

Brunswick Park Primary School

e-Newsletter

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Brunswick Park
Primary School

Friday 8 October 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers

October's Focus Value is **EMPATHY**

I begin with thank yous: to everyone who made a donation for World Mental Health Day, to the parents and carers who joined us on Zoom to learn about applying for a secondary school place for their Year 6 children, to the parents and carers who brought their children in a bit early for the Daily Mile on Wednesday and who came to Year 6's and Year 3's sharing assemblies. Particular thanks go to the Year 3 parents (and their tiny guests) who danced along with the children's re-interpretation of LMFAO's Party Rock Anthem to teach us all about rocks and fossils. Forget shufflin'; every day we're learnin'.

Whilst all this is clearly great, we must not forget that children have lost a huge amount of learning time as a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic, and those children who are disadvantaged have lost more than anyone else. 56% of Brunswick's children are considered by the Government to be disadvantaged, so the school receives additional funding to support them. There is an irrefutable link between regular school attendance and doing better in life as an adult. Children who go to school regularly make better progress, go on to get better qualifications and then get better jobs. This is a fact. So we need to get all the children into school, on time, every day, because every day counts. Teachers cannot make up lost learning time for children who aren't in school.

The school's attendance target is 97%. Whole school attendance is usually about 96.6%. This is higher than most other schools. At the moment, however, it is about 92%, which is alarming. One reason is confusion about government guidelines about COVID-19 Isolation, which are:

Household contacts who are not required to self-isolate from 16 August

From 16 August, you will not be required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply:

- you are fully vaccinated
- you are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Fully vaccinated means that you have been vaccinated with an MHRA approved COVID-19 vaccine in the UK, and at least 14 days have passed since you received the recommended doses of that vaccine.



To clarify:

If someone in your household has COVID-19 and your child does not have symptoms, your child must continue to come to school. If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, you must get them PCR tested straight away and keep them away from school whilst you wait for the results, which usually takes fewer than 24 hours. If the result is negative, your child must come back to school. If your child has a mild illness, such as a cold, your child should continue to come to school.

Routine dental and GP appointments should be arranged outside school hours so your child can come to school. Holidays must not be taken in term time and cannot be authorised. If there is an exceptional circumstance that requires your child to be absent from school, parents must request permission using the Exceptional Leave Form, available from the School Office and on the School Website. Evidence for the need to be absent during term time must be provided. Children attend school for 190 days per year, leaving 175 days per year for appointments and holidays. We give classes and individual children trophies and certificates for good attendance, which they love, but the children are young, so do not come to school without the support of their parents and carers. For your children's benefit, this support must be a priority. If you are experiencing difficulties with school attendance, contact Caroline Campion via the School Office so we can help.

Finally, some reminders:

If your child is in Year 6 and you would like support to complete the online Secondary Transfer form via eAdmissions, come to school on Wednesday 13 or Thursday 14 October between 3.00pm and 5.00pm to fill it out with me and Anna Newbold;

Parents' Evenings are on Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 November and will be a combination of in person and on Zoom. Booking details will be sent next week;

Follow the school and its Year Groups on Twitter, where more regular updates than the Newsletter are placed. Details further down;

Keep encouraging your children to make and keep eye contact with you. We are starting to see a difference;

Picton Street is closed to all motor traffic twice a day at 08:30 and at 15:15. There are Council cameras monitoring this and the fine is £65. Children do not expect cars on the road at these times.

Do not move the barriers and drive down the street when it is closed.

Doing so puts children's safety at risk.

Thank you.

With best wishes for a safe and healthy fortnight ahead.

Susannah Bellingham
Head Teacher



School Attendance

School starts promptly at 08:55 every day.

The children in Key Stage 1 are expected to be in the playground, ready to line up with their class or be by their classroom door when the bell rings in Bantry Street at 08:55.

Pupils in Key Stage 2 are come into school from 08:45 and are expected to go straight to their classrooms to do their early morning work.

Registers in Key Stage 1 are taken at 09:00 and in Key Stage 2 at 09:05.

If children arrive after 08:55 they take a late card to class and then begin their lessons.

Pupils arriving after 09:15 are marked (U), unauthorised late, which is classed by the Local Authority as being absent from school.

Parents and carers of children who are consistently late will be contacted and a meeting arranged with school staff responsible for attendance and Local Authority Early Help Staff.

It is therefore imperative that children are on time for school and attending regularly.

The pandemic has meant that children have lost learning time and have fallen behind, so it is vital that they gain as much time as possible back in school.

Please call the School Office if your child is unwell.

If children have a mild illness, such as a cold, they are expected to attend school.

We will contact you if they need to be collected early.

Thank you for you continued support.

Caroline Campion Assistant Head (Inclusion, Pastoral and Welfare)

Following on from World Mental Health Day on 10 October, there is Anti-Bullying Week

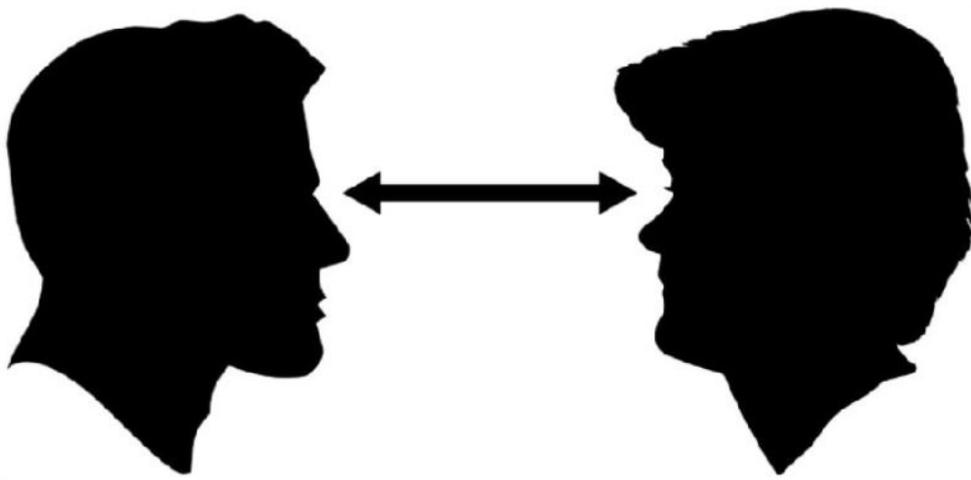
Advance Warning of Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

Odd Socks Day will mark the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week this November at Brunswick Park. This year (week beginning 15 November), children will wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us unique and different.

Please use this half-term break to choose your favourite odd socks ready for Anti-Bullying Week.

We are looking forward to sharing your choices during assembly!





Encourage your child to make and maintain eye contact with the other person when speaking; they may find this uncomfortable at first, but persevere and give them praise when they do



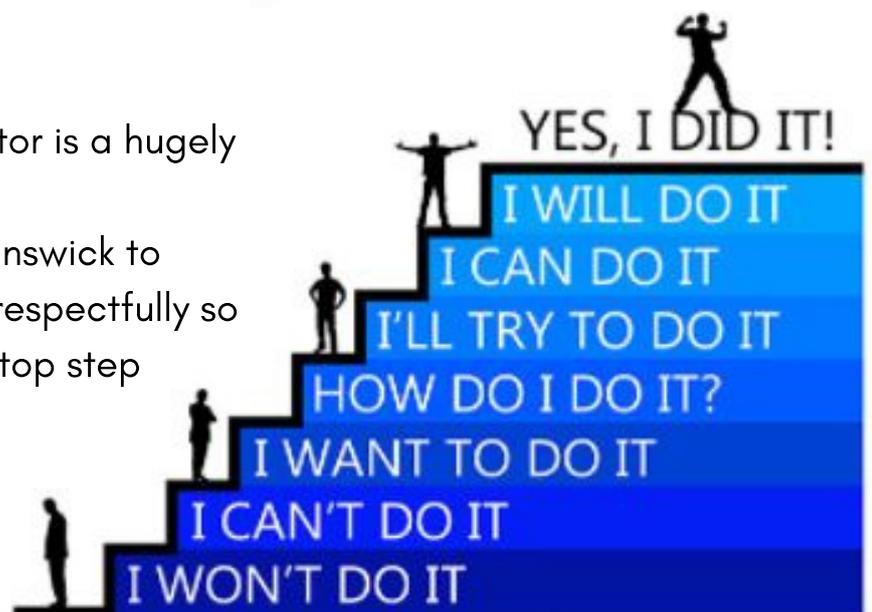
Encourage your child to answer questions in full sentences and to make 2-way conversations where possible



Praise your child when they talk to people with confidence to develop their self-esteem and belief in the power of effective communication

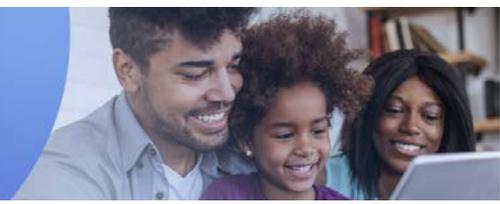
Being an effective communicator is a hugely powerful life skill.

We want every child at Brunswick to communicate confidently and respectfully so they feel they are on the top step





Digital Parenting Week 2021

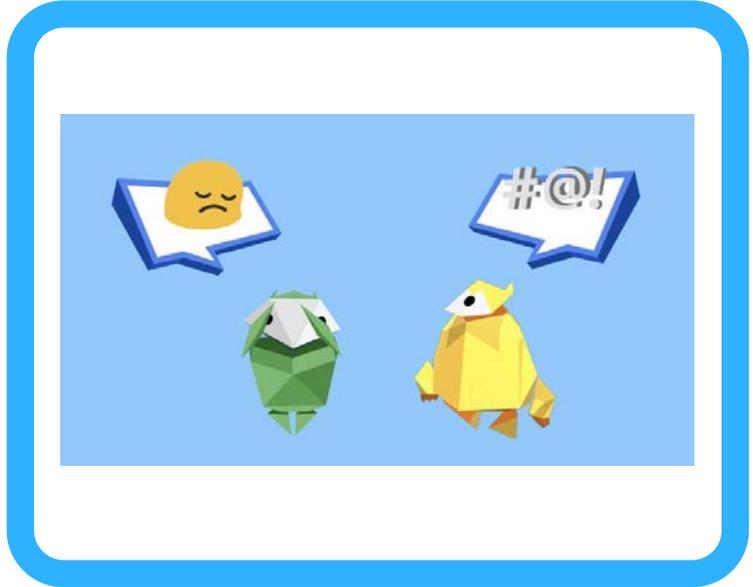


Family support for digital when you need it

Parent Zone Local can help you with everything related to digital family life.

- 📶 Live virtual events
- 📶 Tech guides & games
- 📶 Online parent courses
- 📶 Local support and advice

Explore the [Parent Zone Local website](https://pzlocal.org.uk) today – and contact your local guide, who can help if you have a problem. Whatever your family needs around digital, Parent Zone Local is here for you.



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The experts in digital family life

At Brunswick Park, we know how important it is to keep our children safe online, and the vital role that parents, carers, and guardians play in helping teach our young people the protective skills and behaviours that they need to safely navigate the digital world – whether that's social-media, apps, or gaming.

We recognise that online harms can affect any young person in any family, and we as a school are committed to doing everything that we can to help our families access the highest-quality support, advice, and resources available.

To coincide with Digital Parenting Week (11th–15th October), we are proud to be able to offer all our families with access to a year of free support through participation in the new Parent Zone Local programme.

This programme – which is being funded in our borough by Southwark Council – is open to all parents / carers / guardians who either live in the borough or have a child attending school or college locally. The programme will offer those who sign up access to:

- A range of online workshops and webinars, covering different aspects of online safety and digital-resilience
 - A selection of parent guides and tech tips, which will be updated regularly
 - Online surveys, games, quizzes and child-friendly activities
 - Access to the Resilient Families online training-course of parents
- Access to a personalised 'help service', where a team of experts will provide you with advice and support on any aspect of digital family-life

To access Parent Zone Local programme, and this wide range of free support, please visit their website: pzlocal.org.uk

To learn more about the programme and the support available – as well as to learn about how the digital-resilience agenda can support you and your family to stay safe online – please visit the 'Events' tab of the website to book a place on one of the introductory webinars, which are taking place every day from Tuesday 12th – Saturday 16th October.

We are pleased to support this programme, and hope that many of our families will benefit from its support – and we will continue to support our families and young people as they navigate the many opportunities and challenges that the digital world brings.

A Parenting Research Project: £85 for taking part



EMPOWERING PARENTS EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES



Join our research into a new parenting group for parents of children, aged 2-11, who experience strong emotions and struggle to trust in relationships.

- Learn discipline strategies that work
- Improve communication
- Meet other parents who share your experience
- Enjoy family life more

For more information, sign up here: https://kclbs.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_31u WeJimKHZaKYC



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Feeling overwhelmed? Trying to manage the stresses of parenting?



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Are you a parent who find's it tough to manage strong emotions? Are you worried about your child's behaviour? Would you be interested in participating in research on a new parenting group?

We are looking for parents of children, aged 2-11, who are worried about their child's behaviour to take part in research on a **new parenting group**. Being a Parent- Enjoying Family Life is for parents who may be experiencing **strong emotions** which spillover into their parenting, who may **struggle to trust** in relationships/friendships or may have experienced challenging childhoods or invalidating relationships with their own parents.



We want to test whether Bap-EFL helps parents better than the original EPEC-Bap groups. Bap-EFL and EPEC-Bap are both ran **by parents, for parents.**

If you are interested and eligible for the study, you will receive either Bap-EFL or original EPEC-Bap **parenting groups**. The groups last between **9-10 weeks** for **2 hours** and cover topics such as **managing stress, discipline strategies and communication skills**. A creche will be provided if needed.



Parents will also be asked to complete online questionnaires and an at home interview before, after and 6 months after attending the group. You will receive **up to £85** for your participation in these questions

To find our more and register your interest, please follow this link: https://kclbs.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_31uWeJimKHZaKYC

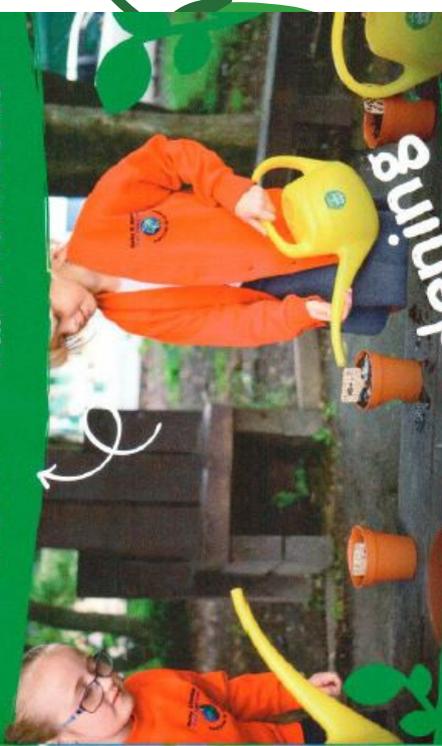
Or scan the QR code with the camera on your smart phone. A researcher will contact you via email or phone to give you more details on the study. Alternatively, please contact Ellie Baker (PhD student) at ellie.baker@kcl.ac.uk for further information.





Earlier this week Year 3 made their annual trip to Borough Market to sell fruit and vegetables they have grown at school to raise money for the charity FareShare. Who could resist their powers of persuasion? Gardening and cooking are important to us at Brunswick, and to keep the gardening going we are raising funds for equipment with Morrisons. Details on the next page and on the banner on the railings outside school:

It's Good to Grow from Morrisons



FREE gardening equipment for your school

Find out more by visiting itsgoodtogrow.co.uk and logging in.



Welcome to Grow It's Good to Grow

At Morrisons we want to support you to get the next generation growing, because the more kids know about how food's grown and made, the better they'll eat, now and in the future.

In this pack are some items to place around your school to tell parents and children that you're collecting.

- Included are...
- An awareness Banner to place at the front of your school
 - An awareness Poster to place around the school entrances
 - A collection goal Poster to show parents and children the equipment you're collecting for
 - A target Poster to update parents and children on your school's progress

You also have your own school dashboard on itsgoodtogrow.co.uk. Here you can...

- Find helpful resources
 - View your token count
 - See how many people are collecting for you
 - View the products you'll be able to redeem
- And much more!

Visit itsgoodtogrow.co.uk to download resources



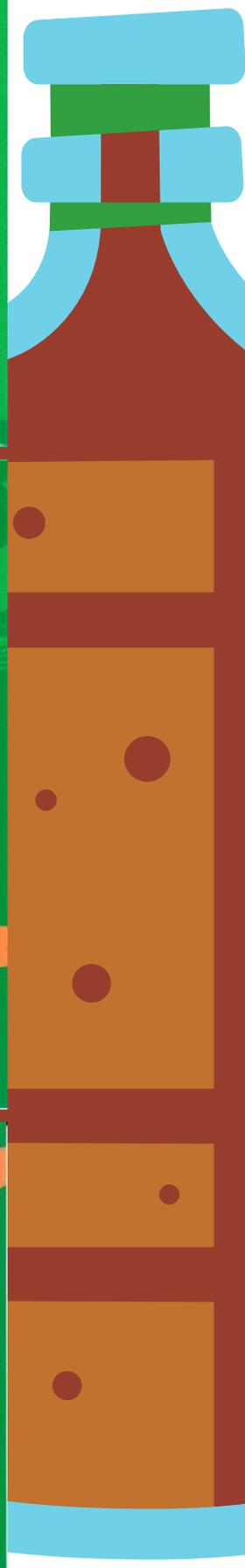
How it works...

- 1 Morrisons customers download the MyMorrisons app
- 2 They sign in or register to MyMorrisons and select the school they wish to collect for
- 3 They scan the app at checkout or use online when shopping
- 4 For every £10 spent they will receive a **Grow Token** to donate to their chosen school
- 5 Your school can exchange your **Grow Tokens** for free gardening equipment after the collection period

Grow Tokens can be exchanged for things like...



...and much, much more!



COMING SOON!

Join us on

Thursday 14th October

**LUNCH AT
THE MOVIES**

Fun Activities

Movie Inspired Food!

COMPETITION TIME:

Family cinema tickets
up for grabs!

HOLLYWOOD



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**LUNCH AT
THE MOVIES**

Classic Chicken Dog

American Quorn Dog

Vegan Mac 'n' Cheese

Potato Wedges
Broccoli
Apple Slaw

Fresh Fruit Platter

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Half Term Holiday Clubs

Tree Tops
Outdoor After School Clubs and Holiday Clubs

Holiday Clubs
October 2021

COVID SECURE

10% Discount - Book before 3rd of October using Code **10OCT21**

Childcare Vouchers and Tax-Free Childcare Accepted

Reception - Year 6
Running at a venue near you

Find out more or to book:
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At Tree Tops Clubs we want to support families to get the most out of the Children's School holidays by offering good quality, fun, active and affordable holiday Clubs across the south of England

Our Club Benefits

- Encourages Creativity and imagination
- Develops new skills
- Promotes positive physical and mental health
- Increases Confidence and independence
- Builds resilience
- Enables well-being to flourish

"The team was so supportive, creative and simply delightful in not only welcoming her with bundles of energy, but also ensuring she enjoyed every single day with them!"

"Thank you for providing great activities in a fun safe environment for our children!"

"Our son had a fabulous time! On arrival it was clearly welcoming, efficient and safely run."

8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM
Standard Day 10:00am-4:00pm £26.00		Extended Day 8:00am-6:00pm £32.00		AM Standard Day 8:00am-4:00pm £29.00		PM Standard Day 10:00am-6:00pm £29.00			

Find your nearest venue at
www.treetopsclubs.co.uk

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Southwark Foodbank's Funds and Food 2021 Harvest Festival Appeal

Southwark Foodbank would like to thank all the staff, parents, and children for your support over the years. COVID-19 has seen the demand for our service increase considerably. During COVID-19, the foodbank received daily referrals from several schools who had identified families in need of food support. Over the course of the last year, Southwark Foodbank fed 7,091 children.

At the beginning of the lockdown, the government introduced a £20 weekly increase to those claiming Universal Credit. This increase has now been cut.

As a result, the foodbank will see an increase in uptake for our services.

We would like to invite you to take part in our 2021 Funds and Food Harvest appeal.

Brunswick can help to support the foodbank this Harvest by making an online donation or donating a food item from the poster.

Here is the link to our campaign page:

<https://pecan.enthuse.com/cf/southwark-foodbank-harvest-2021---funds-for-food>

Donating funds will enable us to purchase items we are most in need of to provide food parcels with all the essentials for a nutritionally balanced diet. Funds will also help to meet the cost of vehicle hire to distribute food to our centres.

The poster features a blue header with the text 'HARVEST APPEAL' in white and the Trussell Trust logo on the right. Below this is a green section with the text 'HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST'. The main body is divided into two columns. The left column has a green background with the heading 'DONATE FOOD' and a sub-heading 'Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.' Below this is an image of various food items. The right column has a white background with the heading 'SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS' and a list of items: Toothpaste, Shower Gel, Fruit Juice (orange/apple), UHT Milk (full cream), Tinned Meat Soup, Scotch broth, Tinned Ratatouille, Tinned fruit, Vegetarian curry/chilli, and Chocolate bars/treats. Below the list is a handwritten-style note: 'Don't forget... You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.' At the bottom, there is a blue footer with the Southwark Foodbank logo, the website 'southwark.foodbank.org.uk', and the text 'Registered Charity in England & Wales (801819)'. The entire poster is framed by a decorative border of golden wheat stalks.

HARVEST APPEAL

the trussell trust
Stop UK Hunger

HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

- Toothpaste
- Shower Gel
- Fruit Juice (orange/apple)
- UHT Milk (full cream)
- Tinned Meat Soup
- Scotch broth
- Tinned Ratatouille
- Tinned fruit
- Vegetarian curry/chilli
- Chocolate bars/treats

Don't forget...
You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.

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Items from the list can be left in the donations box in the School Office Reception



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Inclusion Team
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EYFS
@EyfsBPPS



Year 1
@Year1BPPS



Year 2
@Year2BPPS



Year 3
@Year3BPPS



Year 4
@Year4BPPS



Year 5
@Year5BPPS



Year 6
@Year6BPPS

School Times from September 2021

**All children need to be at school by 08:55,
when the bell is rung.**

Reception		
Gates open	08:45	Key Stage 1 Gate and Black Fire Gates
Learning starts	09:00	
School finishes	15:30	Collect from the Reception Outdoor Area and outside Reception B Classroom
Year 1		
Gates open	08:45	Key Stage 1 Gate
Learning starts	09:00	
School finishes	15:30	Collect from outside the Year 1 classrooms
Year 2		
Gates open	08:45	Teachers will collect children from the Key Stage 1 Playground Race Track at 08:55
Learning starts	09:00	
School finishes	15:30	Collect from the Key Stage 1 Playground Race Track
Years 3 and 4		
Gates open	08:45	Main Gate. Year 3 children go straight up to class using the right-side stairs. Year 4 children go straight up to class using the left side stairs.
Learning starts	09:00	
School finishes	15:30	Collect from the Key Stage 2 Playground. The children will be in lines with their teachers.
Years 5 and 6		
Gates open	08:45	Black Fire Gates. Children go straight up to class using the entrance by the School Office.
Learning starts	09:00	
School finishes	15:30	Collect from the Key Stage 2 Playground. The children will be in lines with their teachers.
Nursery arrangements are shared directly with parents as they are specific to the children.		

Children aged 11 and under have never been required to wear face coverings at any time.

Face coverings for adults are now optional.

Please continue to provide your child with a daily bottle of plain water. Hand sanitiser is offered on request and in wall dispensers at the school gates, and is available in all classrooms.

Children continue to wash their hands regularly.

The school is kept as well ventilated as possible whilst maintaining a comfortable temperature.

Classes and Teachers 2021-22

EYFS

Nursery: Mr Joshua Bowdery
RA: Ms Nicola McMenamin
RB: Ms Sarah Witkowski-Baker

Key Stage 1

1A: Miss Hanna Bremner Tattersall
1B: Ms Chantelle Hughes
2A: Mrs Joya Roychoudhury
2B: Ms Leah Phillips

Lower Key Stage 2

3A: Mrs Edel Fallon
3B: Ms Christina Huszar
4A: Ms Evie McDonnell
4B: Ms Shalwa Nantume

Upper Key Stage 2

5A: Miss Nicola Scott
5B: Mrs Beverley Russell-Burke
6A: Ms Tobi Akinlade
6B: Ms Dina Achilleos

SEND

Resource Base: Ms Caroline Champion and
Mr Jonathan McElvanna

Specialist Teachers:

Music: Mrs Paula Hales is on maternity leave.
Mr Dave Fudge and Mr Darren Mason
will teach music until she returns in 2022.
PE: Mr Andrew Payne and his coaching team

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

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 or plain black trainers, 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
Caroline Champion 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>

Attendance Update

Congratulations to Class 4A for 96.79% attendance and Class 6A for 97.84% attendance in the last fortnight.

160 children out of 380 have 100% attendance from 2.9.21 to the present. Well done!

Whole School Attendance for W/B 27.09.21: 92.65%

Whole School Attendance for W/B 04.10.21: 92.51%

Whole School Attendance Target: 97%

Right to Reply:

08/10/21: Please email the address below to give us constructive suggestions or comments, including your name and your child's class.

Thank you.

office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk