

# Brunswick Park Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our second Newsletter of this new school year. As usual it has been incredibly busy in school, with Year 6 returning from an extremely successful team building week in Swanage in Dorset and trips and visits around London, Class 5A participating in the Southwark Athletics Festival and our new children in Nursery and Reception settling into school life brilliantly. If you are a parent or carer of a new member of our school, you should feel very proud of how well your child is managing these first weeks.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday, and wish you a peaceful and relaxing weekend.

Susannah Bellingham  
Head Teacher

### Excellent Results!

National and Local Authority figures are now available for the results of statutory tests (SATs), measures and checks for the key points in your child's primary school career: the end of Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6. Because of the drive and hard work of the senior leaders, teaching team and support staff, Brunswick's results are better than ever. For example, at Key Stage 2 (Year 6) this is how Brunswick Park compares:

Key Stage 2 SATs 2017	Reading	Writing	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG)	Mathematics
Southwark LA	72%	77%	80%	78%
National	71%	76%	77%	75%
<b>Brunswick Park</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>82%</b>

For more details, please visit the school's website. These results are all the more impressive considering the school's context; Brunswick Park is Resource Based for pupils with Autism, a condition that affects language and communication, and has a higher number of pupils with additional and complex needs than any other mainstream school in the Borough. This is valuable, hard evidence that you send your children to a school where inclusive practice works and where standards matter; children have one chance to get a good education, and we do our best to make sure that all our children get a good education here.

## Swanage 2017

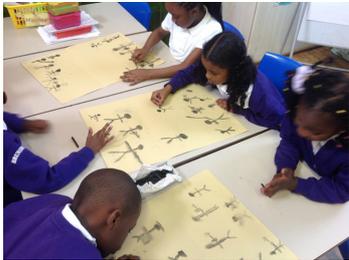
Last week 24 Year Six students travelled to Swanage on our annual school journey. The group had a wonderful time exploring the Dorset countryside and visiting local landmarks. Some of the bravest among us even managed a dip in the English channel! A great week was had by all.



## Educational Research

We ensure we work with a variety of educational professionals to ensure our practice is always improving. This year Brunswick Park will take part in a project called Challenge the Gap, designed to narrow the achievement gap between those children who are disadvantaged and those who are not.

We will share our practice with schools in Southwark and in Portsmouth, and will learn best practice from each other. The project will be led at Brunswick Park by Tom Mitchell, and will focus on pupils on Lower Key Stage 2.



## Cave Painting

We have been 'Cave Painting' in Year 3 as part of our Stone Age topic. Some of us chose to lie under the tables to get the perfect Cave atmosphere!



## Building Update and COMPETITION!

The conversion of the old Caretaker's house into a state of the art Teaching Kitchen is almost complete, and a Grand Opening is planned in October, after children have started to use it to learn. At Brunswick Park we are committed to developing healthy lifestyles, knowledge about healthy eating and life skills including numeracy, writing and communication through growing vegetables in our gardens and allotments and then cooking them. These new facilities will allow larger numbers of children to benefit from valuable teaching and learning. All that remains now is for the final finishing touches to be carried out and for the building to be signed off by Building Control so it can be handed over to us to use.

**CHILDREN - IT NEEDS A NAME! Please give suggestions to your child's teacher, and the winner will be revealed at the Grand Opening on Thursday 19 October.**



## Reading and Home Learning

Routines are now being embedded for home reading and home learning. Now is a great time to speak to the teacher if you feel your child's home reading book does not match his/her needs exactly. Reading book bands are decided based upon July's assessment information, and you may feel your child's reading has improved further since then, or he/she needs the revision or confidence boost of an easier book. If you are new to our school, teachers will be getting to know your child and feedback from parents and carers here is even more helpful.

You will receive a Curriculum Newsletter on Wednesday 27 September. Please use this information to support your child's learning at home and to talk about what your child learns at school.



## Meetings for Parents and Carers

Effective communication between school and home is key to children's progress and wellbeing.

If your child is in Reception, please come to a Welcome Meeting with Fiona O'Malley on Wednesday 27 September at 9.15am in the Middle Hall to find out about the Early Years Curriculum and visit the classrooms to see the children learning. Refreshments are provided. If your child is in Year 1, please come to a Year 1 Transition Meeting with Fiona O'Malley, Anna Newbold and Alex Louis on Tuesday 10 October at 9.15am in the Middle Hall to find out about how teachers manage the transition between Reception and Year 1 and learn about Phonics, reading and the structure of the day.

If your child is in Year 6, please come to a meeting with Andrea Inniss-Griffith on either 12 or 19 October about transferring to secondary school. Ms Inniss-Griffith has written separately about these meetings and what parents and carers need to do select preferred schools and complete the online Common Application Form.

## Come and join us in the Middle Hall to watch your child's Class Sharing Assembly!

Wednesday 4 October	6A	12.40 -12.55
Thursday 5 October	5A	12.40 -12.55
Wednesday 11 October	4A	12.10 -12.25
Thursday 12 October	3C	12.10 -12.25
Wednesday 18 October	6B	12.40 - 12.55
Thursday 19 October	1B	11.40 - 11.55
Wednesday 8 November	5B	12.40 -12.55
Thursday 9 November	3A	12.10 - 12.25
Wednesday 15 November	4B	12.10 - 12.25
Thursday 16 November	1A	11.40 -12.55
Wednesday 22 November	5C	12.40 - 12.55
Thursday 23 November	3B	12.10 - 12.25
13 and 14 December	KS1 Christmas Productions	

## Dates for the Diary:

Year 2 Fire Brigade visit on 26  
September

Macmillan Dress in Green Day 29  
September

FoBs International Event  
11 October

Parents Evenings Autumn Term:  
Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 November

## Reminders to all Parents and Carers

### Correct School Uniform:

Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform. All children must wear black shoes, black or grey school trousers or skirts and socks and Hijabs should be plain white, black or grey.

### Punctuality:

Please ensure your child arrives to school on time every day as arriving late is embarrassing and missed learning time affects achievement and stops your child from reaching his or her potential.

### Parking:

Cars must NOT be parked in the Ambulance bay on Picton Street. Parking carelessly puts children at risk.

## Safeguarding Information

The designated team for Safeguarding at Brunswick Park Primary is Susannah Bellingham, Fiona O'Malley, Andrea Inniss-Griffith and Karen Smith. If you have any concerns about any child, please contact us.

We are committed to Safeguarding all children and members of our school community and take all concerns seriously.

For your information, key school policies are available on request from the School Office and can be downloaded from the school Website under the 'Our School' tab.

Please check the website for further details about what children have been doing and learning in school.

Missed a newsletter? All newsletters are available for download from the School Website under the 'News' tab.

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## Attendance Update

Congratulations to 4B and 5A for 100% attendance this week!

Whole school Attendance = 96.5%

**Whole School Attendance Target = 97%**

### Right to Reply:

21/9/17: Please use this to give us constructive suggestions or comments, including your name and your child's class and hand it to the School Office Staff. Thank you.