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e-Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2022! I begin by wishing you a very happy new year. It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school after the winter break, and they have returned with great enthusiasm. Before the Coronavirus pandemic hit, we were visited by M and M Theatrical Productions, who performed a panto to children in Key Stage 2. It was excellent: the children loved it and the quality of the performance was extremely high. We were so impressed that we booked them again for a performance for children from Reception to Year 6...but then everything changed, schools closed and lockdown began.

I am delighted to say that after waiting for nearly 2 years, performances for children are permitted once again in well-ventilated spaces, and M and M Productions will return to perform the pantomime Sleeping Beauty for children from Reception to Year 6 on Wednesday 26 January in the Sports Hall. The experience provides a great opportunity to build children's cultural capital through learning about England's pantomime tradition, with its audience participation and focus on telling traditional tales. A letter will come to you on Monday with more details, and we are very excited at the prospect of having visiting performers in school once again after such a long time.

Our Homework Clubs are now full, and we thank you for supporting your children in this way. If you would like your child to attend there is a waiting list; please contact the School Office Staff if you would like to add your child's name.

As part of our Pandemic Recovery Plan, pupils in Years 2 and 6 have started additional school-led tutoring sessions with teachers they know well. They take place before and after school, and are offered to those children who we have identified as needing some additional support to close learning gaps to reach their potential. If your child is offered School-led tutoring, I urge you to take it up.

The teaching staff learned this week how to use the Digital Learning app Popplet, a presentation and mapping tool, and they have already used it brilliantly with Year 6, as seen on Twitter:

Year 6 Brunswick Park Pri...
@Year6BPPS

At @BrunswickParkPS Y6 have been working on their cross curricular learning; applying digital and Computing skills to their Science topic. This week the children used their own research on the Circulatory System to create Popplets incorporating a variety of facts, diagrams and videos.

9:52 AM - Jan 13, 2022 · Twitter Web App

2 Quote Tweets 3 Likes

Do check our Twitter pages for classroom learning updates. Michael Rosen has retweeted Year 1's work and even tweeted us directly. Chantelle Hughes is working hard on persuading him to visit!

Finally, two reminders: **the deadline for applying for a place in Reception in September 2022 is TOMORROW, 15 January.**

Even if your child attends Nursery at Brunswick Park, this online application form must be completed.

Please do not drive down Picton Street during its closure times to drop off or collect children. The street is closed to traffic if the barriers are in place or not, so children expect to be able to walk on the road as cars should not be there. Whilst it may be difficult to find a place to park, the chance of causing an accident whilst the street is closed to traffic must never be taken. We understand that it is unhelpful when the Care Home contractors ignore the restrictions, but to keep the children safe we need to keep to them. A New Year's Resolution, perhaps? Easier to keep than most!

With best wishes for the year ahead and for a peaceful, safe and enjoyable fortnight

Susannah Bellingham, Head Teacher



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.

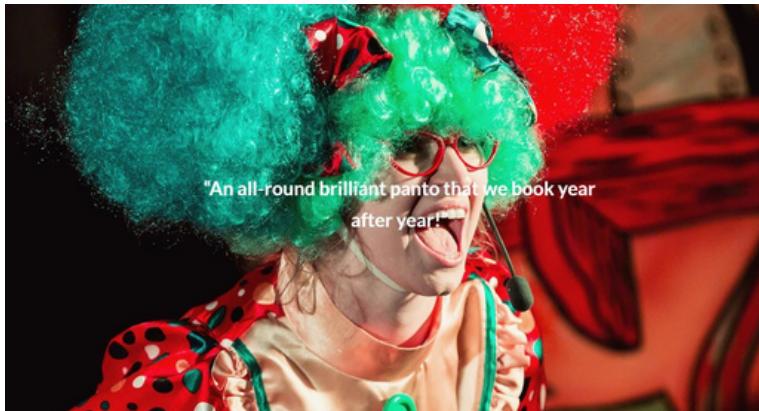
Children should not attend school if they have symptoms of COVID-19.

If the child has symptoms and a LFD test has not been taken, the child should take a PCR test as soon as possible and isolate at home until you receive the result.

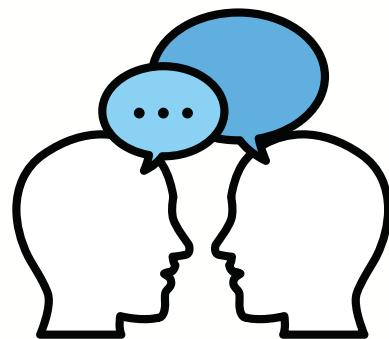
If the result is negative and the child is well enough, the child can then return to school.

The child does not need to take a follow-up PCR test if a LFD test has been taken and the result is positive. Isolation should begin straight away.

If a child tests positive with a Lateral Flow Test but does not have symptoms of COVID-19 (asymptomatic), isolation guidance applies and there is no need for a PCR test to confirm the result.



Panto - **SLEEPING BEAUTY** - for Reception to Year 6 on Wednesday 26 January: letter with details on Monday (Oh, yes there is....)



The talking challenge -
can you encourage your child to speak in full sentences? When they can do this, their comprehension and writing improve. Remember to praise them when they do



There have been reports of fraudsters operating in the local area impersonating tradespeople to gain entry to flats and steal money and possessions. They appear to look genuine, so please be vigilant.



takes place on Wednesdays at 08:40 in the Key Stage 2 playground. Run, jog or walk - come and join in!



NEW YEAR MATHOLUTIONS

Join your child for a Maths session hosted by their class teacher!

- See how and what your child learns in their Maths sessions.
- Learn how to support your child at home through simple and engaging activities.

Years 1 to 3 Matholutions: 18 January 2022, 9:10-10:00

Years 4 to 6 Matholutions: 26 January 2022, 9:10-10:00

There is available space for 6 parents/carers in each class. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. A booking link has been emailed to all guardians. Alternatively, please book a space via the School Office.



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COVID-19 vaccines for children aged 5-11 at high risk

Yesterday the Government published a guide for parents about vaccinating children aged 5-11 who are at high risk from COVID-19. It is found at this address:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-aged-5-to-11-years/a-guide-for-parents-of-children-aged-5-to-11-years-of-age-at-high-risk>
and is for:

Who is at higher risk from coronavirus (COVID-19) infection?

Children at serious risk from the complications of COVID-19 infection include those with:

- severe neurodisabilities
- immunosuppression^[footnote 1] – those whose immune systems don't work as well and those who live with someone who is immunosuppressed
- profound and multiple or severe learning disabilities
- being on the learning disability register
- those with Down's syndrome
- those with long term serious conditions affecting their body. Your GP will know if they need to have the vaccine

The vaccine is also recommended for those children living with people who have a weakened immune system (who are immunosuppressed). This is to reduce the risk of them passing on the infection to their family members.

All these children and young people who are aged 5 to 11 years of age should have the COVID-19 vaccinations.

Children aged 5-11 who are not at high risk are not offered any COVID-19 vaccinations.

NHS Food Scanner App

Be a Swap Rockstar!

- Scan the barcode on your favourite foods
- Swipe to see healthier choices
- Swap next time you shop

Can you make 5 swaps?

Try colouring them in as you go*



*Crayons work best. If you use felt tips make sure you allow time to dry.

NHS

Find healthier swaps for the whole family



Just scan, swipe, swap

Now it's your turn to try! ↗



Download the FREE
NHS Food Scanner App

Better Health Let's do this

Designed to help shoppers make healthier choices

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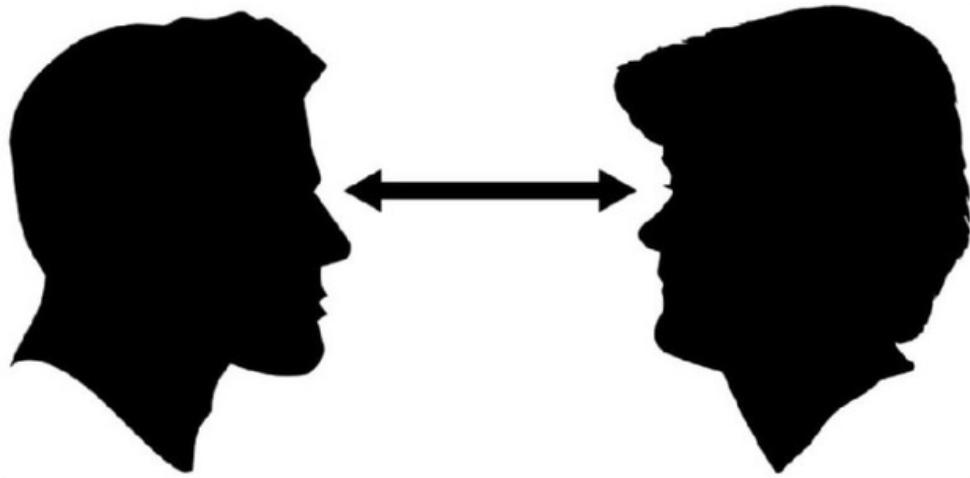
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Year 5
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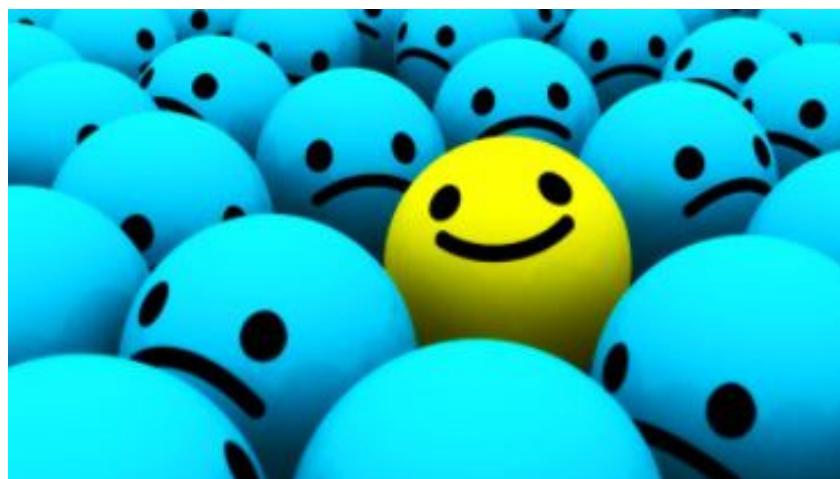
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Encourage your child to make and maintain eye contact with the other person when speaking; they may find this uncomfortable at first, but persevere and give them praise when they do



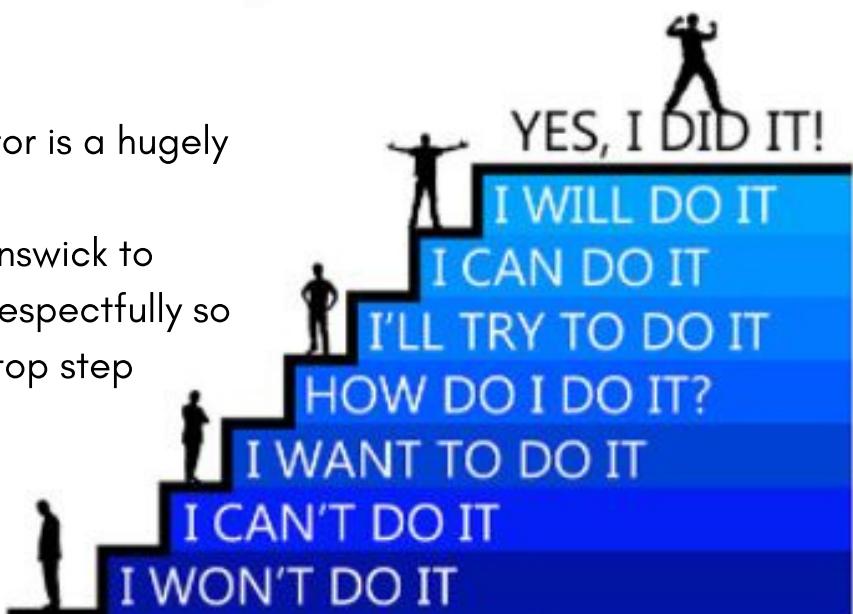
Encourage your child to answer questions in full sentences and to make 2-way conversations where possible



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 Reception, Class 3B and Class 4A for +98% attendance in the last fortnight. 99 children out of 377 have 100% attendance from 2/9/21 to the 3/12/21. Well done!

Whole School Attendance for W/B 03.01.22: 92.62%

Whole School Attendance for W/B 10.01.22: 95.43%

Whole School Attendance Target: 97%

Right to Reply:

14/01/22: 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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