

Week 27 1st April 2021

Dear Families,

Enjoy a very well deserved break. This has been a long (short) term which has required lots of resilience and resourcefulness. It has been business as usual within the building and I am proud to be able to work with such a skilled, dedicated and hard working team. It has been wonderful to see the school full again and to share smiles and very quick words with parents and carers. Thank you for supporting our work with the Risk Assessment and guidelines. These will stay in place when we return and if and when any lifting of restrictions occur we will communicate these with you clearly and in a timely way.



This week we welcomed David Mann to our staffing team. David joins Kevin Geal as a part of our site management team. We also say goodbye to Lucy Halpin who has ably set up our Brunswick Buddies wrap around care. After Easter we welcome 6 year 2 BA student teachers and we are very much looking forward to adding six more keen professionals to our team.

In school we have focussed on kindness and we have been looking for every opportunity to “fill our buckets.” The idea is that when we choose to be kind we fill our own bucket as well as other peoples. Bucket filling acts can include making someone feel good about themselves by saying something nice, smiling at them, using our manners or just by being kind. It has been lovely to observe the children at break times demonstrating some acts of kindness. Thanks must go to our extremely kind PTFA who have arranged for all of the children to leave school with an Easter treat today.

I very much look forward to the Summer Term - at the start of it the SLT will be meeting to review the Single Plan and this will be shared with you when it is done. Additionally we will be reintroducing our procedures around attendance. The focus will be on punctuality and reducing lateness and following up all unauthorised absences. We do not authorise holidays in term time and do issue fixed penalty notices to families who choose to disrupt their child’s education by planning holidays outside of the school holidays. If you have any attendance questions then Victoria Brewer is available to offer support.

Best wishes



Alison Colbran Interim Headteacher

Coronavirus contact tracing over Easter

Schools continue to play an important part in contact tracing for pupils and staff and we will continue this during half term. We will therefore be asking parents and carers to help with the following.

- Families should email the school office if their child gets Coronavirus symptoms **within 48 hours** of their last day in school – please email office@brunswick.brighton-hove.sch.uk with COVID-19 SYMPTOMS in the heading.

- Please arrange for a PCR Coronavirus test for your child as soon as possible. It is vital that where symptoms have come about within 48 hours of last being on site, a test is taken as soon as possible.
- Please email the office with the results of the test as soon as they are received.
- If your child tests positive, we may need to contact all children and staff who were in the child's bubble in school and ask them to self-isolate, following the governments guidelines.

If your child develops Coronavirus symptoms after 48 hours of being in school, you do not need to alert us, however, if they go onto receive a positive test result, please let us know so that we are aware. In this instance, we will not need to ask the school bubble to isolate.

Please note, the emails will be monitored at key times over the weekend and during the first week of half term for this purpose. Other non-urgent emails will be responded to when school re-opens again after Easter.

We would like to thank you for your continued co-operation helping us to keep our school community safe.

Class Awards – Congratulations to our worthy winners this week

	Reception Rabbit – Mia Fish – Ben Hamster – Telma Duck – Wolf	
Year 1 Seahorse - Havon Lobster – Lawen Starfish - Yaman Octopus – Oriana	Year 2 Grasshopper – Renie Dragonfly – Reyo Ladybird – William Bumblebee – Maryam	Year 3 Salamander - Arthur Gecko – Constance Chameleon - Athena Iguana – Gabriel
Year 4 Puma – Scarlett Tiger - Tommy Lion - Sam Jaguar – Flora	Year 5 Griffin – Max Pegasus – Ionie Phoenix – Raphael Dragon – Sofia	Year 6 Falcon – Max Eagle – Grisha Osprey – Maya Kite - Miruna Kestrel – Felix Owl - Sanad

Mindfulness Course – from Safety Net

It is not long now until the Easter break. It has been a hugely stressful time for teachers, staff, pupils, and parents alike. To help ease you out of lockdown Safety Net is running another 4 week mindfulness course for beginners, starting on Wednesday 28th April 5.30-7.30pm.

Please could you pass this information on to both staff, parents, family and friends. Together we can help build resilience in ourselves and the children we work with or care for.

To book a place please use the link below:

<https://www.safety-net.org.uk/training-courses/mindfulness-a-four-week-course-part-1/>

Reception plea for small toys

Reception are in the process of updating their 'small world' toys and would welcome any donations! We are looking for fairly robust items (as they get played with a lot!) and ideally sets of toys. If you are having a clear out of any of the following, then please bring to the lobby at the School Office during the first week back after the Easter holidays where there will be a labelled box for donations.

Arctic animals

Woodland animals

Mini beasts

Pirates / mermaids

Fairies / mythical creatures

People who help us - Fire station, Police station, Hospital

Airport and aeroplanes

Chickenland News from Mr Humphries

Hello All,

With the departure of our resident chicken and general all round outdoor learning lead Richard James, Ms. Eltringham and I have taken over the duties.

We have many ideas for the children to enjoy this part of their learning, some of them are already in full swing, ie, planting some wonderful herbs and flowers in the planters, and organising our chicken teams, which the children have enthusiastically got involved in.

I'm happy to say that our new chickens, Tess and Trace, have settled in quite nicely. Trace even laid her first egg! We are introducing the purchasing of our freshly laid eggs again. The price will be 30p per egg. The money will go towards an environmentally sound project to help this wonderful world of ours. I will let you know which one we choose in a future newsletter.



Fun Fact: Did you know that the colour of a chicken's earlobe determines the colour of their eggs?

A white earlobe chicken gives us a white egg and a dark earlobe chicken gives us brown eggs.



EU settled status letter for parents and carers

Please find attached to this Newsletter a letter from Deb Austin from Brighton and Hove City Council for parents and carers who need to apply for EU settled status (EUSS).

End of term news from Gillian Ramm PTFA – Chair of our PTFA

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to our volunteers at the uniform sale on Saturday. We look forward to holding more regular sales next term and will keep you posted.

We are also very grateful to Steve at the Co-Op on Western Rd for donating 250 packs of mini-eggs to the school as well as Anton Binder the Community Champion at ASDA Marina. ASDA also donated 30 packs of mini-eggs. Last year we cancelled our Easter egg hunt when the first lockdown was announced, so we wanted to make sure the children could still enjoy something fun at school this year! We have sent every child home with a small treat to enjoy after they have solved a clue at school. We hope they enjoy their treat and wish you all a safe and happy Easter holiday.

- NB please could all families label all uniform – each day we gather unnamed belongings and that makes it impossible to return them, this is especially tricky when it comes to uniform sales items as they often contain the name of the previous owner – thank you, Miss Colbran

Diary Dates

Thursday 1st April	Last day of Spring Term	School
Friday 2nd April - Friday 16th April	Easter Holidays	School closed to children
Monday 19th April	Summer Term starts	School
Week commencing 26 th April	Parent Consultation week	School
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday	School closed to children
Friday 28th May	Last day of Summer Term 1	School
Monday 31st May	Bank Holiday	School closed to children
Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th June	Half term Holiday	School closed to children
Monday 7th June	INSET Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 8th June	Summer Term 2 starts	School
Friday 23rd 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