows for families to plan the day according to their needs and timings, access to resources and working patterns.

Year Groups are working in teams to plan and deliver the blended learning, it may not be your class teacher delivering the learning but it will be the learning tailored for the year group. It has been

In school learning – vulnerable and key worker children only

This time round the list of qualifying key workers is long and we simply cannot meet the many demands for places.

This is a lockdown and to host large numbers will not allow us to maintain our risk assessment and stringent minimising of the spread of infection. It has been really hard this week to balance this need versus safety – and so, with the support of the Local Authority, we are having to prioritise our in school groups as follows –

planned with the progress of children as the starting point. We may be including a wealth of resources that have been prepared to support remote learning such as Oak Academy, we aim to personalise this where we can. If you are struggling with access to resources get in touch with your class teacher - we have limited devices and can prepare paper packs.

- 1 - School identified vulnerable groups including children with EHCPs if they are able to attend
- 2 - Single family key workers
- 3 - Full-time key workers (both parents working)
- 4 - One full-time key worker

Some families who have children in school this week will not have a place next week we simply do not have capacity. I anticipate that this will not be popular but it is a necessity.

Staffing updates – Senior Leadership Team

Welcome to Alex Graham and Richard Baylie as Assistant Headteachers for Inclusion and Curriculum and Assessment. I thought it appropriate to share with you an overview of our SLT - **a who is who and who does what** - our new members of staff have already made a significant impact in this first week - below is a brief overview of responsibilities

- Alison Colbran - Interim Headteacher - in charge of strategy and direction of the school - Management of Positive Covid cases
- Richard Baylie - Assistant Headteacher - in charge of Curriculum and Assessment, Year Group Leader for Year 2, Lead YGL- currently the curriculum focus is the blended learning curriculum - standards and consistency
- Alex Graham - Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion- at this time overseeing strategy and direction of SEND including provision for EHCP children who may not be accessing face to face provision, Risk Assessment, Management of Positive Covid cases
- Liz Moore - School Business Manager - in charge of finances and resources, health and safety
- Supporting this team in a seconded role is Victoria Brewer who is our Designated Safeguarding Lead with responsibility for managing Child Protection and Early Help case load, SEMH lead, Attendance lead in charge - at this time she is also taking a lead on Face to Face teaching provision.

Spring Term Parent Meetings

Spring term parent meetings will take place in the week beginning 18th of January. These will be 10 minute conversations on Zoom, which will focus on progress and remote learning.

This term, we will trial a new system where you will be able to arrange your Zoom meeting via a link shared on Class Dojo. Please let your class teacher know in advance if you are unable to access Zoom for the meeting so that a phone call can be arranged.

A message of thanks from Mr Hanington

I would like to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for my special sending off on the last day of the Autumn Term. Such was the busyness of the afternoon that I was unable to thank people properly (if at all!) for my thoughtful cards and gifts. For example, I found two special Brighton and Hove Albion badges in my coat pocket yesterday and have no idea who gave me them - thank you! It was a day that I will remember for the rest of my life: many, many thanks. Mr Hanington.

P.E. News – Run for Brunswick

Dear families,

As part of our mission at Brunswick Primary School, to encourage active & healthy lifestyles, we are launching a new event called “Run 4 Brunswick”. All children, parents/carers and staff are invited to participate - we need as many people as possible to take part.

Families running together will have a combined distance (eg a 2km run with a family of 3 would count as 6km total). We have some very ambitious distance goals to achieve so we need you!

Results will be recorded on two ‘distance tracker’ boards (located by the Junior Hall and the Infant Hall) and updates will appear on Class Dojo. To help keep track of distances, please note down your distances for the week then email your weekly total to the sports coach email address: sportscoach@brunswick.brighton-hove.sch.uk. All distances add up and when a child has run 5k in total they will receive a bronze medal. After 20k they will receive a silver medal and once at 50k they will receive gold. Once they have received a gold their challenge will reset and they can keep collecting as many medals as they like!

You could also keep a track of the amount of movement time you have done when playing any of your favourite sports. Football, basketball, hockey, tennis and even playing with your friends. It all counts as exercise towards the targets. If you are lucky enough to have a watch that records your distances it can be used for a more accurate reading. As a point of reference roughly 1300 steps is equal to 1KM

Collectively as a school, though, we have some big distance targets that we want to achieve. When our school community achieves a milestone distance we can display a medal on our PE notice board. These milestone targets are:

- Brighton to London 85KM
- Brighton to Wales 406KM
- Brighton to Scotland 832KM
- Lands End to John o’ Groats 1407KM
- West Coast to East Coast (USA) 3363KM
- Circumference of the Moon 10,921
- Circumference of Mars 21,344KM
- Circumference of Earth 40,075KM

We believe if we all work together to keep active and healthy we can even achieve some of these longer distances as well as keeping a healthy body and mind. Remember to keep track of your distances and email us at sportscoach@brunswick.brighton-hove.sch.uk. You can either attach an image of your stats and distance covered from a fitness & health app or just let us know with a message. We will then keep track of each child’s individual distance covered as well as the collective school targets. Any key milestones we as a school meet or a child meets will be announced on class dojo school story.

We look forward to hearing about your running and exercise, good luck everyone!

Mr Smith
Brunswick Sports Coach

Google Classroom Support

Hello everyone - well done for all your hard work getting to grips with Google Classroom this week. Following on from today's drop in for parents, I will be offering another drop in session next week to iron out any difficulties. I will announce when and the link on Class Dojo via the school story!

Thanks again and well done - enjoy a restful weekend.
Miss Wright

Online Safety

Internet security is a very important issue to all at Brunswick Primary school - we hope every child has a safe and happy experience whilst using the internet. Please read the Parents Resources Sheet attached to this Newsletter.

Making sure children are accessing age-appropriate content is important as part of our role to educate pupils to become responsible internet users. Below is a chart showing the age restrictions placed on different social media apps and services and we have attached a staying safe online resources guide for reference.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



Sourced from NSPCC website October 2019

Kind regards
Kelly Sumner
Year 6 Owl class teacher
PSHE Co-ordinator



Dates

w/c Monday 18 th January	Spring Term parent meetings	Via Zoom
February 15 th -19 th	Half Term Holiday	School closed to children
Monday 22 nd February	INSET Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 23 rd February	Spring Term 2 starts	School
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day	School
Thursday 1 st April	Last day of Spring Term	School
Friday 2 nd April - Friday 16 th April	Easter Holidays	School closed to children
Week beginning 19 th April	Summer Term starts	School
Monday 3 rd May	TLC week	School
Friday 28 th May	Last day of Summer Term 1	School
Monday 31 st May	Bank Holiday	School closed to children
Tuesday 1 st - Friday 4 th June	Half term Holiday	School closed to children
Monday 7 th June	INSET Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 8 th June	Summer Term 2 starts	School
Friday 23 rd July	Last day of Term - Summer Holidays	School

Inset Days 2021-22

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 6th June 2022