# Brunswick Park Primary School

e-Newsletter



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March's Focus Value is **PATIENCE** 

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you once again for your support and co-operation during yesterday's NEU teacher members' strike action. The children who were in school yesterday enjoyed a day of activities with the staff who were available for work, and by all accounts had a very enjoyable time. Please note that the Government has amended its School Attendance Guidance for days when schools are partially open as a result of strike action, to say that if children are offered a place in school on a strike day, they are expected to attend. I am pleased that 90 more children attended school yesterday than on 1 February. Attending school regularly helps us keep in touch with families and helps keep children safe:

- Children may be at risk of harm if they do not attend school regularly;
- There is a direct link between under-achievement and poor attendance;
- Regular attenders make better progress, both socially and academically;
- Regular attenders find school routines and learning easier to manage;
- Regular attenders are more likely to find learning satisfying and to build strong friendships;
- Regular attenders have an easier transfer to secondary school, having developed positive attendance habits;
- Creating a pattern of regular school attendance establishes positive habits for life.

On 1 March, Year 6 children received their offer of a place at secondary school for September. Parents name up to 6 preferred schools on their application form, and we hope that the offers they have received are from those schools. However, this may not be the case. If you have received an offer that is not for one of your preferred schools and you are unhappy with it, please use the vacancy list below to approach alternative schools directly, and make an appointment to see me to discuss your options.

I am delighted that 28 children have signed up for instrumental music lessons with Piano Fun Club, starting after the Easter break, and that the playground equipment bought with the proceeds of last term's Athlete Event is now being used by the children. And we have just secured a grant from Kellogg's to support our Breakfast Club! Our next celebration is World Book Day, which Brunswick is marking on Thursday 9 March with our Book in a Jar competition and some dressing up; details below.

With best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable weekend. Susannah Bellingham Head Teacher

**WORLD BOOK DAY: 9 MARCH** 

SCIENCE DAY: 17 MARCH

TERM DATES ARE ALWAYS ON THE NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE: NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2023-24









# **Attendance and Punctuality**

School attendance is measured like this:

Below 90% = Persistent Absence

90 - 94% = Requires Improvement

95 - 97% = Good

98 - 100% = Excellent



So far this academic year, Brunswick Park's pupil attendance is:

EYFS (statutory school age 5+) 99%

KS1 attendance 90%

KS2 attendance 95%

EYFS and Key Stage 2 are doing really well, with Excellent and Good attendance respectively.

#### We need Key Stage 1 to match them!

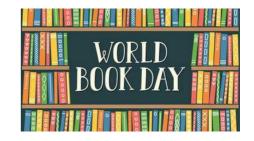
If a child arrives late after the register closes it is recorded as an absence. We need all parents and carers to ensure their children arrive on time for school every day so they can make the most of their entitlement to education.



Brunswick has secured a £1000 grant from Kellogg's to support our Breakfast Club! Places remain available; details below.

Parents and carers received a hard copy letter on 3 March about World Book Day, with this link to a survey to help us restock the Ground Floor Library with books the children will love: <a href="https://forms.gle/q6zxk2z8pMiW2pMp6">https://forms.gle/q6zxk2z8pMiW2pMp6</a>

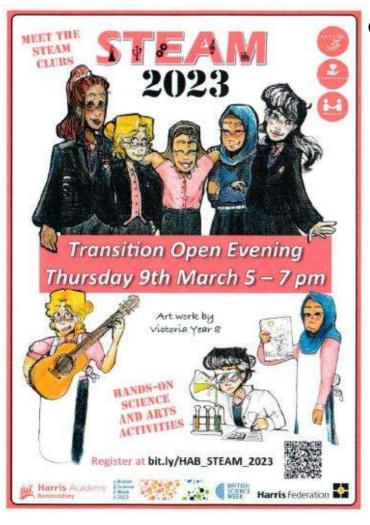
Themes for the day are:



Year group	Book	What to wear
Nursery	The Colour Monster	Bright colours
Reception	The Day the Crayons Quit	Bright colours
Year 1/2	The Polar Express	Pyjamas
Year 3	One Hundred and One Dalmatians	Black and white
Years 4/5	Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief	Own clothes
Year 6	The Diary of a Wimpy Kid	Own Clothes

Teachers do not want to disrupt children's education, but NEU members have resorted to strike action to try to improve their pay and working conditions: as they say, teachers' working conditions are children's learning conditions. If you would like to write to your MP, Harriet Harman, about the situation, go to <a href="www.isupportschools.co.uk">www.isupportschools.co.uk</a> and click on the green 'I'm a parent and I want to write to my MP' button at the bottom of the page.





#### SECONDARY SCHOOL VACANCIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 INTAKE

(Information correct as at 1 March 2023)

Listed below are secondary schools with vacancies for the September 2023 intake.

If you are a Southwark resident and would like to apply to any of the schools below, please contact Southwark Council's school admissions team by email at schools admissions@southwark.gov.uk and confirm the school you would like to apply for.

#### Please note the following:

- Places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis at schools with vacancies if you are thinking of applying we strongly advise you to do so as soon as possible
- The list below is subject to change as vacancies are filled up by places being allocated at schools over the next few months

#### Southwark

Vacancies	Short waiting list
Ark Globe Academy (mixed)	Ark All Saints Academy (mixed)
Ark Walworth Academy (mixed)	Harris Girl's Academy East Dulwich (girls)
Compass School (mixed)	St Saviour's and St Olave's (girls)
Harris Academy Bermondsey (girls)	
Harris Academy Peckham (mixed)	
Notre Dame RC School (girls)	
South Bank University Academy (mixed)	

#### Lambeth

Vacancies	Short waiting list	
Ark Evelyn Grace Academy (mixed)	La Retraite School (girls)	
The London Nautical School (boys)	Platanos College (mixed)	- 1
	Saint Gabriel's College (mixed)	
	The Elms Academy (mixed)	
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#### Westminster

Vacancies or short waiting lists	Short waiting lists	
Marylebone Boys School (boys)	St Augustine's High School	
Westminster City School (hovs)		

Vacancies	Short waiting lists	
Oasis Academy Arena (mixed)	Oasis Academy Coulsdon	
St Joseph's College - Catholic (boys)	Orchard Park High (mixed)	- 35
The Archbishop Lanfranc (mixed)	St Mary's Catholic High	
Meridian High School	Thomas More Catholic School	
Norbury High School for Girls	The Quest Academy	
Shirley High School (mixed)		
Harris Academy South Norwood (mixed) – limited places available		

#### Bromley Vacancies

Kemnal Tech	inology College (mixed)
Harris Acade	my Orpington (mixed)

### Offers of Secondary School Places

On Wednesday 1 March, offers of secondary school places for September 2023 were sent by email to parents and carers.

Our records show that all Brunswick's Year 6 families completed their paperwork on time, so all our Year 6 children should have received an offer. If you have not, please contact the School Office urgently.

It appears that most children at Brunswick were allocated their first preference.

Below is a list of vacancies and short waiting lists correct as of 1 March 2023 should your plans change.

Please remember, an appeal will not be successful if you are requesting a change of placement to another school on your preference list.

Bexley	
Vacancies	
Cleeve Park	
King Henry	
St Columba's Catholic (Boys)	
Welling School (mixed)	

#### Wandsworth

Vacancies or short waiting lists	Short waiting lists	
Saint John Bosco College	Ark Putney Academy	
Harris Academy Battersea	Burntwood School (girls)	
	Ernest Bevin College (boys)	
	Southfields Academy	

#### Kensington & Chelsea

Vacancies or short waiting list	
St Thomas More Language College (mixed)	

Vacancies	
Arts and Media Islington (Mixed)	
Beacon High (Mixed)	
City of London Academy Highbury Gra (Mixed)	ove
City of London Academy Highgate Hill (Mixed)	
St Aloveius' Catholic Rove'	

#### Hammersmith & Fulham

Vacancies	Short waiting lists
Ark Burlington Danes Academy (mixed)	The Hurlingham Academy (mixed)
Fulham Cross Academy (mixed)	
Fulham Cross Girls' School (girls)	
Phoenix Academy mixed (mixed)	

#### Hackney

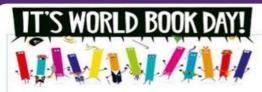
Vacancies	Short waiting lists
Lubavitch Senior Girls	The Urswick School
Our Lady's High School ( RC and girls)	Cardinal Pole School
	The Petchey Academy
	Waterside Academy (mixed)
	Skinners Academy
	The Bridge Acedemy

Short waiting list	Short waiting lists	- 3
La Sainte Union (girls RC)	UCL Academy (mixed)	
Maria Fidelis (mixed RC)	Regent High (mixed)	- 8
Haverstock (mixed)	William Ellis (boys)	0
Hamostead (mixed)	M-995	

Lewisham - no vacancies or short waiting lists

Greenwich - no vacancies or short waiting lists

Merton - no vacancies or short waiting lists



Due to planned strike action, this year we will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 9 March.

As usual, children will be able to dress up as a book character and a range of activities will take place in school.

### **Book in a Jar Competition**

#### What is it?

A 'Book in a Jar', is where you are invited to think about how your favourite book, or a book important to you, could be represented in a simple jar. There are some examples below for you to have a look at to get inspiration.







Charlotte's Web

Jack and the Beanstalk

How to make a book in a jar

- -Any clear jar can be used: a coffee jar, jam jar or any other jar.
- -Inside, place carefully chosen items, pictures or quotes from the book that give a clue about the characters, setting or story.
- -Clearly label your entry with your name, class and the book your jar represents.





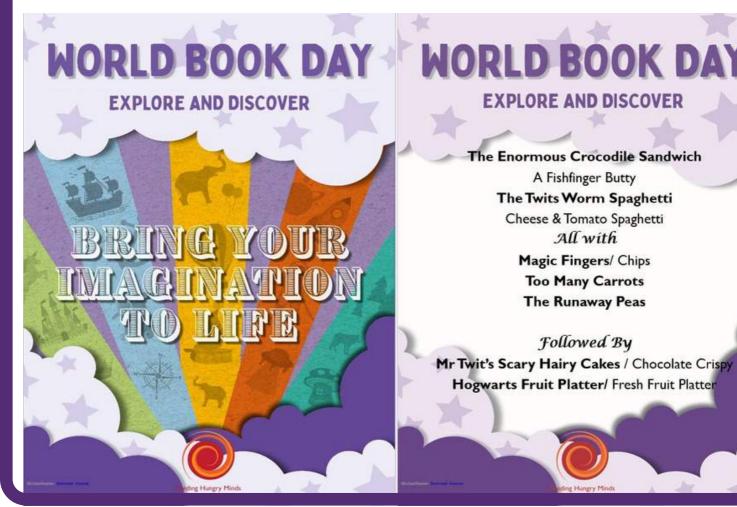
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory





We cannot wait to see what you come up with! Enjoy the challenge and get reading!

### SPECIAL LUNCH MENU FOR WORLD BOOK DAY 9 MARCH 2023







It was fabulous to see so many parents and carers at our recent Art Show in Years 1 and 2. The children really enjoy showing and explaining their work, and you were a great audience. Thank you!





# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# NEL

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS? NGL (which stands for 'Not Gonna Lie') is an app through which users share a link to their Instagram story or Twitter account, inviting their followers to give anonymous feedback. The app includes some prewritten questions (such as 'If you could change anything about me, what would it be?'), plus the option to ask followers to simply 'send me anonymous messages'. All replies go into the user's NGL inbox, with the sender remaining anonymous – although subscribers to the app can receive hints about who each message was from.

# ANONYMITY AND OVERSHARING

Anonymous messaging gives rise to the 'online disinhibition effect', which causes users to feel detached from their words and actions in the digital world. This can make young people in particular (as they tend to act more impulsively online) far more likely to disclose personal information on the internet, as well as making ill-advised confessions or revealing their fears and insecurities.

# PROTECTION FOR BULLIES

Having their identity hidden makes builles teel safe from repercussions, so anonymous chat sites are a major avenue for cyberbuilying. Not claims to use At to filter out insutting terms, but our expert sent a range of such phrases (starting with 'cow' and 'ugy', and becoming progressively more offensive) to a 'dummy' account. All of these trial messages were delivered to the recipient's inbox.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

NGL offers a subscription where — for a weekly fee — users can unlock hints about who's been messaging them, including the sender's approximate location and which device they used. Young people will naturally be extremely curious about who sent which message (especially if they have a lot of instagram or Twitter followers) and may be unable to resist sending manner to find out



#### inflated Engagement

n June 2022. NGI had to revise its arms of service: informing users if a nessage was sent by the app's levelopers as opposed to genuine oblowers. It emerged that, reviously, NGI's makers had ttempted to boost engagement with the app (as well as enticing sers to pay for subscriptions) by

#### QUESTIONABLE SUPPORT

NGL does have a 'report this message' button for users to flag upsetting content. After sending a message, however, an automated eply arrives stating "... NGL is 100% anonymous and we have no way of thowing the identity of the user and would not be able to find out, even if we tried." This did not fill our expert with confidence that the app can address had believe adequately.

#### ACCIDENTALLY GOING VIRAL

The messages on NGL itself are anonymous, but users can share these messages via their instagram story or Twitter feed – enabling all their followers (or anyone, if their accounts are set to 'public') to see them. If a young person has disclosed something embarrassing or identifiable on NGL without realising, this information has the potential to be re-shared very cuickly to a fermidist and incore.

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# **Advice for Parents & Carers**

#### DEALING WITH NEGATIVITY

Blocking another user on NGL will prevent them sending anonymous messages to your child in the short term – although a determined abuser could get around that obstacle simply by setting up a new instagram account. If your child continually receives negative messages that upset them, it might be worth encouraging them to consider whether they really need to use the app at all.

#### EXPLAIN ANONYMOUS APPS

We understand that a conversation with your child about the risks of anonymous messaging may seem difficult to initiate (especially if you aren't that comfortable with using social media yourself). It is vital, however, that young people understand that, for some people, having their identity obscured online can make them feel more powerful and less accountable for their actions.

#### **BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES**

To avoid your child running up an eye-watering bill through an NGL subscription (or indeed any kind of costly in-app purchases), go into the settings on whatever devices they use to go online and either disable the ability to make purchases or protect that function with a password. If those options aren't available, it's prudent to ensure there aren't any payment methods linked to their account.

#### THINK BEFORE SENDING

Regardless of whether a messaging app is anonymous or not, it's a good idea to regularly talk to your child about how it's wise to think through what they're sharing before they post it. Emphasise that nothing is truly private once it's online. If the post is something your child might hesitate to say to someone face to face, then it's probably not the sort of thing they should be writing online either.

#### Meet Our Expert

Source: https://ngl/ink/#what-s\_ng/

or Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



other content from creators all over the world. Since launching in 2008, Spotlfy has revolutionised the way music is listened to: it now offers the ability to manage and share more than 100 million tracks and five million podcast series, plus personalised recommendations, new release updates and the option to create collaborative playlists. As of February 2023, it is the world's most popular audio streaming subscription service with 489 million users globally.



#### EXPLICIT LYRICS

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#### **GROOMING TACTICS**

Although Spotify doesn't come with dedicated chat functionality, concerns were raised in January 2023 after reports of an 11-year-old girl being coerced into sharing explicit pictures of herself on the platform. The case highlighted predators' tactics of sharing empty playlists with other users: their messages were being exchanged undetected through edited song titles and descriptions, bypassing security measures.

#### OVERSHARING

Spotify provides a perfect way to play music, with the ability to connect to another device, such as a Bluetooth speaker or an in-car stereo. While this is a useful feature, it's also easy to forget your surroundings and inadvertently play content which isn't appropriate for all listeners (especially those under the age of 18), potentially causing alarm or distress.

# AGE-INAPPROPRIATE PODCASTS

your child has a Spotify account, ney'll also be able to access the latform's audio-only chat service; potify Live. While it's a separate tand-alone app, Spotify Live allows eople to listen to live discussions in the main Spotify platform and, nore notably, lets users enter irtual rooms to chat with other sers, opening up direct

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# Advice for Parents & Carers

#### SWAP TO SPOTIFY KIDS

#### CENSOR EXPLICIT CONTENT

Regardless of what type of account your child uses to access Spotify, there is an option to turn off explicit content in the settings – greying out all songs marked with an 'E' tag. If your child has their own individual account, it's easier for them to turn it back on – whereas with a family plan, you're in control and your child can't alter the setting without knowing the password.

#### TALK ABOUT THE RISKS

As with any platform, it's good practice to talk to your child about what they should be aware of when using Spotify. For instance, it's important they're aware never to share any personal information with strangers, and what they should do if they're exposed to inappropriate content. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and he so that they feel comfortable raising any concerns with you.

#### KEEP AN EYE OUT

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Spotify or you've noticed they're being particularly secretive about how they're using it, encourage them to talk about what they're listening to. It's always prudent to show an interest in their online habits from the outset - you're confident they're using apps and services in the right way, for the rigreasons, and they're not being drawn into anything they shouldn't be.

### Meet Our Expert

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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.

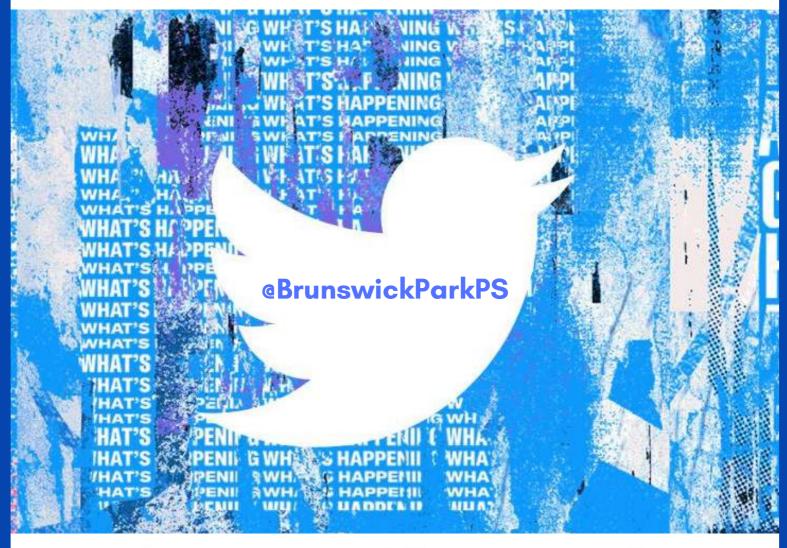
To pay for all other services – trips, Breakfast Club, top-up fees and Nursery After School Club – make sure your ParentMail account is registered to pay for the services you need, then you can pay for them online.

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



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

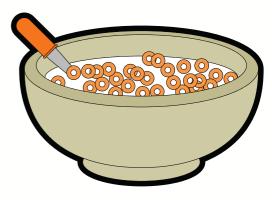
3.30 - 6.00pm Monday - Friday

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 available from the School Office

# **Term Dates 2022/2023**

#### **ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023**

# DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAY IN TERM TIME CHILDREN ARE ENTITLED TO 190 DAYS' EDUCATION PER YEAR

#### **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

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#### **Autumn Term**

HALF TERM 1: Monday 4 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023

**INSET DAY ON MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER** 

#### CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 23 October 2023 to Friday 27 October 2023 HALF TERM 2: Monday 30 October 2022 to Wednesday 20 December 2023

### **Spring Term**

HALF TERM 3: Monday 8 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024

HALF TERM 4: Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024

#### **Summer Term**

HALF TERM 5: Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024

(May Day bank holiday will be taken on 6 May)

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

HALF TERM 6: Monday 3 June 2024 to Thursday 25 July 2024

INSET DAYS MONDAY 22, TUESDAY 23, WEDNESDAY 24, THURSDAY 25 JULY LAST DAY IN SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IS FRIDAY 19 JULY 2024

Children finish at 2.00pm on 20 December 2023, 28 March 2024 and 19 July 2024

#### **Public Holidays:**

Monday 25 December 2023: Christmas Day Holiday

Tuesday 26 December 2023: Boxing Day Holiday Monday 1 January 2024: New Year Holiday

Friday 29 March 2024: Good Friday Monday 1 April 2024: Easter Monday

Monday 6 May 2024: May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 27 May 2024: Spring Bank Holiday

Monday 26 August 2024: Summer Bank Holiday

**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.

<a href="http://www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk">http://www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk</a>

# **Attendance Update**

Highest attendance of the fortnight is Class RB with 100% and Class 6A with 99.26%+
Lowest attendance of the fortnight is Class 6B
Class with the most lateness is Class 1/2A
Whole school attendance of the fortnight is 95.76%

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.

Children are entitled to 190 days' education per year.

# Whole School Attendance Target: 97%

### Right to Reply:

03/03/23: 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