

The Buzz

29th November 2024



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect



Dear parents, carers and children,

December is almost upon us and **Christmas** is in the air! There are lots of events coming up soon, including our Christingle Service, our Christmas Concert, our whole school visit to Dick Whittington pantomime in Portsmouth, and the BSA Christmas Fair. Our school choir are also spreading the seasonal joy throughout the community in the coming days and weeks; their first performance is at IOW Pearl on Sunday. Please do come along to support them where you can. Ticket details for the Christmas Concert will be coming out soon.



We are also very excited to announce another visit from the author **Peter J. Murray**. When he visited this time last year, the children loved him, and were very taken with his scary new book 'The Darker Side of Wight'. This time, Peter is eager to share his new books in his popular Mokee Joe series with Honey Bee and Ivy Bee classes. His visit will take place on Thursday 12th December, and there will be the opportunity to buy his books on Friday 13th (oo er...), and have them signed by the author himself! Look out for an email coming out with further information in the next couple of days.

There is a reflection table in the corridor outside my office, where children can have the opportunity to engage in activities from the week's Collective Worship theme, or say / write a prayer using the prayer stones. Rev Jackie has also, very kindly, given us a set of **prayer cards** for the children to use. It could help them when they are in need of a little comfort and don't know what to say, or would like to say a 'thank you' prayer, and more! We thank Jackie for these, which have already been put to good use!



Some of the children in **Reception** are beginning to write words independently. They listen to the sounds when they say the words and write what they hear. Look at our Writing Wall!



In **Year 1 and 2**, they have been making windmills in DT. The design criteria stated that they must be stable and the sails must turn. They weighted their cups with blu-tack to make them heavier on the bottom and they used a straw and pipe cleaners to create a pivot so that the sails can turn. They've made a little windmill village!



It is lovely to see everyone in their smart uniforms with socks and hair accessories in school colours. Everyone also looks very smart in their PE kits. However, this is a little reminder that all parts of the **PE kits** should be navy, not black. This includes leggings and shorts. Thank you for your understanding.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend and enjoys opening the first day on their Advent calendars!



With best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team

Collective Worship

This week's focus was 'Compassion - Having the Courage to Care'.



We heard the story of Moses when he had to be kept safe from the pharaoh. Miriam, his sister, was very brave and showed a lot of courage.

The pharaoh's daughter showed a lot of courage when she rescued Moses from the river and said that she was going to keep him safe from her father.

Moses' mother showed a lot of courage when she offered to work for the pharaoh's daughter so she could look after Moses herself.

All these people had the courage to care.

This is what the Bible says about courage:



Prayer for one

I am only one,
But I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But I can do something.
What I can do,
I ought to do.
And what I ought to do,
By the grace of God, I will do.
Amen



School Dinners

Children in **Year R, 1 and 2** are entitled to a 'universal' **free** school meal everyday.

Children in Years 3-6 are charged at **£3.20** per day.

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Veggie Pizza	Beef Bolognese	Roast Pork	Chicken Pie	Chicken Burger
Option 2	Veggie Fajita	Chinese Veg Noodles	Veggie Hotpot	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Dippers
Dessert	Chocolate Mousse	Sponge and Custard	Jelly	Cookie	Glazed Sponge

Poetry Corner

Night Sounds

When I lie in bed
I think I can hear
The stars being switched on
I think I can.

And I think I can hear
The moon
Breathing.

But I have to be still.
So still.
All the house is sleeping.
Except for me.

Then I think I can hear it.



Berlie Doherty

Reading Recommendations

Each week we will include a book recommendation from a child and/or adult.

This week, Mr Worrall recommends Best Sellers: Peter Sellers - A Life in Comedy by Robert Ross.

I recommend this book because it's a fabulous insight into a British comedy actor of many guises.

It's extremely interesting. It tells you a lot about him that you wouldn't know.

I am currently reading it and am loving every minute of it!



Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child you can call the police on 999 if you feel they are at risk of immediate harm

You can contact the NSPCC:

Contact the NSPCC Helpline

If you have any concerns at all about a child's safety or wellbeing, don't hesitate to contact us.

Call us or email help@nspcc.org.uk

0808 800 5000

Find out more

Or call children's services 0300 300 0117

Attendance Matters!

Week Commencing 25th November 2024

Whole School attendance target: 96.5%

Actual Attendance: 90.85%

Late marks this week: 14



<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Golden Book

Bumble Bee	Arloh for focusing well and trying hard to make calm choices. George for his enthusiasm and effort with his reading this week. Poppy for working really hard in RWI, and gaining more confidence with her sounds and in Science for further remembering key vocabulary "mammal".
Honey Bee	Rufus and Skye for excellent participation in their Basketball lesson, showing respect and a love of learning. Charlie for superb independent Maths work. Charlie and Kieran for their focus and hard work in learning about teeth.
Ivy Bee	Violet for our conversation on "revolution" where she linked our class reader book (The Wolf Wilder) with our recent History topic.
Bee-Haviour	Reece for always being so kind and caring to other pupils.
Sports Bee	Maddie for winning the Vertical Jump event and putting fantastic effort into her races at the Indoor Athletics competition.
EARA	Toby for spending his time to look after the Cosy Cabin (nominated by Helena).





Brighstone School Association's
Christmas Fayre
Saturday 7th December
13:00 - 16:00
at Brighstone Primary School
Tea, Coffee and Refreshments,
Childrens Craft Area, Local Island
Crafts and Handmade Gifts & Wreath
Making.

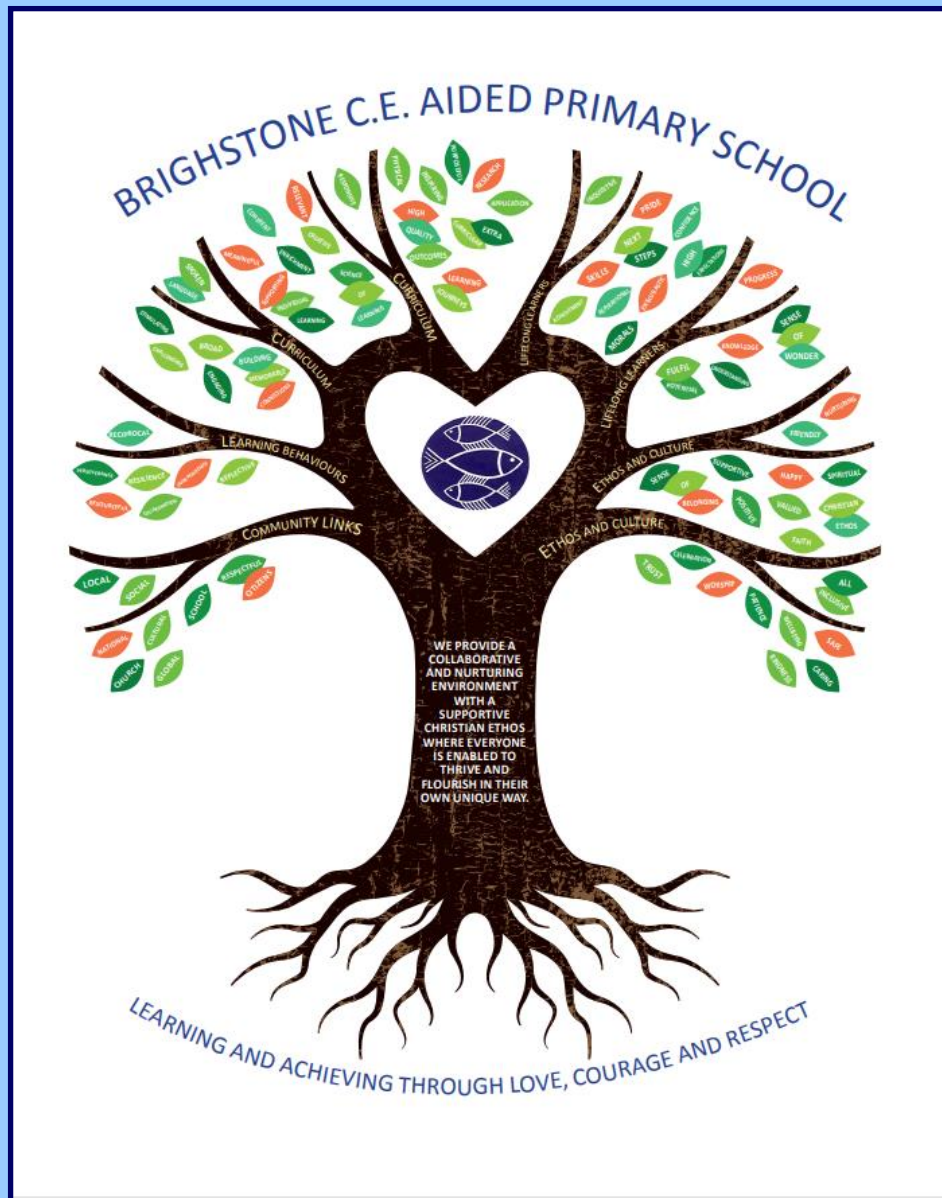
The Secret Present Room
ONE WEEK LEFT!
Deadline is the 29th November with all
money and slip to the school office
or
Book your present room space online

Christmas Prize Draw
Raffle Tickets
Now available from
The School Office,
Brighstone Village Shop
&
1-2-1 Hairdressing Salon
Tickets £1 each

BRIGHSTONE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
PRE LOVED
CHRISTMAS
Jumper
SALE

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If you have any good quality christmas
jumpers that your kids have outgrown,
please donate them for our rail.
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Place clean donations in the
box in the school foyer.
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RAIL will be up from
25 NOVEMBER 2024

Our Vision Statement



A vision statement 'seeks to inspire and give direction to all stakeholders (staff, children, parents, governors and the wider community). It is an aspirational description of what an organisation would like to achieve or accomplish in the mid-term or long-term future. It is intended to serve as a clear guide for choosing current and future courses of action'.

Our vision statement works alongside our mission statement 'Learning and Achieving Through Love, Courage and Respect', which includes our values, to reflect and guide our culture, ethos and decision making. This is also on our website.

As a school, in 2020 we worked together with a range of stakeholders to write our vision statement, and we decided to create a visual vision statement to make it stand out and be memorable. Each part of the image has been carefully chosen to represent our school:

Our values, as part of the mission statement (tagline), are the roots and foundation that feed and nourish our school.

The vision statement is the main body (trunk) that guides all our actions.

The branches reflect the different aspects of life in our school.

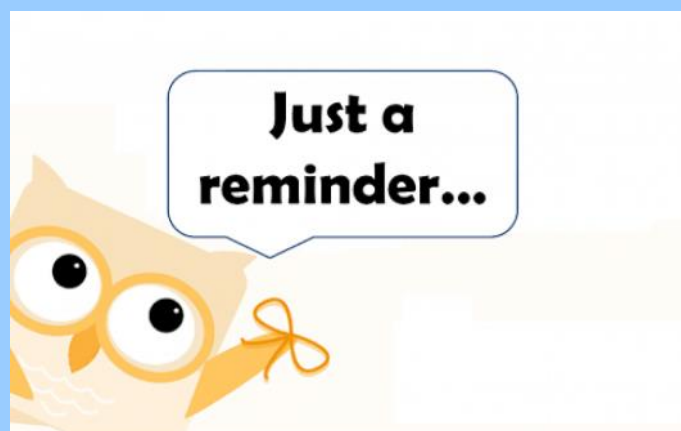
The leaves show examples of how these aspects are shown.

The school logo in the centre of the tree represents the Christian ethos that is at the heart of everything we do.

Reminders

- All hair accessories, socks, shoes and trainers must be in the school colours: navy blue, grey, black or white (no novelty socks)
- All long hair must be tied back (pony tail, bun, plaits etc...) to avoid the spreading of headlice
- No jewellery to be worn other than stud earrings, which must be removed or taped over on PE days
- Gates open at 8.25am and are locked at 8.30am, and in the afternoon, gates are opened at 2.55pm and locked at 3.10pm
- As teachers are busy welcoming and supervising children first thing in the morning, please could all messages be given to Mrs Pelosi in the office, who will then pass them on to the teacher
- Only **water** is allowed in drinks bottles, and snacks must be fruit only

Thank you!





Respect Charter

at Brighstone CE Aided Primary School

At Brighstone CE Aided Primary School we believe staff, parents and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to learn and work. We strive to ensure that our school offers a warm and nurturing environment. All members of the school community and visitors should demonstrate mutual respect, to feel safe, work together and to use restorative approaches as the foundation of our practice. Any behaviour that may lead to feelings of harassment, alarm or distress to members of our community, will not be tolerated and action taken.

Expectations

- That all adults set a good example to children at all times, showing them how to get along with all members of the school and the wider community.
- That no one - staff, governors, parents, carers, volunteers or children - be subjected to abusive behaviour or any form of threats from visitors on the school premises.
- That physical attacks and threatening behaviour, abusive or insulting language verbal or written (including on social media), to staff, governors, parents, carers, volunteers, children and other users of the school premises will not be tolerated and may lead to a ban from school premises and/or police action.

Types of behaviour that are considered serious and unacceptable

This is not an exhaustive list but seeks to provide illustrations of such behaviour:

- Shouting, either in person or over the telephone
- Speaking in an aggressive/threatening tone
- Physically intimidating, e.g. standing very close
- The use of aggressive hand gestures/exaggerated movements
- Physical threats
- Shaking or holding a fist towards another person
- Swearing and name calling
- Pushing
- Slapping, punching, hitting or kicking
- Racist, homophobic or other hateful behaviour
- Sexist comments or sexual innuendo
- Disrespecting religion or belief
- Inappropriate communications (posting on Social Networking sites, emails or letters, etc.) which could bring the school into disrepute or be deemed as bullying, harassment and/or a hate-related

The school reserves the right to take any necessary actions to ensure that members of the school community are not subjected to any form of abuse in line with policy and procedure. If you choose to engage in these behaviours you may be asked to leave the site or the police may be called.

Thank you for your understanding and support

If your message is **urgent** or about **attendance** contact Mrs Pelosi in the **office**:
01983 740285
office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Office Hours 8am - 4pm

If you would like to speak with the **Headteacher** Mrs Lennon, you can find her at the school gate every morning or you can call 740285 to make an appointment with her



For **general enquiries** you can call or email the office, text the school messaging service or send a message to our school **Facebook** page: <https://www.facebook.com/BrighstoneCEPrimarySchool>
Our Facebook page is open so you do not need a personal account to view it

If you have concerns about your child's **learning** and progress, email the class teacher in the first instance and allow at least 1 working day for a reply:

Years R, 1 & 2 - teacher.bumblebee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Years 3 & 4 - teacher.honeybee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Years 5 & 6 - teacher.ivybee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

If you have concern regarding **safeguarding** or your **child's mental health and wellbeing** please contact Mrs Jones. You can speak to her on the playground every morning, call into the school office or email m.jones@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
safeguarding@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

Our **Newsletter** is published every Friday with key information for parents and carers. You can find it on our school website: <https://www.brighstoneprimary.org.uk/category/the-buzz/>

Contact us



If you have a safeguarding concern about a child outside of school hours you can call the police on 999 if you feel they are at risk of immediate harm or contact Children's Services on 0300 300 0117

Please be reminded that all children need to wear the correct PE kit on PE days.
The correct PE kit is also needed for sports clubs.
Socks and hair accessories must be in the school colours.

School Day Timings

The school day is as follows:

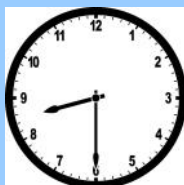
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.



Key dates this year

- Friday 6th December: Whole school visit to the pantomime in Portsmouth
- Saturday 7th December: BSA Christmas Fair 1pm - 4pm
- Friday 13th December: Mufti-Day for BSA hampers
- Wednesday 18th December: Christingle Service 1.30pm (details to follow)
- Thursday 19th December: Christmas Jumper Day; Christmas Carol Concert 1.30pm and 6pm (details to follow)
- Friday 20th December: Last day of term
- Monday 6th January: Back to school
- Wednesday 15th January: Deadline for primary applications
- Monday 10th February: KS2 trip to Harry Potter World
- Friday 14th February: Last day of term
- Monday 24th February: Back to school
- Monday 3rd March: National offer day for secondary admissions
- Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th March: Parents evenings
- Friday 4th April: Last day of term
- Wednesday 16th April: National offer day for primary admissions
- Tuesday 22nd April: Back to school
- W/c Monday 12th May: Y6 SATs week
- Friday 23rd May: Last day of term
- Tuesday 3rd June: Back to school
- Tuesday 15th July: Parents evening
- Friday 25th July: Last day of term

This list is regularly updated.

School Term Dates for 2024-2025

Please note that the school will be closed on the following days in this academic year:

Day 1: Monday 2nd September 2024

Day 2: Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Day 3: Monday 2nd June 2025

Day 4: Monday 28th July 2025

Day 5: Tuesday 29th July 2025

Term dates are available on our school website.

