

Brunswick Park Primary School

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This month's Focus Value is *Peace*

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the last Newsletter of this term and of 2017. Term ends for the children on Wednesday 20 December at 2.00pm, straight after our Christmas Lunch, the menu for which is below. Until then we have lots of lovely seasonal things to do, including today's Festive Friday that reinforces the importance of giving and of thinking of others, parties, discos and possibly even a visit from Father Christmas.... More details further down.

Now our Soft Start Arrangements for Key Stage 2 have been in place for a fortnight, I am delighted to report that your feedback has been unanimously positive: because you can drop your children off quickly parking is easier, you are able to leave the school premises earlier to get to work on time, you like giving your children a little additional independence and the roads around the school are less congested. The teachers report a more efficient start to the children's day and an increase in valuable learning time. The children report feeling better organised and that their time is being used well. In short, the arrangements have made mornings calmer for both you and your children, and I am pleased that doing something so straightforward has had such a big impact.

The school has been full of joyful singing throughout this week and last, with the Key Stage 1 Production of Hey Ewe! The final performance was yesterday, and the children were absolutely fantastic. They are brilliant actors and narrators, nobody needed a microphone, the audience could hear every word and the singing raised the roof. Thank you for being such an appreciative audience and for all your kind words and comments to the staff who have worked so hard - we all really enjoy it, and to be told we are doing a great job is, in this case, the star on the tree.

We are now a third of the way through the school year, and it is time for a well-earned break. On behalf of all the staff at Brunswick I wish you and your families a peaceful, safe and joyful time together, whether or not you celebrate Christmas. Time with our children is precious, and I hope you are able to make the most of the (rather short) holiday. Keep encouraging your children to read regularly throughout, and I look forward very much to seeing them again in 2018 on Wednesday 3 January. May the New Year bring great things to us all.

With best wishes as always

Susannah Bellingham

Head Teacher

A Christmas Production!

For this year's KS1 Nativity, we enjoyed four lovely performances of 'Hey Ewe!'. Of all the sheep in the flock, the smallest ewe is the most inquisitive. She is always busy asking questions and, to the irritation of the rest of the flock, demanding to know exactly what is going on. One night, while all of the other sheep are asleep, some extraordinary events unfold that excite her curiosity more than ever before. With the help of her shepherds and a beautiful night star, the curious sheep finds her way to the stable and the new born King. With special thanks to all staff in Years 1 and 2, Office Staff for organising tickets and of course the amazing children of Brunswick Park.



Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch will be served in the Brunswick Bistro on Wednesday 20 December. Please see below our menu:

*Join us for
Christmas lunch*

*Roast Turkey
Cocktail Chicken Sausage
& Gravy
Or
Christmas Pasty*

*Served with
Golden Roast Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Garden Peas*

*Christmas Ice Cream
with Satsuma
Christmas Cracker*

 Feeding Hungry Minds

Festive Celebration Schedule

Mon 18/12/17 - EYFS & KS1 parties in class and a visit from Father Christmas. Year 3 and 4 Disco.

Tues 19/12/17 - Year 5 and 6 Christmas Disco.

Wed 20/12/17 - Christmas Lunch for all children.

Children can wear their own clothes to the Disco and are allowed to bring money (no more than £2) to spend on refreshments.

News from our Festive Friday and Christmas Jumper day this will go on the website next week! Thank you for your generous donations for local families in need.

Black Cultural Archives Trip

Last week Year 5 travelled to The Black Cultural Archives in Brixton as part of their humanities topic, Migration. The group learned about how and why some families migrated from the Caribbean to England. We explored a migrant's suitcase and spoke about why they had packed certain items. The workshops were great fun and we all got a feel of what life is like for migrants from history and today.



Odd Sock Day 2017: Update

Last month, as part of our Anti-bullying Week Brunswick held an Odd sock day for all children and staff. We are really pleased to inform you that we managed to raise a great £238 for the Anti - Bullying Alliance; an organisation set up to raise awareness and help eradicate bullying in schools.

Holiday Dates:

Please note that we break up on Wednesday 20 December at 2.00pm and return on Wednesday 3 January 2018 to begin our Spring Term.

Lost Property

Karen Harris has organised the Lost Property from this term and returned all named items to the children. We have a staggering 9 black bags of unnamed items left!

These items will be put out under the shelter in the playground on Monday and Tuesday mornings. There are plenty of school uniform items in very good condition, so do please look through them and take what you need. Anything left over after this time will be donated to charity. Please, please label children's clothes! The best way is to attach a fabric or sticker label. Another way is to write in large, clear letters with a Sharpie on the inside near the neck or at the bottom.



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; 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. Wardens patrol for the children's safety and welfare.

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.

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

Attendance Update

04/12/2017 to 08/12/2017:

96.65%

Whole School Attendance Target = 97%

Right to Reply:

15/12/17: 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.