

# Brunswick Park Primary School



Brunswick Park  
Primary School

## e-Newsletter

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Friday 17 December 2021

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December's Focus Value is **PEACE**, January's is **POSITIVITY**

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the final Newsletter of 2021! As the Autumn Term comes to an end, I want to thank you for your continued support of your children and enthusiasm for the work we do with them. It is both a pleasure and a privilege to teach children and influence their development, and this term has been of particular importance to us as we try to close learning gaps caused by COVID disruption whilst COVID disruption continues. Whilst this is a challenge that remains ongoing, the children are doing well, and we are pleased with their progress.

As the Omicron variant of COVID-19 spreads, Government guidance on infection control for primary schools remains the same. Testing Guidance has changed a little, however. Please see the below:

### Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19

From 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 has been introduced. All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take an LFD test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.

Once notified by Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible staff, pupils and students are strongly recommended to take a LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the [online reporting system](#) and to their setting. If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting. Outside of the education setting, they should continue to follow [national guidance](#). This approach should also be adopted over the Christmas holiday and on return in January.

If Government makes any further changes to guidance or arrangements for schools over the holiday, I will alert you as soon as possible via email and the school website. I for one certainly do not want a repetition of last year's last-minute messaging, but as it has happened before we know it could happen again. We are prepared.

Since the last Newsletter Key Stage One has performed 'Baubles' – a link to the recorded performance has been sent to all those involved – and we have enjoyed Christmas Jumper/Celebration Clothes Day, a school Christmas Lunch, parties, discos and a very special visit from Father Christmas. There are more details of all these later in the letter. But most importantly, there has been the first ever Brunswick Park Families Association Winter Fair, and it was great! Huge thanks go to everyone who was involved in organising and staging it. It was brilliant to see so many parents and carers actively involved in an event that built community spirit, was really good fun and raised valuable funds for the children of Brunswick Park. A resounding success, and a big first step on the road to refurbishing the playgrounds. We look forward to the next event in 2022!

Finally, whilst life at the moment remains very far from 'normal', on behalf of all of us who work at Brunswick I wish you a wonderful Christmas if you celebrate it, a peaceful, restful, enjoyable and healthy holiday and every good wish for the New Year. See you again on **WEDNESDAY 5 JANUARY**.

Susannah Bellingham, Head Teacher



THE BRUNSWICK PARK  
FAMILIES ASSOCIATION  
presents the 2021

# Winter Fair

Friday 10th December  
KS2 Playground



Food & Hot Chocolate • Bake Sale  
Face Painting • Crafts & Games  
Music • Book Stall • And more!



All fundraising will benefit the Brunswick Park Families Association, raising funds in aid of  
Brunswick Park Primary School



Thank you for  
supporting the BPFA's  
Winter Fair!

It raised an  
amazing £2208!

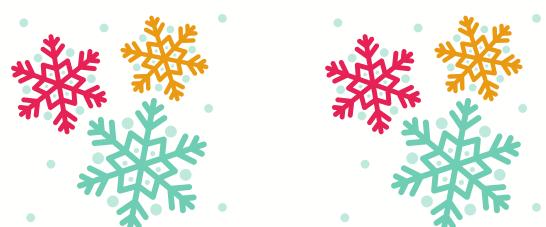


The Brunswick Park Families Association (BPFA) would like to thank everyone who supported, helped, donated to and attended last Friday's incredibly successful Winter Fair.

The Winter Fair was the BPFA's inaugural event, and we could not be more thrilled with how the occasion turned out. Weather was on our side, attendance was terrific, and a festive, celebratory vibe filled the KS2 playground. The fun-filled event included games, face painting, festive stalls, a bake sale, a book stall, raffle prizes, and live entertainment from some very talented Brunswick Park students.

It is because of the time, effort and support of dedicated school staff, parents, children and our wonderful local community that the Winter Fair was such a triumph.

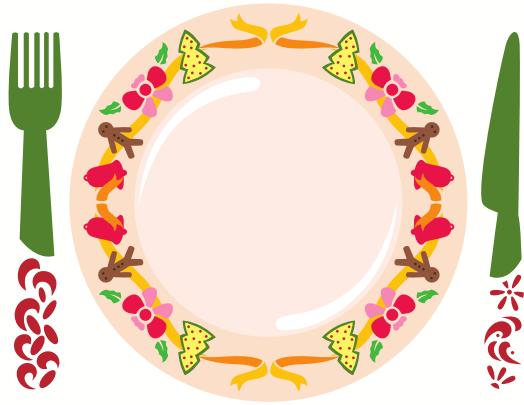
We are overwhelmed by everyone's assistance and generosity, as the event raised £2,208! The funds raised will help Brunswick Park Primary School pay for various essential resources and provide more learning and play opportunities for our children.



**And for  
raising £198  
for  
  
Save the  
Children**



A few images from our  
Christmas Lunch.  
More on Twitter!





**Ho Ho Ho! HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!**



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Date: 06 December 2021



Dear Parents/ Carer

RE: Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun, 2021

I'm delighted to let you know that this winter, Southwark Council will be hosting Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun.

We are partnering with local holiday club providers across the borough to provide an exciting programme of meals and activities for children and young people in our local communities. Free places are available for children between the ages of 4 and 16 years, who are eligible for free school meals.

The programme wants to give local families access to free, healthy food and fun activities over the winter holidays.

Each programme will provide:

- Free, healthy and tasty food
- Fun physical activity sessions
- A wide range of other activities to suit different ages and personalities
- Opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and families

Details about the programme are available at [www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun)

I encourage you to book a place for your child/children to ensure they have an enjoyable and memorable winter holiday period.  
Best wishes

Yours Sincerely,

Cllr Evelyn Akoto  
Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing



Activity programme for  
children and young people

**20 December –  
31 December 2021**

[www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun)

Funded by  
 Department  
for Education

## **Message to Parents and Carers sent on behalf of Public Health**

This winter, there will be an influx of coughs, colds and chest infections in children aged 0-3.

To reduce increased pressure on local healthcare systems, Barnardo's has been funded by NHS England and Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) to provide a helpline advising on respiratory illnesses, focused on supporting parents/carers from Black, Asian and Minority communities.

The Boloh helpline can provide advice, guidance and signposting support to partners/carers who are unsure about what to do if their child has a chest infection. We can provide information via our Helpline advisors to :

- **Recognise signs and symptoms of Chest infections**
- **How to access the right health support**
- **Self-manage respiratory infections at home**
- **Speak to a nurse or doctor if required via NHS 111 and 999**
- **Register with GPs**

Helpline advisors can also provide parents/carers with practical support to meet their child's needs.

**Parents/carers can call Boloh helpline on 0800 151 2605.**

Our helpline advisors are trained to provide advice about respiratory illnesses in children aged 0-3. Our advisors can provide a service in English, Punjabi, Hindi, Urdu, Albania, Polish, Luganda, Ruyankole, Rukiga, Rutooro and Kinyarwanda.  
Interpreters can be provided for other languages.

Health professionals can refer parents/carers to Boloh and a helpline advisor will call them back.

You can find information on Barnardo's website: <https://helpline.barnardos.org.uk/>  
Hard copies of the resource pack are also available.

Please contact [boloh.helpline@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:boloh.helpline@barnardos.org.uk) to order one.

This campaign has been developed in partnership with the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) and an Expert Clinical Advisory Group.

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Inclusion Team  
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EYFS  
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Year 1  
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Year 2  
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Year 3  
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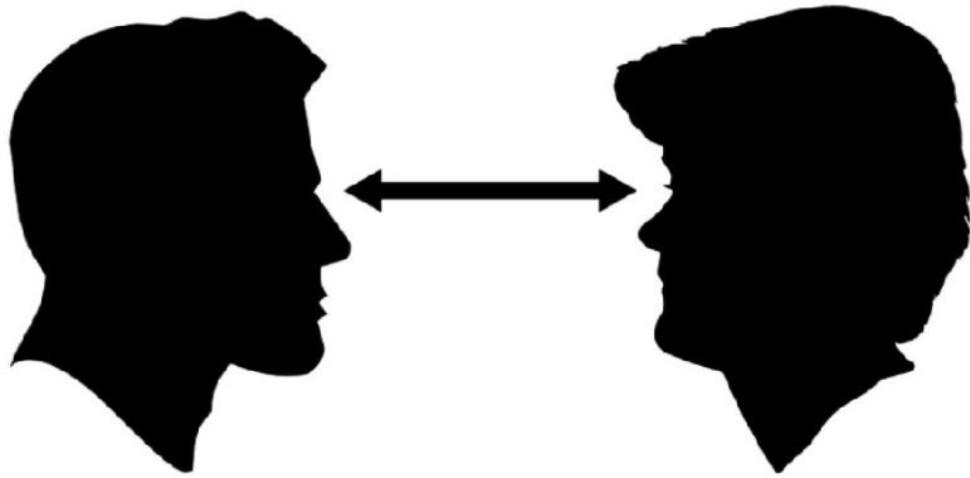
Year 4  
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Year 5  
@Year5BPPS



Year 6  
@Year6BPPS



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



# 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 WEDNESDAY 20 AND THURSDAY 21 JULY; QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY FRIDAY 22 JULY - LAST DAY IN SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IS TUESDAY 19 JULY 2022**

**Children finish at 2.00pm on 17 December 2021, 1 April 2022 and 19 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 Campion 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 4B for 100% attendance in the last fortnight.**

**115 children out of 377 have 100% attendance from 2/9/21 to the 3/12/21. Well done!**

**Whole School Attendance for W/B 06.12.21: 95.50%**

**Whole School Attendance for W/B 22.11.21: 94.81%**

## **Whole School Attendance Target: 97%**

### **Right to Reply:**

**17/12/21: 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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