

Brunswick Park Primary School



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e-Newsletter

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September's Focus Value is **RESPECT**

Dear Parents and Carers

I wish you a very warm (literally) welcome back to school after the Summer Break, which I hope was restful for at least some of the time. (We understand how challenging it can be to keep children occupied for 6 weeks, and that returning to school can be a relief!) A very warm welcome also to our new children and families, who have started this week in the Nursery and Reception classes. It is always a joy to see how well our youngest children settle in to play with their new friends, and start their primary school journey.

We are also pleased to welcome new members of staff: Fatima Barlas, SENDCo, Rebecca Heathcote, 4A Class Teacher, Charlotte Excell, SEND Teacher and Francesca Piccaluga, specialist music teacher. Our full staff list and the teams in which they work is available on our website, along with the events diary for the year, which is on the Home Page.

The children have made a great start to this term, and the atmosphere in school is calm, purposeful and positive. Children make the best progress if they attend school on time every day, which has been our focus from day 1. Tracy Sherry, in her new post of Attendance Officer, is working with families to support them to ensure all Brunswick's children are in school on time. You will see her on Bantry Street in the mornings, and if your child is absent from school, she will call you on the first day to find out why.

Some reminders as we start the new term:

Your child has PE on the following days:

Nursery	THURSDAY	Reception	FRIDAY	Resource Base	TUESDAY
Year 1	MONDAY	Year 2	TUESDAY		
Year 3	TUESDAY	Year 4	WEDNESDAY		
Year 5	FRIDAY	Year 6	WEDNESDAY		

If children are in Years 1-6 they are expected to come to school in their PE kit. Details are on the next page.

Newsletters are sent fortnightly, and contain information that cannot be shared via X (Twitter) or Instagram. We use X (Twitter) and Instagram regularly to share children's learning experiences. Information for specific children, classes and Year Groups is sent by emailed letter. Paper copies of letters are sent home if we need parents' permission for an activity.

Letters about clubs will be sent today. Curriculum Leaflets, Maker Mats and information about homework will be sent next week on Wednesday and Friday. If you have any questions, please ask at the School Office.

Wishing you a peaceful and enjoyable fortnight ahead.

Susannah Bellingham

Head Teacher

DIARY DATES ARE ON THE WEBSITE

TERM DATES ARE ALWAYS ON THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE

Learning for living through respect, support and challenge

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND PE KIT



All children are expected to wear full school uniform daily, and the school PE kit on PE days.

Nursery and Reception children do not get changed for PE, so do not need school PE kit.

**Children in Years 1-6 need school PE kit.
They come to school in their PE kit on PE days.**

School PE kit is:

white T-shirt or white polo shirt

black shorts/leggings/joggers

school jumper/cardigan

white/black/grey socks

black trainers or plimsolls

Please do not send your child to school in non-uniform clothing.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Pupil absence rates are still above pre-Covid levels. Improving attendance is a top priority for us, as children who attend school regularly make better progress and achieve better outcomes, which in turn affects their life chances. We need to make sure as many children as possible are present in school on time every day.

These are the levels of pupils attendance:

Excellent	98-100%
Good	95-97%
Requires Improvement	90-94%
Persistent Absence	Below 90%

Families with children who are persistently absent will be supported by the Local Authority's Family Early Help and Education Inclusion Teams to improve their children's school attendance. Our Attendance Officer, Tracy Sherry, will work to ensure children receive all the education to which they are entitled.

Lateness accounts for lost learning, and contributes to a child's level of attendance.

Children need to:

Arrive at school by 08:50

Be seated in the classroom by 08:55

If children are not in their classrooms by 08:55 they are late.

If your child is ill, the NHS had guidance for parents on whether or not they should be kept at home.

The page is called ***Is my child too ill for school?*** and is available at https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

It covers the usual childhood illnesses, such as coughs, colds and vomiting.

Let's start as we mean to go on:

all children, on time, every day

A message from the BPFA: Brunswick Park Families Association

Hello new parents and carers, and welcome back existing ones to the BPFA.

I'm Andrew Osborne, the current BPFA Chair.

What's the BPFA?

We are the Brunswick Park Families Association.

We are a group of parents and carers who work together to raise money for things to help the school.

We do this by applying for funding and grants, as well as by putting on the Winter and Summer Fairs, cake and uniform sales and International Day.

At the end of last term we became official after the hard work of many during the past 4 years, and this year we hope to gain charity registration. However, we are nothing without each other. We need your help no matter how much or little: from organising events and writing grant applications to baking cakes, making donations and everything in between.

Your efforts have so far include giving the school play equipment, hi vis vests for school trips, gardening activities and supporting children to learn to eat at a table, amongst other things.

I'm often around at drop off and pickup, so do come and talk to me, and keep an eye out for our greet and meet Friday breakfast coming soon!



On the Homepage of Brunswick's website there is the Events Diary, our X (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



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!



The Play Shelter After School Club @ Brunswick Park

£55 per week

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

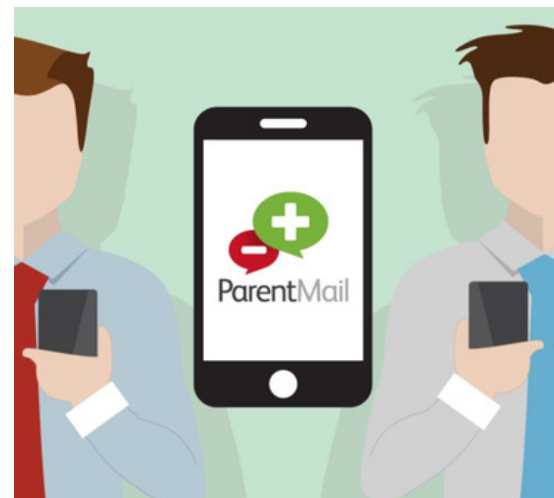
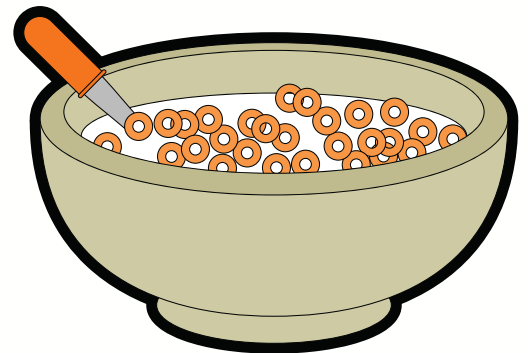
website: www.theplayselter.co.uk

Brunswick Park Breakfast Club

Reception - Year 6

£15 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 2023/2024

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAY IN TERM TIME

CHILDREN ARE ENTITLED TO 190 DAYS' EDUCATION PER YEAR

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 monitored by Council cameras 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, or risk a warning/fine.

Safeguarding Information

The designated team for Safeguarding at Brunswick Park Primary is
Susannah Bellingham
Caroline Champion 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, X (Twitter) and Instagram 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

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: 96%

Right to Reply:

08/09/23: 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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