

# Brunswick Park Primary School

## e-Newsletter



Friday 13 January 2023

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**Brunswick Park**  
Primary School

[www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk](http://www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk)

January's Focus Values are **POSITIVITY** and **RESILIENCE**

Dear Parents and Carers

The children have been back at school now for 8 days, and now it's 13 January this is the last opportunity I have to wish you a happy New Year before the year isn't new anymore. So, Happy New Year! I hope you had a peaceful break with your families over the festive/holiday season, and that 2023 so far is treating you well. Times are additionally hard for many at the moment, and the pressures of finding enough to pay for basic essentials are stressful. If you are suffering hardship, please contact Caroline Campion via the School Office. We will do our best to assist, and signpost you to places and organisations that offer help.

We keep you updated regularly on Twitter with what the children are learning, and there have been some fantastic posts from across the school so far this term. Please note that the Inclusion Twitter address has changed to [@ResourceBaseBP](https://twitter.com/ResourceBaseBP). For your information all addresses are included in this newsletter, and I encourage you to look at both Twitter and the school website to keep up to date with what the children are doing.

As part of Southwark's School Streets scheme, Picton Street is closed to traffic twice a day during school drop-off/pick-up times to keep the children safe. However, since the scheme's introduction, drivers have ignored the barriers provided by the Council and moved or driven around them instead of parking elsewhere and walking the short distance to school. The Council has responded by installing cameras, and will warn and fine those people who drive their cars down Picton Street during restricted hours. The last day barriers will be present on Picton Street is Tuesday 31 January 2023.

If you have not heard already, panto is coming once again to Brunswick in the form of Jack and the Beanstalk, and on Wednesday 25 January children from Reception to Year 6 will be yelling 'Oh no it isn't!' at a team of actors from M&M Theatrical Productions. We all need cheering up when the weather is cold, grey and miserable, and this is a great way to do it. Please look out for the letter about it if it has not already been received.

Finally, we hosted a surprise guest this week from Texas. A woman called Anita Butler got in touch as she had been a pupil at Brunswick Park in the 1950s and wanted to see the school again because she remembers her days here being happy. She is now 75, and was in London visiting family. She joined one of Anna's brilliant school tours, which brought back all sorts of memories, and left satisfied that she had fulfilled a long-standing ambition to revisit the school. Most importantly, she said, 'I can't believe how far it's come since my day.' There are photos that she brought from 1955-1959 later in the letter so you can compare then with now. How times have changed!

With best wishes for a peaceful fortnight ahead.

Susannah Bellingham

Head Teacher

**TERM DATES ARE ALWAYS ON THE NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE**

**FRIDAY 20 JANUARY: YEAR 6 SHARING ASSEMBLY**

**FRIDAY 27 JANUARY: YEARS 4/5 SHARING ASSEMBLY**



# BPFA Fundraising

The BPFA's hard work and your support are paying off!  
School staff have bid for resources for the children totalling £3000, which the BPFA has kindly approved.

Some examples of where those funds are going are:



50% of the School's Now Press Play equipment and subscription



10 each of ear defenders and wobble air cushions for pupils with ASC



10 each of Breathing Buddies and Push and Pop Fidget Pads for pupils with a diagnosis of ADHD

A mud kitchen for children in the EYFS



Playground equipment: hoola-hoops, balls, tennis balls, skipping ropes, blocks etc;  
180 hi-vis jackets for safeguarding children on trips and visits;  
Halving the contribution from families for an EYFS Summer Theatre Trip, from £10-£12 to £5-£6.

**On behalf of the children of BPPS, THANK YOU!**

Taken where the Library on the Top Floor is now



## Brunswick Park Primary School in the 1950s



Taken where the new build Resource Base 1 and Sensory Room are now

# School Uniform

In last 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:**

#### **Tuesday:**

Year 1

Year 2

Year 4

Year 5

#### **Wednesday:**

Year 6

#### **Thursday:**

Year 3

Resource Base

#### **Friday:**

Nursery

Reception

Black plimsolls or trainers  
School jumper or cardigan

*Children should not wear football boots of any kind for health and safety reasons, or coloured 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.*

***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)



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.

## 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**



### 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.

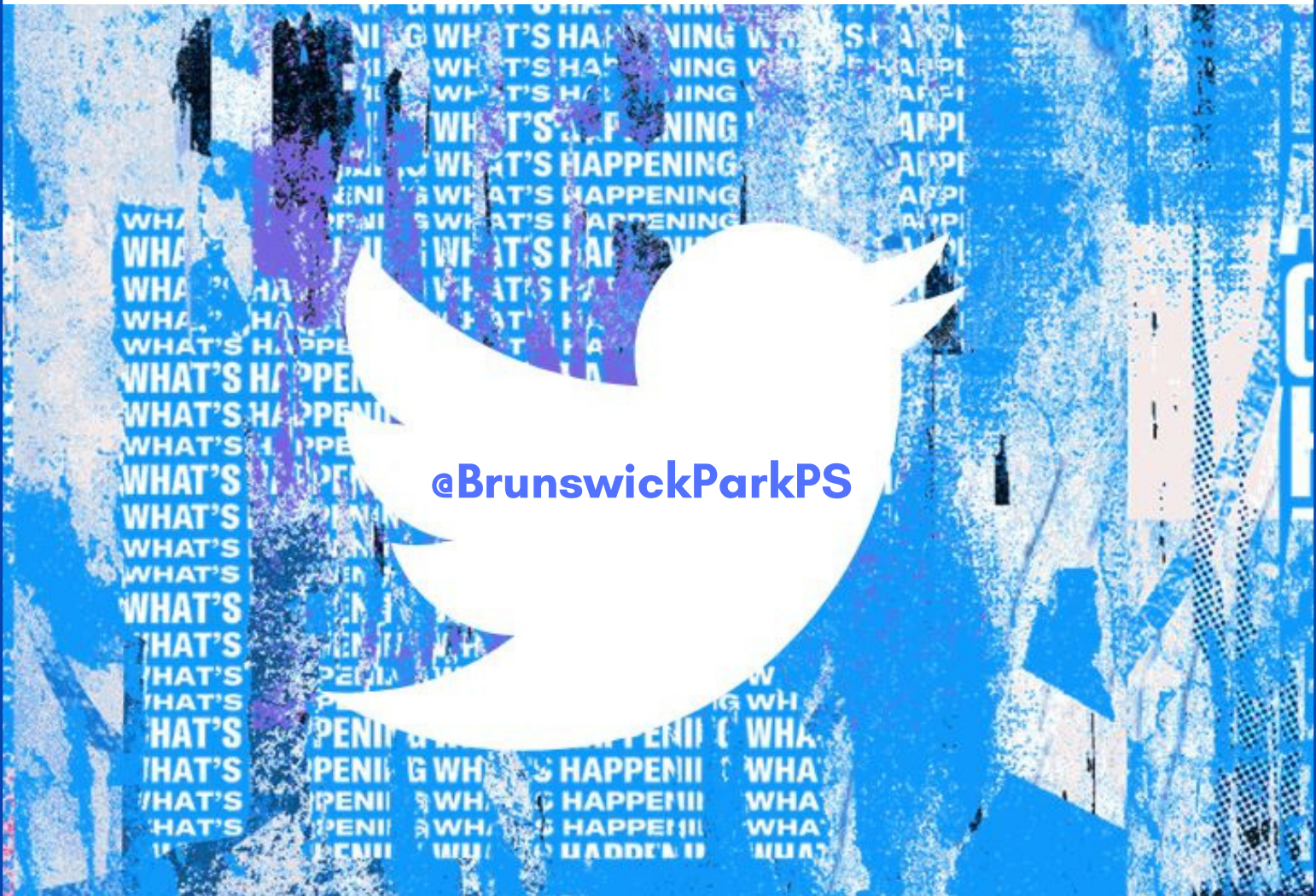
To pay for all other services – trips, Breakfast Club, top-up fees and Nursery After School Club – make sure your ParentMail account is registered to pay for the services you need, then you can pay for them online.

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

**WE HOPE THIS HELPS!**

# 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:



Resource Base  
[@ResourceBaseBP](#)



EYFS  
[@EyfsBPPS](#)



Years 1 and 2  
[@Years1and2BPPS](#)



Year 3  
[@Year3BPPS](#)



Years 4 and 5  
[@Years4and5BPPS](#)



Year 6  
[@Year6BPPS](#)

# PACT AUTUMN Weekly Group Programme

## MONDAY/LUNES

### BABIES @ MUMSPACE 11-12NOON, CAMBERWELL SALVATION ARMY

A group for parents with under ones, for fun, interactive and wellbeing sessions. Contact Mena 07534 727316 or mena.annour@citizensuk.org

### PARENT UNIVERSITY 1-2.30PM

For more details and to sign up for this course see page 2 of this programme or contact Mena on 07534 727316 or mena.annour@citizensuk.org.

### PACT ALLOTMENT 10-11AM

For more details see page 2 of this programme or contact Layla on layla.meerfoo@citizensuk.org or 07376014330.

## TUESDAY/MARTES

### MUMSPACE 10.30-12NOON, ST MICHAELS

Join us for active play as we enjoy the indoors and the outdoors of St Michaels, a drop in for under 5s. We have wellbeing, creative sessions and visits from our fantastic Health professionals. Contact Mena on 07534 727316 or mena.annour@citizensuk.org.

## WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES

### BE WELL WEDNESDAYS 10.00-11.00, ST MICHAELS

Join us for a cup of coffee and chat. It's a chance to meet new people, support your wellbeing and connect with our Be Well Champions. For more information contact Ellie on 07904904695 or elena.demetri@citizensuk.org

### ESPACIO MAMA 10.30-12PM, SAN MATEO

Únete a este grupo para madres embarazadas o con niños pequeños, donde tendrán un espacio para conectar y tener información de Health Visitor. Contacta a Mery Calderon al 07399584871 mery.calderon@citizensuk.org

## FRIDAY/VIERNES

### MUMSPACE 10-11.30AM, SALVATION ARMY

A play session for families with children under 4 including workshops on topics such as wellbeing. Health Visitor advice, family cooking and Mums Take Over! Contact Rose on 07821 447526 or rose.peake@citizensuk.org

### ESPACIO MAMA 1-2.30PM, SAN MATEO

Únete a este grupo para madres embarazadas o con niños pequeños, donde tendremos a LAWRS y la oportunidad de divertirse con tu niño(a). Contacta a Mery Calderon al 07399584871

## New to PACT? ¿Nueva en PACT?

You are welcome to just turn up and register with us or can contact the group organiser. Las invitamos a que vengan y se registren con nosotros o pueden ponerse en contacto con la

## ARE YOU PREGNANT OR A NEW PARENT?

SIGN UP FOR OUR PARENT UNIVERSITY COURSES ON MONDAYS FROM 1-2.30PM



**Antenatal Course**  
3 sessions

**Pregnant women & partners** For parents with babies under 8mths.

All sessions will be at Camberwell Salvation Army, 105 Lomond Grove, SE5 7HC. To find out more or sign up, contact Mena Annour on 07534 727316 or mena.annour@citizensuk.org

**Postnatal Course**  
7 sessions

**For parents with babies under 8mths.**

All sessions will be at Camberwell Salvation Army, 105 Lomond Grove, SE5 7HC. To find out more or sign up, contact Mena Annour on 07534 727316 or mena.annour@citizensuk.org

## BLACK MATERNAL VOICES



We are a group of black mothers who meet monthly to offer support to each other and make positive change.

**When:** Every 2nd Thursday of the month  
**Time:** 1.00 - 2.30 PM

**Where:** United Reformed Church, Love Walk SE5 BAE (almost on the corner with Grove Lane)

**Contact:**

Munira.Nesredin@citizensuk.org or 07399241320 for more information

## Rose for fruit & veg

Would you like to buy more fruit & vegetables for your family?  
Are you a member of PACT/ MumSpace/ Espacio Mama?

We can help you to apply for Rose Vouchers and Healthy Start Vouchers. They support families on low incomes and families who have NRPf to buy fresh fruit and vegetables.

For more information, call Mena 07534 727316 or Munira 07399 241320



## PACT ALLOTMENT



Grow fruit and veg at the PACT allotment. Mondays 10 - 11.

Siembra fruta y verdura en la huerta de PACT. lunes de 10 - 11.

Contact: layla.meerfoo@citizensuk.org or 07376014330

Parents and Communities Together (PACT)

www.pact-citizens.org  
07507706460

Instagram: PACT\_Southwark  
Facebook: PACT Southwark  
Twitter: @PACTSouthwark

# PARENT UNIVERSITY

A **free** course for pregnant women  
and new parents



Parent University is  
a place to meet new  
mums, share  
experiences and  
make new friends.  
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Join us **Mondays 1-2.30PM** throughout the year (term time)  
Find us at **Camberwell Salvation Army, 107 Lomond Grove,  
Camberwell SE5 7HG**

Sessions are delivered by PACT staff, in  
partnership with local health professionals.

We run **antenatal** (3 sessions) and  
**postnatal** (7 sessions) courses.

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*Parent University has helped me prepare for  
my baby, and gain knowledge about how to  
care for my baby and myself.*

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To find out more about the sessions, start dates or sign up,  
contact Mena Amnour:  
[mena.amnour@citizensuk.org](mailto:mena.amnour@citizensuk.org) or call/message 07534 727316



# STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!

Be suspicious of new information

SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS

TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF SOMETHING UPSETS YOU

DON'T CHAT WITH STRANGERS

BE HONEST WITH PARENTS & CARERS

TAKE BREAKS FROM BEING ONLINE

ASK PERMISSION before downloading anything

AVOID SHARING PRIVATE PHOTOS

Stick to trusted apps

TAKE NOTICE OF AGE RESTRICTIONS

DOUBLE CHECK YOUR NEWS SOURCES

Don't give away personal information

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# WORLD OF WARCRAFT

AGE RESTRICTION  
12+

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation... but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent iteration, Dragonflight, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion. This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game – as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

## ALWAYS ONLINE

World of Warcraft is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Players create a character and head off on mythical quests to earn rewards and become more powerful. The game's environment is absolutely vast, and it can only be played online on PC or Mac – so there's a high probability of young Warcraft fans wanting to monopolise the family computer.

## REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As is common with many MMORPGs, World of Warcraft's developers, Blizzard, release regular expansions for the game (usually every 18 months to two years). So although there's still plenty of content for young players to experience right now, there will almost inevitably be a requirement to continue buying future expansion packs, which tend to cost around £50.

## IN-GAME PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just like its genre contemporary Final Fantasy XIV, World of Warcraft requires a monthly subscription fee to play. It's currently £9.99 per month (although you can get it cheaper by signing up to a longer subscription). There are also many items which can be purchased from the in-game store that don't affect gameplay, but instead offer cosmetic alterations to a player's character.

## VOICE AND TEXT CHAT

Because World of Warcraft is played exclusively on PCs and Macs, it's easy for users to type out text messages if they aren't comfortable using voice chat. If you'll forgive the pun, that's a double-edged sword because – although there's less chance of them being harassed verbally – it puts young players at increased risk of being trolled or receiving spam through the in-game messaging function.

## SIMULATED VIOLENCE

The fact that World of Warcraft is almost 20 years old means that even its most violent battles look slightly cartoonish compared with the level of authenticity in many more modern games. The exception tends to be Warcraft's in-game cutscenes: animated sections which move the plot onto the next stage. These offer more realistic visuals, but they still aren't overly gory or scary.

## POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

World of Warcraft can trigger a powerful "just one more quest" mentality in players (especially young ones) as they rush to secure the next dopamine hit from levelling their character up or earning a new item or weapon. It's also a game that doesn't have a definite 'end' – because as soon as a player finishes levelling up one character, they can start afresh with another one.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### MANAGE PLAYTIME

World of Warcraft can be an extremely enjoyable game to play with friends, but it's important that your child doesn't let their adventures crowd out school work, socialising or anything else they also enjoy. You could, for example, consider imposing playtime limits – such as a set number of hours to play Warcraft per week, or restricting it to particular days or just weekends.

### MAKE IT A REWARD

If your child is excited about getting the next World of Warcraft expansion, you could consider using it as a reward for completing their weekly tasks (you could even call them 'quests'!) like tidying their room or doing their homework. This will demonstrate that you're happy for them to play the game but will also help them to build good, productive habits, reinforcing that hard work earns rewards.

### SIGN UP FOR THE FREE TRIAL

Warcraft's monthly subscription effectively 'pays' for the regular new content, but there's also a sizable free trial that lets new players explore the world of Azeroth without paying a penny. Players can play up until Level 20 for free, which is easily several hours' worth of gameplay. If your child does take this option, we'd suggest minimising in-game spending by not linking a bank card to their account.

### REMEMBER THE AGE RATING

Due to mild violence and the occasional use of offensive language, World of Warcraft has been rated as appropriate for players aged 12 and over by PEGI (the Pan-European Game Information system, which gives games their age certificate). It isn't really suitable for anyone below that age, so you may potentially have to explain this reasoning to your younger children if they want to play it.

### ADVENTURE TOGETHER

Warcraft can certainly be addictive, but playing it together is also a great way to spend time with your child. The game's focus on cooperative questing and battling enemies can make it feel like you've accomplished something as a team, and you'll also be in a prime position to spot any early signs of addiction. Just remember to apply gaming time limits to yourself as well as your young ones!

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor at technology and entertainment website Dexerto and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including iDN and Techradar, among others.



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## 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: [admin@theplayselter.co.uk](mailto:admin@theplayselter.co.uk)

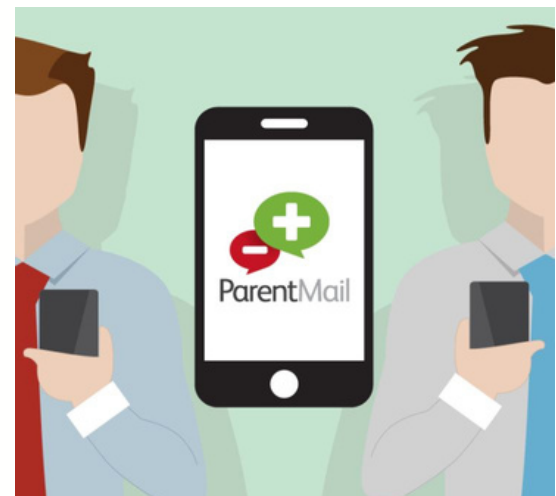
website: [www.theplayselter.co.uk](http://www.theplayselter.co.uk)

## 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

# 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 6A with 98%+ and Reception Year with 100%**

**Lowest attendance of the fortnight is Class 1/2C**

**Class with the most lateness is Reception Class 1/2C**

**Whole school attendance of the fortnight is 94%**

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:

**13/01/23: 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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