

July 16th 2021

Dear Families,

This has been a difficult week with bubble closures and I would like to thank families for their support and understanding. We operate in year group bubbles, we do not use a close contact system, we do close bubbles in the case of one positive lateral flow test which is confirmed by a PCR test and we will be operating this way of working until the end of this term. Further information from the LA is attached for you this week.



We will be running an end of year and end of Brunswick event for the Year 6 children on Wednesday 21st July. This will be a fabulous end for a group of incredible children that we have loved having in school. They are a credit to their parents and will be much missed, but we know that they are well prepared for the next chapter of their educational experience. The secondary schools are lucky to have them. We are also fully aware that the end of primary school is also a rite of passage for our parents too. In fact, I recall feeling extremely moved on my final visit to my own child's school on the last day. Sadly, the ongoing restrictions have limited what we are able to offer to parents in terms of saying farewell, the traditional live productions followed by refreshments are unable to take place and we are very disappointed about this because we always enjoy spending time and meeting with our Brunswick families. However, we are really thrilled with the recent live filming of some fantastic performances from our talented children..

What we are able to do is to ask that parents collect their Year 6 children from the school field on the last day of school, Friday 23rd July - at the usual time so that you can come and say a final farewell to staff and each other. This will be a 10 to 15 minute opportunity that will take place on the school field to facilitate social distancing and to avoid congestion on Somerhill Road. I, like you, am bitterly disappointed about the minimised Year 6 experience that we have been able to offer this year and I very much hope that the coming weeks and months hold more promise.

As well as Year 6 leavers, we are also saying goodbye to some of our staff. Sarah Dearing has been a support to many, many teachers and pupils over a number of years at Davigdor and now Brunswick. Sarah is the brains behind the resources that the children and staff use each day. If you have ever noticed a beautiful piece of learning in a topic or other learning book there is no doubt that it originated as a job on one of Sarah's lists. Tom Pannet one of our very popular and hardworking teachers in Year 6 is leaving us after four years at Brunswick. Tom is a keen sports person and a warm-hearted colleague with a love of literature and a great choice in books. He leaves us to take up a teaching role in Homewood College. This is a new chapter of his work as a teacher and he is very much looking forward to this new challenge. Neil Cowley, our EYFS lead, is leaving us to return to education himself. Neil has put on hold, for the past year, a Teaching English as a Foreign Language course, which will see him back in the classroom as a prelude to a life of travel and opportunities overseas. Emma Sinclair, who returned from maternity leave in June, has managed to secure a teaching position closer to home. In the five years that she has been with us she has raised the profile of how we teach children who speak English as an additional language as well as being one of the most pastorally strong class teachers that I have ever had the pleasure to work with. Finally, Alex Graham's seconded time with us ends this term. Alex has secured a permanent role as a Deputy Head in East Sussex. We will miss all of our esteemed colleagues and wish them well with their new roles and responsibilities.

Best wishes



Alison Colbran Interim Headteacher

Holiday Activities and Food – a message from Brighton & Hove City Council

Brighton and Hove are working with a wide range of community organisations and play schemes to provide an exciting variety of free holiday activity places this summer, as part of the Department for Education funded Holiday Activity and Food (HAF).

Children and young people on benefits related free school meals can access free sessions throughout the summer holidays that provide fun activities, time to socialise with friends, an opportunity to build confidence and they'll even enjoy a free nutritious meal each day. Please click on link shown below for more details.

<http://www.familyinfobrighton.org.uk/kb5/brighton/fsd/article.page?id=BYWyuqJ2mY>

Summer Holiday Cycle Training at Preston Park and Hove Park

There will be cycling courses taking place in Brighton and Hove this summer holiday. Please see the information attached to this Newsletter.

Paying for school lunches

May we politely remind all parents and carers to regularly log onto ParentPay – www.parentpay.com to check your child's/children's lunch account(s), even if your child may not be having a school meal as sometimes mistakes do happen. School meals cost £2.20 per day. School meals for children in KS1, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are funded. However, children in KS2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 are not funded and will require payment unless you are entitled to free school meals.

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please visit

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/onlinefreeschoolmeals

Please note that children in Year 2 joining Year 3 will no longer receive a funded meal unless they are entitled to a free school meal. This is not an automatic process so if you think you are entitled to free school meals, please click on the link above to complete the application form. If you have not already set up a ParentPay account, a letter will be issued towards the end of term to enable you to do so.

If you have difficulty in setting up an account, the letter will contain a barcode shown in the bottom right-hand corner. You can use this barcode to top up your account at any store that displays the PP (paypoint) sign. Please keep this letter safe if this will be your preferred way to make payment.

If you have a child/children in Year 6, please can we ask that all accounts are cleared before Friday 23rd July.

Sharon Preston

Finance Assistant

Chicken care over the holidays

We still need a few more volunteers to help look after our Brunswick chickens over the summer holiday. Please sign up via the calendar on the school website.

If you are interested in getting involved, you can join chicken team by completing the form on our website.

<https://www.brunswick.brighton-hove.sch.uk/curriculum/extra-curricular/chickens/chicken-team>

Brunswick Sports Days

Over the last couple of weeks most of our year groups have been competing within their year group bubbles for sports day. For some year groups we introduced for the first-time, team events such as football & bench ball tournaments as well as individual track & field events which contributed to their overall class score. Children demonstrated the school values as well as our sports day values such as teamwork, encouragement & kindness. On Tuesday reception children had their sports day. they had a "lovely morning. The children were all very supportive of each other and clearly enjoyed the opportunity to demonstrate their skills."

*Congratulations to the following classes who were crowned sports day champions in KS2.
Year 3 – Iguana, Year 4 – Lion, Year 5 – Griffin , Year 6 – Osprey*

Well done to all the other classes and children who participated and all the adults who helped everything run so smoothly. Of course, sports day was not the same without parents and carers there and hope to welcome you back for next year.

Class Awards – Congratulations to our worthy winners this week

	Reception Rabbit – Oliver & Reuben Fish – Ana Hamster – Melal Duck – Frank & Lal	
Year 1 Seahorse - Izzy Lobster – Ava Starfish - Alec Octopus – Quinn	Year 2 <i>We look forward to celebrating the work of Year 2 next week.</i>	Year 3 Salamander – Teilo Gecko – Jamie Chameleon - Lila Iguana – Annie
Year 4 Puma – Ava Tiger – Gali Lion - Rihanna Jaguar – Anna	Year 5 Griffin – Rakan Pegasus – Jack Phoenix – to be announced next week Dragon – Sarah	Year 6 Falcon – Aras Eagle – Urban Osprey – Kitty Kite – Ada-Mae Kestrel – Whole class Owl - Saiorse

Eid ul Adha – a message from Nusrat Nabi our EAL Co-ordinator

For our Muslim families, we know this is a very special time of year as they are preparing for Eid ul Adha which marks the end of the holy pilgrimage of Hajj. The Hajj is one of the five pillars of Islam which is the pilgrimage that Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) took over 1400 hundred years ago. We would like to wish all those celebrating Eid, Eid Mubarak and hope you have a lovely day celebrating with family. We hope the sun shines for you.

Updated coronavirus letter from Brighton & Hove City Council

Please find attached to this Newsletter important information from Deb Austin regarding the 'Enhanced government support for B&H to bring Covid cases down.

Brunswick PTFA news update

Due to the current Covid situation we have regretfully decided to cancel the intended uniform sale on Monday. Will we let you know when the sale will take place, which will hopefully be at the start of term after the summer holidays.

Diary Dates

Fri 23 rd July	Last day of term	School
Mon 6 th Sep	First day of Autumn term	School
Fri 22 nd Oct	Last day of term	School
Mon 25 th -Fri 29 th Oct	Half Term week	School closed
Mon 1 st Nov	Inset Day	School closed
Tues 2 nd Nov	Children return to school	School
Fri 17 th Dec	Last day of term	School
Mon 20 th Dec-Mon 3 rd Jan	Christmas holidays	School closed
Tues 4 th Jan	Inset Day	School closed
Wed 5 th Jan	Children return to school - Spring term	School
Fri 11 th Feb	Last day of term	School
Mon 14 th - Fri 18 th Feb	Half term week	School closed
Fri 8 th Apr	Last day of term	School
Mon 11 th -Fri 22 nd Apr	Easter holiday	School closed
Mon 25 th Apr	Children return to school - Summer term	School
Mon 2 nd May	Bank holiday	School closed
Fri 27 th May	Last day of term	School
Mon 30 th May - Fri 3 rd Jun	Half term week	School closed
July – Last day of term		

INSET Days 2021-2022

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

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Be nice. Work hard. Look after yourself.

Monday 6th June 2022