



Brunswick Park Primary School e-Newsletter 12

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*November's value is
Courtesy*

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after Half Term, and I hope that if you were able to take a break it was an enjoyable one. We return as the nights draw in for masses to do, see and learn. The rest of the Newsletter is full of details of just some of the events we have coming up, including a food tasting, photographs and Parents' Evenings. I am delighted to tell you our website has been redesigned, and its new look is packed full of wonderful images of children learning and working in their classrooms and around the school. It is being updated regularly; please do visit it for school news and important information.

For a long time now, and particularly since the Council pedestrianised Bantry Street, Picton Street has become dangerously congested with traffic before school begins and after school ends. Most people walk or take public transport to school, but a minority who drive cause dangerous obstructions in Picton Street and put pedestrians at risk. Local Authority taxis bring children with additional needs to school every day. They must have access to wait at the top of Bantry Street, which adds to the difficulty caused to other road users and pedestrians. However, parking on pavements, mounting pavements and obstructing other cars is never acceptable. The Council is consulting about measures that will improve safety on Picton Street and in the roads around the school, and in the short term there will be regular warden patrols and the installation of traffic cameras is planned. If you live close by and do not need to drive your children to school, please leave your cars at home and use an alternative method of transport. We cannot value our community's safety highly enough, and the irresponsible behaviour of a few must not be allowed to endanger anyone. Thank you for your kind co-operation as additional safety measures are put in place, and for your ongoing support.

It is Bonfire Night on Saturday, so I wish you a safe and enjoyable weekend. Take good care.

Susannah Bellingham

Children collecting younger brothers and sisters

To keep children safe, Brunswick Park has a policy regarding children collecting younger brothers and sisters. Children in the Nursery and Reception classes must be collected by a person aged 16 or over. The child being collected must know the person, and School Office staff must be informed in advance of who will collect the child. Children in Years 1 and 2 must be collected by a person aged 14 or over, the child must know the person and School Office Staff must be informed in advance of who will collect the child.

If the School Office has not been given this information, or if a person collecting who is younger than 16 in the case of children in the Nursery or Reception classes or 14 in the case of children in Years 1 and 2, the child being collected will be kept at school and parents/carers will be contacted to arrange a suitable alternative. The safety of Brunswick's children is of the utmost importance, and we thank you for co-operating with this policy to safeguard your children.

School Photographs

Vancols Photographers are coming to take pictures of the children on **Friday 18 November 2016**. They will take sibling group photographs from 9.00am to 10.00am and individual photographs from 10.00am. If you would like a sibling group photograph, please write to Denise Beckford in the School Office noting your children's names and classes by **Wednesday 16 November 2016**. Children are expected to wear correct school uniform for their photographs, and we look forward to seeing everyone looking super smart on that day. Photographs will be available for purchase before Christmas.



Sharing Assemblies

Year 1 and 2: 11:40 – 11:55am

Year 3 and 4: 12:10 – 12:25pm

Year 5 and 6: 12:40 – 12:55pm

Wednesday 9 November	4C
Thursday 10 November	5B
Wednesday 16 November	1A
Thursday 17 November	3B

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings are held in your child's classroom on **Monday 7 November between 3.45pm and 5.45pm** and on **Tuesday 8 November between 5.00pm and 7.00pm**.

You will have been invited to make an appointment via ParentMail to see your child's teacher. Each appointment lasts 10 minutes, and we thank you in advance for your patience; teachers do try their best to keep to time! During your appointment, you will have an opportunity to get to know your child's teacher better, and teachers will discuss with you your child's learning and progress. They will give you Age Related Expectations Booklets so you know what your child will be taught by the end of the year and what your child is expected to know.

Helen Bansback, our SENCo, is available for you to speak to, as are all the School's Senior Leaders. In addition, School Governors will be there to take any questions or feedback you may have. We look forward to welcoming you.

Food Tasting for Parents and Carers

A reminder that ISS, Brunswick's caterers, are holding our first Food Tasting event in the Brunswick Bistro for 40 parents and carers on **Tuesday 15 November from 2.40pm – 3.20pm**. Those attending will be given the opportunity to taste exactly what the children were served for lunch earlier that day. ISS staff will be on hand to explain how they provide a healthy and balanced menu for the children, explain how the Bistro runs and answer any questions you may have. If you were not able to get a place at this term's tasting, there will be another in the Spring Term.

School Choir

Choir for pupils in Years 3-6 with Paula Hales, our Music Teacher, is held on **Thursdays from 3.00pm – 4.15pm**. Come along and sing loud and proud!

Poppy Appeal

Every year Brunswick Park supports the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal by selling poppies to the children. Remembrance Sunday this year is on 13 November, and poppies will be sold every day next week leading up to it.

Marking Remembrance Sunday ties in with Year 6's work on World War II and their Black History Homework Project on the roles and contributions in that War of Black Soldiers and Service Personnel. We ask for a minimum donation of 20p for a poppy, and pupils in Year 6 will visit classes to sell them.



Uniform Reminder

A reminder to children, parents and carers that it is expected that children wear black shoes to school. Black trainers are permitted only if they are totally black, with no colour or coloured detail on them whatsoever.

Children who are very young, or have not yet learned to tie their shoelaces, are expected to wear slip on shoes or shoes with a Velcro or buckle fastening. Loose laces are a tripping hazard and can be extremely dangerous, particularly on stairs.

We know you do not want to put your children at unnecessary risk of harm, and thank you for ensuring your child wears the correct uniform to school every day. Hijabs should be plain white, grey, purple or black to match the school colours.

Firework Safety

Bonfire Night on 5 November is a fun and dazzling event for all.

Please visit the website below to keep you and your family safe:

www.fireservice.co.uk/safety/fireworks



Gorsefield and Swanage Journeys

A reminder to parents and carers of children in Years 3 and 5 that places are available on our residential School Journeys; Gorsefield for Year 3 in March 2017 and Swanage for Year 6 in September 2017.

Your child will have been given a letter about these; if it has been mislaid, additional copies are available via the School Office.

They are great fun and are really valuable, helping children develop independence, team building and problem solving skills in beautiful settings, and as a result we want as many children as possible to go. Please sign your child up!

Attendance update for the week ending 28 October 2016

School attendance for this week is 97%

Congratulations to 4C for 98.5% attendance this week!

Whole School Attendance Target = 96%

Safeguarding Information

The designated team for Safeguarding at Brunswick Park Primary is Susannah Bellingham, Fiona O'Malley, Andrea Inniss 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.

Brunswick Park: Healthy Eaters

Brunswick Park is a Healthy School and we are going to be even healthier this year. Look out for our healthy eating leaflets that will be distributed at Parents' Evening. There will be an assembly on this topic, which will include healthy weight management, that will be presented by Yancy Jensen, a Healthy Weight Specialist. There will also be a workshop for parents and carers, so check out the next newsletter for more information.



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.

<http://www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk>

Right to Reply:

4/11/16: 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.
