

Brunswick Park Primary School

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This month's Focus Value is Courtesy

Dear Parents and Carers

On the last Newsletter I was delighted to report that school attendance has continued to improve and that the children now exceed their Whole School Attendance Target of 97% quite regularly; last Newsletter it was 98.1%. I thank you as always for your continued support in ensuring your children come to school regularly. There is a proven link between good school attendance and good academic progress.

The part of school attendance that still needs to improve is children's punctuality, and Mrs Inniss-Griffith and our Educational Welfare Officer Audrey Stapleton are working hard with our families who need support to bring their children to school on time. I want to do something additional to help make the start of the school day the best it can be for the children. At the moment, children in the EYFS and Key Stage 1 on the Ground Floor are welcomed directly into their classrooms by their teachers and support staff at 08:55. Children in classes 2B, 2C and in Key Stage 2 are collected from the playground in their class lines at the same time. Because of the geography of the school building, it can take a few minutes to get up the stairs, hang up coats and settle into classrooms.

To learn best the children need a calm and positive start to their learning promptly at 09:00. To make this happen, from Monday 4 December a Soft Start will be introduced for the children in Key Stage 2. Morning arrangements for the EYFS and Key Stage 1 will remain unchanged. The school gates will open as usual at 08:45, and School Leaders will continue to be available on Bantry Street and in the playgrounds to welcome you and the children and for you to speak with. The school bell will continue to be rung each day at 08:55. Instead of lining up, from 08:45 children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will go straight into school to their classrooms where their teachers will be waiting for them with reading and morning activities for them to do before the register is taken and learning starts at 09:00. School staff will patrol the entrances and stairs to ensure the children's safety, and all entrance doors apart from the front door will close at 09:00, when Denise Beckford will continue to record and register all late arrivals. Starting the school day this way stops all congestion at the entrances and on the stairs, and means that all children should be in their classrooms ready to start their learning before 09:00. Children will be brought down at the end of the day as usual, so you will continue to have a daily opportunity to speak directly with your child's teacher.

If you have any questions over the next fortnight about the Soft Start arrangements for Key Stage 2, please speak to me or any of the other Senior or Learning Leaders, and we will be happy to answer them. With best wishes as always for a peaceful and enjoyable weekend.

Susannah Bellingham

Head Teacher

TfL Stars Award!

We are delighted to announce that Brunswick Park have won the Bronze Award from the Transport For London STARS. Alex Louis took three children to the award ceremony last week. They were amazingly well behaved and a credit to the school. We are so happy that so many of you walk, scoot, cycle and use the bus or train. Without you we would not have won! The children are excited to promote sustainable transport over the coming year and who knows, we may win gold next time!



General Notices:

- Nursery closed on 7 December for staff training in Makaton sign language.
- 5C Parents Evening 3.45 - 5.45 Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 November with Miss Barry and Mrs Inniss-Griffith.

School Trip Reminders

Parents of children who wish to attend our annual trips to Gorsefield (Yr3) and Swanage (current Yr5) in 2018 can still sign up to do so at Reception.

A warm Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome two new Lunchtime Play Leaders to our Staff Team: Jessica Kelly and Keltoum Cherid. They are both parents of children at Brunswick and know the school and the children very well.

Odd Sock Day 2017!

This Friday the Brunswick Park playground was filled with an assortment of colourful feet! Odd Sock Day was held to reflect the theme for National Anti-Bullying Week 'All different, All equal'. There has been a wonderful turnout for the event, which is raising money for the Anti Bullying Alliance Charity, and we would like to thank everyone who took part!

Friends of Brunswick Park School - FOBS

FESTIVE FRIDAY

FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER
3.30pm - in the KS2 PLAYGROUND

AFTER SCHOOL PLEASE COME AND SHARE WITH THE WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY IN A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS AND THE WINTER SEASON

**SINGING BY THE CHILDREN
TREE DECORATING CEREMONY**

EACH CLASS WILL BE PRESENTING A 'GIVING BOX' FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED OF SUPPORT.

**YOU WILL BE INVITED TO DONATE NAPPIES AND BABY WIPES.
Or
DONATIONS OF FOOD FOR THE LOCAL FOOD BANK
FESTIVE FOOD TREATS**

SNOWY SURPRISE!

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION COMING SOON !!!

If you can help out at the event please leave your contact details at the school office or phone Kate on: 07989377



Food Tasting Event 2017

On Wednesday 15 November, in partnership with our catering team from ISS, we were delighted to host a Food Tasting Event for a group of parents and younger siblings.

Our Food Tasters were treated to a selection of hot and cold food – roast chicken, roast potatoes and parsnips, hummus and cucumber wraps, and dessert choices of peach sponge, custard, and fresh fruit.

This was the same as the children had eaten at lunch that day, so parents were able to see for themselves the range and quality of food on offer to the children.

Freda and Hassane, who lead our catering team, met with parents and talked to them about how our food is sourced and prepared and how menus are organised over a three week cycle.

We would like to thank parents and carers for their time and helpful feedback – watch this space for an exciting opportunity to join a parents cooking group.



Free Gym and Swim

Did you know that all Southwark residents or employees of Southwark Council (including Brunswick Park Primary School), can use the swimming and gym facilities for free in all of the council's leisure centres?

You can use the facilities for free at the following times:

- All day Fridays (subject to programmes and timetables)
- Saturday and Sunday (2pm to closing)

How to register

Register for an account online or ask for an application form at your local leisure centre

Find out more information on

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/leisure-and-sport/free-swim-and-gym>

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.

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

06/11/2017 to 10/11/2017:

97.5%

Whole School Attendance Target = 97%

Right to Reply:

17/11/17: 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.