Brunswick Park Primary School

e-Newsletter





Friday 9 December 2022 Tel: 020 7525 9033

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December's Focus Value is **PEACE**

Dear Parents and Carers

Now there is only one more week left of the first term of this academic year, I can say how proud I am of the children's achievements so far, and the achievements of the staff and our school community. With your support, teachers and staff are enabling children to make great progress with their phonics and reading, and the Literacy Tree, the highly valued and respected organisation behind our Literary Curriculum, last week used Brunswick Park children's writing as a best practice example in its training with schools from across the country. The Literacy Tree has Tweeted about this, showing some of our children's excellent work, which is Retweeted by @BrunswickParkPS. Reaction has been brilliant. And it was lovely to see so many of you at the BPFA's fantastic Winter Fair last Friday, and a steady stream of people collecting their Christmas trees from the Kitchen House garden. A huge amount of totally voluntary work goes in to planning these events and making them successful, and I cannot stress enough how grateful we are at school for it all.

Next week is busy. There is a lot going on, so all the key dates you need are on this page for easy reference. Letters have been sent about the discos and parties, and if you have any questions, please see the School Office staff, senior staff at the gates or your child's teacher. There is an additional, final performance of the Winter Concert on Tuesday due to *very* popular demand. It is a joy.

Some news from Southwark Council: Picton Street is a designated School Street designed to keep children safe at the beginning and end of the school day. The barriers currently in use do not stop drivers from using Picton Street when it is closed, endangering the children, so the Council will install ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) cameras to be active from January 2023. Please be aware of this; drivers using the street during closure times will be fined.

Finally, a reminder that the children finish at 2pm on Friday 16 December, and on behalf of everyone at Brunswick Park I wish you a wonderful winter break with your families, and Christmas if you celebrate it. At the moment it's cold and times are hard. May 2023 bring everyone hope, health and happiness.

With best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable holiday, and children return – in full school uniform (see below) – on Wednesday 4 January. (If you need extra, there is a uniform sale on Wednesday next week.)

Susannah Bellingham

Head Teacher

TERM DATES ARE ALWAYS ON THE NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER
FINAL PERFORMANCE OF THE WINTER CONCERT 09:15 TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER
EYFS PARTIES AND YEARS 3 AND 4 DISCO WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER
LOST UNIFORM SALE WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER
YEARS 5 AND 6 DISCO THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER
END OF TERM FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER AT 2PM









School Uniform

In this term's Parents/Carers survey you told us you like the school uniform.

As we have one, the children need to wear it.

Children in Years 1-6 come to school in their PE kit on the day they have PE. Their PE kit must be school uniform.

Our school uniform is simple, because children need to be able to dress themselves without help to promote their independence and it should be easy to buy and care for, and it is smart to promote pride and a sense of belonging to the Brunswick Park family.

As we have a uniform, parents and carers are expected to ensure their children come to school every day wearing it.

Uniform in winter is:

School jumper or cardigan with logo on front or shoulder

White polo shirt or cotton school shirt

Grey trousers, skirt, shorts or pinafore

Black, white or grey socks or tights

Black flat shoes or plain black trainers with fastenings your child can manage

PE Kit is:

White T-shirt or white polo shirt

Black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms

White socks

PE DAYS: Black plimsolls or trainers

Tuesday:

School jumper or cardigan Year 1

Year 2

Children should not wear football boots of any Year 4

kind for health and safety reasons, or coloured Year 5

trainers.

If children go to after school Football Club, they

must wear their school shoes and change into

their football footwear at 3.40pm with Dominic, if

it is different from their school shoes.

Wednesday:

Year 6

Thursday:

Year 3

Resource Base

Friday:

Nursery

Reception

From 4 January 2023 we will contact you if your child does not wear school uniform or school PE kit; if you need support to provide it, please let School Office staff know.

(Children in Nursery and Reception do not wear PE kit)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH **TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER**

In the Bistro, with crackers, party hats and festive cheer



Eligible for Free School Meals?

Check your email inbox for details of Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun, sent on Thursday 8 December, and go to

www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun to book places on the programme



HAVE YOU DONATED?



Target: £200. Cash on the gate: £80.

We took part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day yesterday on Thursday 8 December.

This year, the government has promised to give the same amount as you give this Christmas Jumper Day.

Double the funds, double the fun! If you haven't already, give via our JustGiving page the UK government will double it.

We've also got our own QR code: just scan the code with your phone camera and donate to Save the Children!

Please donate and help us reach our target.

By pulling on our Christmassy knits and celebration clothes and donating, we're helping mums and babies stay healthy, and giving them the chance of the future they deserve.

SCAN TO DONATE



We've also got our own QR code - simply scan the code with your phone camera and donate directly to our team!

Not sure how it works? Check out our FAQs!





"When sending a text donation you'll be billed your chosen donation amount, plus your standard network rate. Save the Children receive 100% of your donation. By texting, you agree to calls from Save the Children about fundraising appeals, campaigns, events and other ways to support. Include NO after your team text code and donation amount to opt out of phone calls e.g. SAVE10NO. Queries? 02070126400. Read Save the Children's Privacy Policy: www.savethechildren.org.uk/privacy

The web link to Brunswick Park Primary School Christmas Jumper Day JustGiving page is:

https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/susannah-bellingham-christmas-jumper-day

Mums & Dads of children under 18 years!











10am-12pm



Help shape mental health research in a way that is meaningful to you You will receive two £50 shopping and your family

vouchers for attending two focus groups

We're looking to talk to parents about their views on how mental health concerns occur in families, and and how parents would like researchers to help understand and address these concerns.

These focus groups will run across two dates - we're looking for people who can attend both!

SIGN UP HERE



Or at tinyurl.com/supportingfamilymentalhealth For more information email: yasmin.ahmadzadehekcl.ac.uk













Supporting Mental Health in Families Partnership: Focus Group Information Sheet

Who are we?

We are a partnership made up of a small group of researchers from King's College London and a group of peer support workers and clinicians from the Centre for Parent and Child Support (CPCS) at the South London and Maudsley (SLaM) NHS Foundation Trust. We all work on topics related to supporting mental health in families.

Those of us who are peer support workers are parents who have lived experience of mental health concerns and who can support other parents. Those of us who are researchers ask scientific questions about how mental health concerns occur in families.

What do we mean by mental health concerns?

Mental health concerns cover a wide spectrum of experiences relating to managing strong emotions, challenging relationships, or struggling to cope with daily wellbeing. Sometimes these experiences are related to a mental health diagnosis such as anxiety, depression, or psychosis.

What is the purpose of this project?

We are hoping to talk to parents in focus groups about their views on mental health in families. Hearing from parents about mental health, parent and child wellbeing, and parenting will help us to make sure our future work is meaningful and useful for families.

Who can join our focus groups?

If you are the parent or guardian of at least one child under the age of 18 years, then these focus groups are for you. You must be able to attend two in-person focus groups on Wednesday 18th and Wednesday 25th of January 2023, 10am-12pm, in South London.

It doesn't matter what your experiences with mental health have been in the past – everyone can contribute their perspectives, as we all have unique experiences.

We are keen to hear from parents across a mix of genders and ethnicities, particularly because fathers and parents from minoritised ethnic groups are under-represented in mental health research. To address this imbalance, we will offer spaces in January to the first 10 parents who fulfil an equal mix of genders, ethnicities, and child ages, in the order of who signed up first.

HOW TO SIGN UP

To sign up, and for us to check your eligibility, please complete our online registration form <u>HERE</u> or scan the above QR code. We will ask for your contact details, what borough you live in, your child(ren)'s ages, and your gender and ethnicity. The form asks you to confirm your availability to attend our focus groups, and whether you'd like to make use of an onsite creche.









How will the information I share during the focus groups be used?

With your help, we are hoping to better understand what areas of mental health research are important for families. We aim to communicate what we learn to other researchers, through presentations and online posts (e.g. blog posts). You will not be personally identifiable in any of this work, as everything you tell us will be anonymised (your name and details won't be included).

We also want to understand how research could be better communicated to the public, and which topics parents would like to know more about. We hope to produce a series of informative materials for families, guided by our focus group discussions, to be distributed via SLaM's Digital Clinical Team and CPCS social media pages.

We will take notes during the focus groups to capture the discussions. To make sure no information is lost, and if everyone decides to give their permission, then we will also audio record the focus groups. Our notes and recordings will be deleted once the project is complete and outputs made.

What will happen if you take part in our January focus groups?

Each focus group will last for 2 hours, and the same 10 parents will be asked to attend both groups. We will discuss topics relating to mental health, parent and child wellbeing, parenting, and research. The focus groups will be run by peer support workers Kim and Yvonne, and two of our King's College London researchers. The option of an on-site creche is available for parents who need childcare support during the focus groups.

£50 shopping voucher for each focus group, to thank you for taking part

You will be thanked for your time with a £50 <u>Love2Shop voucher</u> per 2-hour focus group (£100 in total for two workshops). These vouchers can be used at over 90 retailers including Sainsbury's, Asos, Zizzi, John Lewis, and Just Eat.

Instances where we would need to break confidentiality

While we want the focus groups to be a safe space for discussions, if something comes up that leads us to believe that you, or someone else, is at risk of harm, we have a duty of care to discuss this with our project safeguarding lead and we may have to report what we hear to relevant services, which we will inform you about (e.g., if we are concerned about you or your child's wellbeing or safety). If a disclosure is made that suggests there is serious, imminent, or immediate risk to your personal safety or others, we will need to inform emergency services (999).

Protection of your personal data

We will collect some personal data from you when you sign up (e.g., name, contact details) and will keep this information on file until the end of the project. Once the project has ended in March 2023, we will ask whether you would like us to keep your details to update you on future projects and outputs from our work. We will not use your personal details for anything else, and they will not be shared outside of our team. You can ask us to delete all your personal information at any time.

Who to contact with questions?

If you have any questions about the project or taking part, please email yasmin.ahmadzadeh@kcl.ac.uk The Supporting Family Mental Health Partnership is funded by King's College London from September 2022 – March 2023.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

SOCIAL MEDIA & ENTAL HEALTH

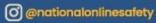
adults know what content young people are consuming, what they're posting and the interactions they're having. On social media, it can be easy to go down 'rabbit holes' that aren't beneficial to our wellbeing. As platforms grapple with managing such 'legal but harmful' content, lives are being impacted – sometimes to tragic effect. We might be daunted by the scale of the tech giants and their content which so enthrals young people, but we can still help children to be aware of their mental wellness: recognising when something isn't OK ... and knowing what to do about content that upsets them

UNDERSTAND THE ALGORITHM

3. DISCUSS WHAT

4. LEARN HOW TO HIDE CONTENT





6. MONITOR THEIR ACTIVITY









What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Connecting with Strangers

SEXTING AND SUGGESTIVE PICS

HiPal is a trending social media app which turns phones into walkie-talkies, allowing people to have voice conversations with friends or strangers. There are two account options: one for users aged under 12 and one for those aged 12 or above. The former has fewer features and limits interaction with strangers, enabling use of the walkie-talkie feature or photo sharing with friends and family only. The 12+ accounts offer more options, including adding strangers as friends, sharing photos and videos publicly, sending private messages and holding voice chats with strangers as well as friends.



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LARGE GROUP CHATS

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Advice for Parents & Carers

EMPHASISE CAUTION

BUILD RESILIENCE

AVOID OVER-SHARING

CONSIDER MENTAL WELLBEING

Meet Our Expert









https://hipatapp/about/privacy.html

THE CHOIR OF ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR CASTLE



Girls and Boys

are invited to apply to attend one of our

Chorister for a Day

events to be held on Sunday 15 January & Sunday 22 January 2023 from 12.30pm to 6.30pm at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, Windsor SL4 1NJ

Advance booking is essential. Closing date for applications: Wednesday 11 January 2023

Please contact Francesca Alden Email cfad@stgeorges-windsor.org

www.stgeorges-windsor.org/news/cfad

Chorister for a Day is a wonderful opportunity for girls and boys aged 6-8 (Yrs 2-3 at school) and their parents and carers to experience a day as a chorister in our world-famous choir of children and professional adult singers. New choristers typically join the choir at the start of Year 4 and this event is designed to help potential choristership applicants find out more about life as a chorister ahead of auditions in February. The programme of events will include various activities, ending with the Chorister for a Day participants taking part in Choral Evensong with the Choir of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.





Choristers at St George's rehearse every weekday morning and sing services on four weekdays and on a Sunday (Saturdays are mostly commitment free). This schedule develops not only their musical talents, but nurtures key skills such as leadership, team work, and time management. The Choristers are educated and board part-time at St George's School on generous scholarships, and limited means-tested bursaries may be available. The choristers all receive singing lessons from one of the UK's finest teachers of young voices, and receive instrumental and theory tuition. More information on all aspects of being a chorister will be available at Chorister for a Day.

The Choir was founded in 1348, and, whilst begun as a choir of boys and men, is now a choir of mixed girl and boy choristers and adult lay clerks (both male and female who provide the alto, tenor and bass parts). The choir sings regularly in the presence of His Majesty the King and other members of the Royal family, at annual events such as Carter Day and

Easter Sunday Mattins, and at special events. In 2018, this included singing at both Royal Weddings in St George's Chapel: for The Duke and Duchess of Sussex in May, and for HRH Princess Eugenie and Mr Jack Brooksbank in October. In September 2022 the choir sang at the Committal Service for Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in St George's Chapel. The choir released a CD of Christmas music in 2019 on the Hyperion label which was met with critical acclaim, and a new recording with the Band of the Household Cavalry is due out soon. The choir has also broadcast on radio, most recently in June 2022 with Sunday Worship (BBC Radio 4) and Choral Evensong (BBC Radio 3).



It is important to note that we are not looking for musical stars at this stage – we are looking for children between the ages of six and eight who have the potential to develop their fledgling musical talent, who would like to consider the opportunity of applying for a choristership, and above all who would enjoy this sort of event.

www.stgeorges-windsor.org

www.stgwindsor.co.uk



Making payments for goods and services at school

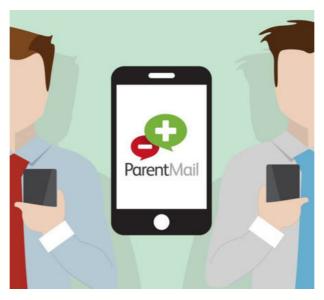
Payments for uniform, trips, Breakfast Club, top-up fees and Nursery After School Club can all be made either in cash at the School Office, or online, via ParentMail.

To pay for uniform online using ParentMail, you need to log in to your account and pay for the item/s **before** you collect them from the School on Wednesdays.

To pay for all other services – trips, Breakfast Club, topup fees and Nursery After School Club – make sure your ParentMail account is registered to pay for the services you need, then you can pay for them online.

If you need support to register, please see the School Office Staff.

WE HOPE THIS HELPS!



www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk



On the Homepage of Brunswick's website there is the Events Diary, our Twitter Feed and Quick Links to all the information you need.

Please use it to stay up to date; it is there to help you.

School Tours for New Parents/Carers



We are pleased to announce a series of Open Mornings now available where we will be happy to greet parents from 10am on the following dates:

- Friday 6 January 2023
- Friday 13 January 2023

If you would like to book one of the above open mornings, please contact us on 020 7525 9033 to book your slot.

We look forward to meeting you, and showing you around the school.

Uniform

Sweatshirts, cardigans, bookbags and swimming hats are available to buy or collect from the School Office on **Wednesdays from 3.30-4.00pm**. If you choose to pay in cash, please bring the right money as we cannot give change. If you choose to pay online via ParentMail, please pay for your item/s before coming to collect them.

Age 13 - adult sweatshirts = £10.00

All other sweatshirts = £8.00

Age 13 - adult cardigans = £13.00

All other cardigans = £11.00

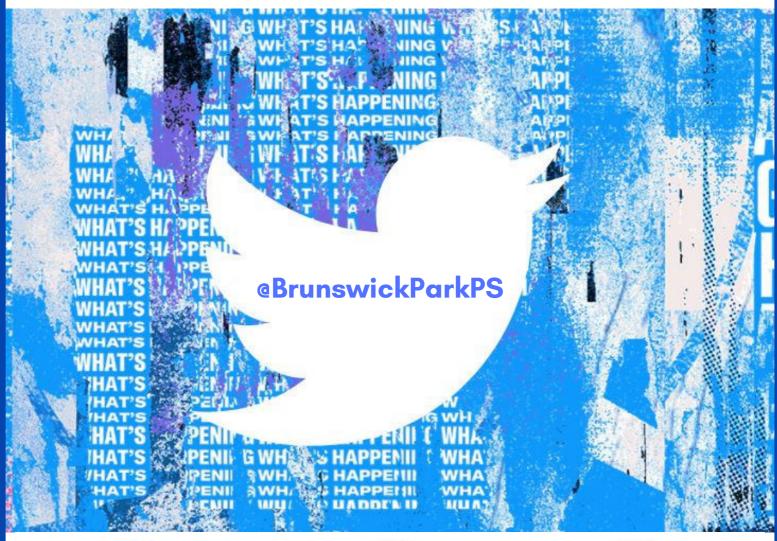
Book Bags = £4.00

Swimming Hats = £1.00

Clothing with the old shoulder logo is available at the reduced price of £5.50

Follow us on Twitter

Classes and Year Groups Tweet regularly throughout the week to keep parents and carers up to date with what the children are learning and doing. Here are this year's Twitter usernames:





Inclusion Team
@InclusionBPPS



Year 3 @Year3BPPS



EYFS @EyfsBPPS



Years 4 and 5
@Years4and5BPPS



Years 1 and 2
@Years1and2BPPS



Year 6 @Year6BPPS



The Play Shelter
After School Club @
Brunswick Park
£55 per week

£20 per day
3.30 - 6.00pm Monday - Friday

To register your child, contact the Centre Manager on **07905 007964** or visit the After School Club in the Dining Hall.

email: <u>admin@theplayshelter.co.uk</u> website: <u>www.theplayshelter.co.uk</u>

Brunswick Park Breakfast Club Reception - Year 6 £12 per week

regardless of the number of days children attend, payable a week in advance at the School Office and online via ParentMail.







7.45am until the start of the school day, Monday - Friday

In the Dining Hall, run by Brunswick's own staff: Mikaela, Linda and Karen Nursery Breakfast Club details are on the next page



Brunswick Park Primary School

Nursery Admissions **OPEN** September 2022

Brunswick Park Primary School offers:

15 hours childcare Free

Free (subject to eligibility) 30 hours childcare

Breakfast Club from 7:45am After School Club until 6:00pm £16 per week £50 per week

We ensure a safe, nurturing, home from home environment where children's needs and interests inspire planning to extend learning. Children make use of a range of indoor and outdoor spaces with the best resources which allow children to maximise their learning experience. All of our staff members are carefully selected. We foster a culture where staff are warm and caring to ensure supportive relationships with children and families.

To book a visit or reserve a place please contact the office or scan the QR code:

020 7525 9033

office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk (scan Me



Learning for living through respect, support and challenge

Term Dates 2022/2023

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

Autumn Term

HALF TERM 1: Thursday 1 September 2022 to Friday 21 October 2022 **INSET DAYS ON THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER AND FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER** -

CHILDREN RETURN ON MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022

HALF TERM 2: Monday 31 October 2022 to Friday 16 December 2022

INSET DAY MONDAY 31 OCTOBER - CHILDREN RETURN ON TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

Spring Term

HALF TERM 3: Tuesday 3 January 2023 to Friday 10 February 2023

INSET DAY ON TUESDAY 3 JANUARY - CHILDREN RETURN ON WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 13 February 2023 to Friday 17 February 2023

HALF TERM 4: Monday 20 February 2023 to Friday 31 March 2023

Summer Term

HALF TERM 5: Monday 17 April 2023 to Friday 26 May 2023

(May Day bank holiday will be taken on 1 May)

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023

HALF TERM 6: Monday 5 June 2023 to Friday 21 July 2023

INSET DAY MONDAY 5 JUNE - CHILDREN RETURN ON TUESDAY 6 JUNE

Children finish at 2.00pm on 16 December 2022, 31 March 2023 and 21 July 2023

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 and Twitter 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

Highest attendance of the fortnight is Class 4/5B with 99%+
Lowest attendance of the fortnight is Class 1/2C
Class with the most lateness is Reception B
Whole school attendance of the fortnight is 93%

If your child needs to be absent from school for exceptional reasons, you need to complete an Exceptional Leave Request Form in good time beforehand, available on the website and from the School Office.

Remember - don't book holiday in term time - even if the tickets are cheaper - as it cannot be authorised.

Whole School Attendance Target: 97%

Right to Reply:

9/12/22: 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