

Brunswick Park Primary School

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April's Focus Value is **GRATITUDE**; May's is **DEMOCRACY**

Dear Parents and Carers

I wish you a very warm welcome back to Brunswick Park for the Summer Term 2021, a time when COVID-19 restrictions are being lifted gradually to reintroduce us to a more 'normal' way of living. The children have returned bright, shiny and ready to learn, many sporting long-awaited smart new haircuts. It is lovely to see them again; their enthusiasm and positivity is infectious. I hope you have been able to enjoy the time away from school with your children, and that if you celebrate Easter, you enjoyed just the right amount of chocolate.

Many of our Muslim families are observing Ramadan at the moment; a very special time. It started on Monday 12 April and finishes on Wednesday 12 May. At Brunswick Park we follow the advice and adhere to the guidelines regarding fasting during Ramadan as set out by the Muslim Council of Great Britain. If your family is Muslim and observes the obligations of Ramadan, please take time to read the school's policy and guidelines carefully. **They are available in full on the school website, and the main points are set out below:**

Schools are primarily places of education, and at Brunswick Park Primary School to enable children to continue to make good academic progress in a healthy and safe environment whilst performing religious observance, the Muslim Council of Britain's guidelines are interpreted as follows:

- Children under the age of 7 (EYFS and KS1) will eat lunch and their daily fruit as normal during Ramadan. They are too young to fast at school without their physical stamina and concentration levels being affected.*
- Children in Years 3 and 4 are permitted to fast at school during Ramadan with the written permission of their parents or carers and on the understanding that if school staff believe that a child's ability to learn is being affected, the child will be given water and food.*
- Children in Years 5 and 6 are permitted to fast with the written permission of their parents or carers. If a child in Year 5 or Year 6 is struggling to maintain concentration during lessons, or if his/her health and safety is deemed to be at risk as a result of fasting, his/her parents or carers will be contacted so they can make an informed decision about whether or not the child should break the fast.*
- If Key Stage 2 SATs examinations fall during Ramadan pupils in Year 6 will not fast during school hours. Islam gives allowances for these pupils to break the fast and make it up later if fasting will in any way jeopardise their performance in examinations.*
- Quiet supervised activities for fasting children will be provided at lunchtime during the month of Ramadan.*

Please provide written permission to the School Office Staff if your family is Muslim, your child is in Key Stage 2 and you wish him/her to fast during Ramadan.

In this Newsletter there are details of upcoming virtual maths workshops for parents and carers, and of online family fitness classes run by Southwark Council. There is also information about Ruskin Park Paddling Pool reopening in the Summer. I know how much your children are missing the opportunity to go on trips and visits – we're all a bit bored of the park now – and we wait with anticipation for the next timetabled move out of lockdown on 17 May, which we hope makes more visits and out of school activities possible. As soon as we can arrange them, we will. In the meantime, we will make the most of the sunshine and longer days, and keep doing our best to make learning in school as enjoyable as we can.

With best wishes for a safe and healthy fortnight ahead

Susannah Bellingham

Head Teacher





NURSERY

From September 2021 we are delighted to be offering full time places as well as part time places in our Nursery.

Nursery children receive a free lunch/snack and, for a fee, can use the breakfast club and after school club facilities.

If you qualify for 30 hours' free childcare, your child will be able to have a full time place, subject to availability. If you qualify for 15 hours' free childcare, you will be able to choose morning or afternoon sessions for your child, or a combination of both.

Please contact Anna Newbold on anewbold2.210@lgflmail.org to find out more.

Virtual Maths Workshops for Parents and Carers

We are very pleased to offer parents and carers maths workshops about the calculation methods teachers use in their maths lessons with the children so you can support at home, knowing you're not confusing your child unintentionally. We know how easy this is to do, as maths is a subject that seems to change all the time; it's never the same as when we learned it at school!

The workshops will be held online so you can take part in the comfort of your own space. We will send details to you shortly, and we look forward to 'seeing' you.



Are you struggling with food costs? Want to eat better food on a tight budget?

Learn to cook some of our delicious £1 a portion recipes. We'll deliver you a free bag of ingredients for 3 different recipes to help you on your way, and we'll guide you through how to cook them, save money, and delight your friends and family



LEARN AT HOME AT YOUR OWN PACE

To register for this free course, email southwark@bagsoftaste.org or call/text/WApp 07491 646 418

* Free course and ingredients for qualifying participants only

OUR **BUDGET COOKING** MENU:



CHANNA MASALA a classic curry beloved by Indians the world over – proper, authentic homestyle Indian cooking, better than the takeaway!



ITALIAN PASTA SAUCE – home made is so much better than jars!! Twist it your way, with or without meat or tuna, it's a versatile basic dish everyone should know



MIDDLE EASTERN PILAF whether you make this with chickpeas or chicken, this is a fabulous tasty one-pot dish, perfect for weekday suppers

Free online family fun fitness classes run by Southwark Council

Work on your fitness and create a balanced lifestyle for your family. Join in eight weeks of online yoga, dance and fitness classes aimed at families with young children.

The weekly 30 minute classes run 6 April to 29 May 2021 on:

Tuesday 10am: family yoga

Thursday 10am: family dance

Saturday 10am: family fitness/movement

All classes can be viewed on the Southwark children and family YouTube channel.

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyMUD5-zvf9M6q_bKJ6ht8OKvT0_9j-kl

A new future for Ruskin Park Paddling Pool!

Information from the Friends of Ruskin Park

Lambeth Council is working alongside the community, Urban Village and Friends of Ruskin Park to make the popular pool cleaner, safer and easier to maintain.

Run by volunteers, the Ruskin Park paddling pool has long been a much-loved part of the local community since it first opened in the 1920s. So, when Lambeth Council made the difficult decision to close the pool in 2015 due to lack of funds, there was a huge outcry from the local residents and businesses.

Determined to keep the pool well maintained and safe to use, a community partnership was quickly developed to support Lambeth Council and a crowd-funder raised over £15,000. Helping to fund chemicals, water, new pumps and paint, the following four years were a great success for the pool, and with the addition of the Ruskin Park mural, it drew in large numbers of the local community from May through to September.

Cllr Jim Dickson, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care at Lambeth Council told us:

'I'd like to say a huge thank you to our amazing Ruskin Park community for their hard work keeping the paddling pool going with very few resources over the past few years.'

However, due to safety concerns as a result of a broken pump, plus the introduction of social distancing in March last year, the difficult decision was sadly made to close the pool.

What's the plan?

Now, a year on and we're pleased to announce that Lambeth Council is currently working alongside the community and Friends of Ruskin Park to invest capital funds, aimed at renovating the pool, making it cleaner, safer and easier to maintain.

Allowing it to reopen!

With an estimated cost of £100,000, it's no easy task to bring the paddling pool up to date, but with pool reserves from previous funds; donations from Friends of Ruskin Park; an application for CIL funds and a generous donation from the team at Urban Village, the renovation is almost halfway to target. While Lambeth Council plans to cover most of the remainder, Friends of Ruskin Park will ask the community to raise more too. We would love to hear from potential donors or anyone who can help.

For those who have fought so hard to keep the paddling pool open - particularly for children without access to gardens or freedom to play outdoors - this joint effort from local businesses and volunteers is certainly welcome news after such a difficult 12 months.

When will the renovations start?

Currently, the renovations are set to take place after September this year, but adhering to Government guidelines relating to COVID-19 and weekly safety checks from Lambeth Council, we're pleased to say that the pool should be able to open safely this year on a reduced service. This means it will only be open on weekends from late May Bank Holiday to September, and potentially for a few additional days in the summer holidays.

'It's great to see the community and the council working in partnership to bring the much loved Ruskin Park paddling pool back to life,' adds Cllr Jim Dickson. 'We look forward to a weekend summer season this year and then use by families seven days a week in 2022.'

Of course, this still only remains possible with the help of volunteers who can drain and clean the pool, while helping to maintain safe and healthy conditions - to get involved and support this great cause, email info@urbanvillagehomes.com or volunteering@friendsofruskinpark.org.uk.

Together, we can keep the community spirit alive and enjoy the paddling pool in years to come!

Term Dates 2020/2021

Summer Term

HALF TERM 5: Monday 19 April 2021 to Friday 28 May 2021

(May Day bank holiday will be taken on 3 May)

INSET DAY ON MONDAY 19 APRIL - CHILDREN RETURN ON TUESDAY 20 APRIL

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021

HALF TERM 6: Monday 7 June 2021 to Friday 23 July 2021

If COVID-19 Restrictions are still in place, there will be a staggered finish on Friday 23 July and the latest collection time will be 2pm.

Term Dates 2021/2022

Autumn Term

HALF TERM 1: Wednesday 1 September 2021 to Friday 22 October 2021

INSET DAY ON WEDNESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER - CHILDREN RETURN ON THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021

HALF TERM 2: Monday 1 November 2021 to Friday 17 December 2021

Spring Term

HALF TERM 3: Tuesday 4 January 2022 to Friday 11 February 2022

INSET DAY ON TUESDAY 4 JANUARY - CHILDREN RETURN ON WEDNESDAY 5 JANUARY

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 14 February 2022 to Friday 18 February 2022

HALF TERM 4: Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 1 April 2022

Summer Term

HALF TERM 5: Tuesday 19 April 2022 to Friday 27 May 2022

INSET DAY ON TUESDAY 19 APRIL - CHILDREN RETURN ON WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL

(May Day bank holiday will be taken on 2 May)

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022

HALF TERM 6: Monday 6 June 2022 to Friday 22 July 2022

INSET DAYS ON THURSDAY 21 AND FRIDAY 22 JULY - LAST DAY IN SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IN WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2022

Children finish at 2.00pm on 17 December 2021, 1 April 2022 and 20 July 2022



To try to make understanding its guidance easier, the Government has introduced HANDS FACE SPACE and FRESH AIR.

At school, primary-aged children do HANDS with extra washing and sanitiser, and FACE and SPACE by being kept in consistent groups and, if age-appropriate, facing forwards in class. FRESH AIR is done by keeping rooms and spaces well ventilated.

Parents, carers and visitors need to do all 4:

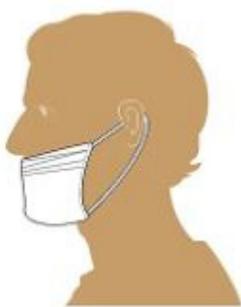
Regular handwashing/sanitising;

Wearing a face covering over the mouth and nose everywhere on school premises;

Maintaining social distance inside the school building and on the school premises including Bantry and Picton Street.

ONE ADULT PER FAMILY IS PERMITTED TO COME INTO THE PLAYGROUND TO DROP OFF AND COLLECT. PLEASE KEEP YOUR DISTANCE FROM OTHERS.

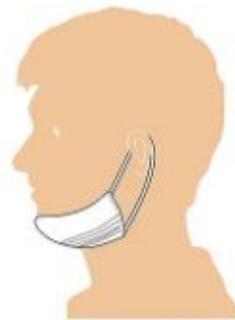
DOs AND DON'Ts OF WEARING A MASK



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Please do not take offence if you are asked to adjust your face covering. Current guidance recommends adults use them correctly to protect others.

Entering and leaving the school

**ALL SCHOOL ENTRANCES AND EXITS ARE ON
BANTRY STREET**

**EYFS and Years 1 and 2: enter through the KS1 Gate
and exit through the Nursery Gate;**

Years 3 and 4 and Resource Base: enter and exit
through the Main Gate;

Years 5 and 6: enter and exit through the Fire Gates.

There are signs, and staff are happy to help you.

**If you miss a member of staff with hand sanitiser,
please use the dispensers on the wall by each gate.**

**PARENTS, CARERS AND VISITORS WEAR FACE
COVERINGS EVERYWHERE ON SCHOOL PREMISES**



What can my child bring from home?

As little as possible:

Book bag

PE Kit

Years 5 and 6 only, with parent/carer permission – **mobile phone** (collected, sanitised, stored securely then returned)

Children are given water throughout the day in named, sanitised cups and at lunchtime with their meals.

What happens at lunchtime?

In Southwark, the Council pays for all children's lunches until they leave primary school.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions and our caterer's serving policy, we need to limit numbers in the Dining Hall.

So, most children have a hot lunch and a packed lunch on alternate weeks, all provided by the School Kitchen.

W/B Monday 26 April, Years 2, 4 and 6 will eat a hot lunch in the Dining Hall, and Years 1, 3 and 5 will eat a packed lunch in their classrooms.

The week after it will swap over:

W/B Monday 3 May, Years 1, 3 and 5 will eat a hot lunch in the Dining Hall and Years 2, 4 and 6 will eat a packed lunch in their classrooms.

In the Nursery, children have a daily mid-morning snack. Reception children and Resource Based pupils have a hot lunch in the Dining Hall every day.

What do I do if my child is ill?

Government Guidance states:

'If anyone in school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and be advised to follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.'

This sets out that they must:

- self-isolate for at least 10 days*
- arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)'*

If your child becomes unwell at home with any of these symptoms, you must inform the School Office then follow the guidance:

self-isolate and get a test.

If the test results are negative and your child is well, s/he should return to school.

If they are positive you must inform the School Office immediately so the Local Health Protection Team can take appropriate action.

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. Grey or black shorts or purple checked summer dresses can be worn in warm weather.

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:

Picton Street is now closed to traffic from 08:30 - 09:15 and 15:00 - 16:00. If you arrive by car please factor this in, as you will need to park elsewhere and walk into Picton Street.

Safeguarding Information

The designated team for Safeguarding at Brunswick Park Primary is

Susannah Bellingham
Andrea Inniss-Griffith and
Thomas Moudiotis.

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>

Please look at our website www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk for links to useful activities and information and our updated Safeguarding Policy in light of the Coronavirus Restrictions.

School attendance is now mandatory once again.

If your child is absent from school we will continue making first day absence calls. Home Learning will only be offered to children who cannot attend school for clinical or public health reasons. If you choose not to send your child to school we will happily discuss this with you, but please be aware that non-attendance may result in further action in line with our Whole School Attendance Policy.

Right to Reply:

23/4/21: Please email the address below to give us constructive suggestions or comments, including your name and your child's class.

Thank you.

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