Brunswick Park Primary School

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This month's Focus Value is POSITIVITY

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after what feels a little like a long weekend, and Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely time over the holiday, however you chose to spend it. The children have returned full of tales of delicious dinners and spending time with their families and relatives.

We start 2018 as we mean to go on, celebrating the value of positivity: seeing the good in people, making the most of what we have and acknowledging that the reward of success cannot be enjoyed without making mistakes. Amongst the items in this Newsletter you will find details of Brunswick's children's achievements as a result of their and the whole staff team's hard work and commitment and details of a very special visitor coming to the school later this month; two very good reasons to be extremely positive indeed.

Finally, one more reason to be positive: your donations to the local Food and Baby Banks at the end of last term were overwhelmingly generous, and their staff were so touched by the difference you chose to make to their client's lives over the Christmas period. They have asked that I pass on their warm thanks on their behalf. I am proud to work with such an impressive school community.

With best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable weekend.

Susannah Bellingham

Head Teacher

Excellent Results!

National and Local Authority results are now validated, published and available for comparison on https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk of statutory tests at the end of Key Stage 2 (SATs in 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, 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%
Brunswick Park	83%	76%	89%	82%

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.

Places still available!

There are currently a few places left on the Year 3 residential School Journey to the Gorsefield Rural Studies Centre in Essex. The cost of the journey is £150 per child, inclusive of all coach travel, meals, accommodation and activities. There are a number of flexible payment options. Please contact Fiona O'Malley or Victoria in the School Office asap for more information and to secure a place.

Images of last year's visit

Brunswick has a Published Author

Our Key Stage 1 Learning Leader and teacher of Class 1B, Anna Newbold, has co-written a chapter with Ruth Hunt, former teacher at Brunswick and now lecturer at UEL, in an academic collection called

Special Needs in the Early Years, published by Sage. Their chapter is called **CPD opportunities for staff working with children with SEND in the Early Years**.

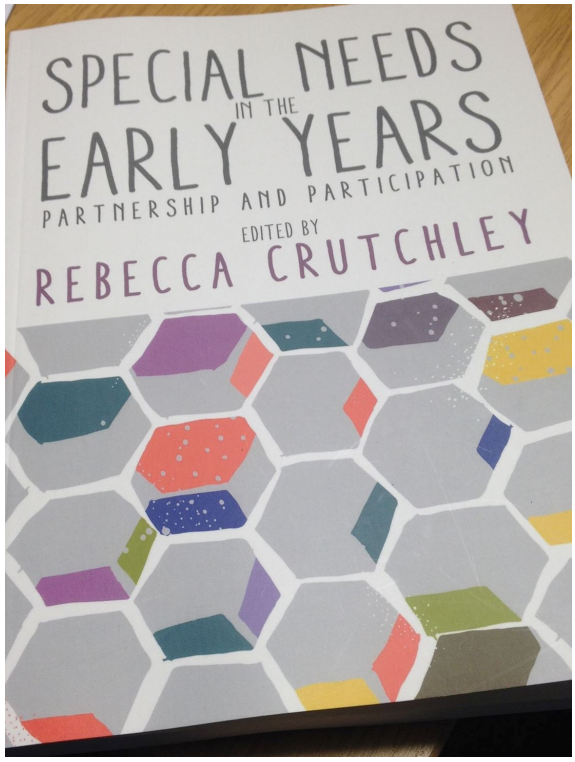
We are committed to research and continuing professional development in the profession to ensure best outcomes for children, and congratulate Anna on this achievement.

Changes to Children's PE Timetable

This term children have their PE lessons on the following days:

Monday:	**1A, 1B**
Tuesday:	**4A, 4B, 5A, 5C**
Wednesday:	**2C, 3A, 3B, 3C**
Thursday:	**2A, 2B, 6A, 6B**
Friday:	**Nursery, Crimson, Ruby, 5B**

Please make sure your child has PE kit on the right day. Thank you.



School Uniform and Lost Property

As you know, a huge amount of unnamed school uniform accumulates very quickly. We need your help! First, please ensure all school clothing is named with a label or with a permanent pen such as a Sharpie so we can reunite lost clothing with its owners quickly. Second, parents have suggested that a group of them sell unnamed clothing in good condition at the end of each term to raise money for the school. This is an excellent idea! If you would like to volunteer your help and time to do this, please contact the School Office where staff will put you in touch with the FoBs. Thank you!

We welcome Helen Clayton, our new Nursery Teacher, who brings a wealth of experience in Early Years education. I know you will make her very welcome as she strengthens our accomplished Nursery Team.

Levi Roots is coming to Brunswick!

What amazing news! On 23 January, Levi Roots will visit Brunswick Park to give an assembly to the children, visit our House Kitchen and learn more about all the growing and cooking we do at the school. We invited him to the Kitchen House opening but he was not able to come on that day. However, he was so interested in our children's involvement and learning in gardening, food and cooking that he felt he had to come and find out more. We can't wait!

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

From this term, Year Groups rather than classes will share their learning in assembly with parents and carers. Please look out for Sharing Assembly dates via ParentMail and from next week on the school website.

Dates for the Diary:

Year 3 School Journey to Gorsefield Rural Studies Centre:
21-23 March

Last day before Half Term:
9 February

Return to school:
19 February

Parents Evenings Spring Term:
Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 March

End of Term:
Thursday 29 March
Children finish at 2pm

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 and Andrea Inniss-Griffith. 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

Congratulations to 5B for 100% attendance the week before Christmas!

Whole school Attendance that week = 94.5%

Whole School Attendance Target = 97%

Right to Reply:

5/1/18: 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.