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Dear Parents and Carers,

Class Awards

This week we are celebrating with ...

Seahorse	<i>Holly</i>	Octopus	<i>Coco</i>
Starfish	<i>Tabitha</i>	Lobster	<i>Mathilda</i>
Grasshopper	<i>Ionie</i>	Bumblebee	<i>Harry</i>
Dragonfly	<i>Poppy</i>	Ladybird	<i>Parker</i>
Salamander	<i>Amber</i>	Chameleon	<i>Johnny</i>
Gecko	<i>Ruben</i>	Iguana	<i>Manu</i>
Lizard	<i>Ben</i>	Puma	<i>Dylan</i>
Tiger	<i>Frances</i>	Jaguar	<i>Sol</i>
Lion	<i>Mack</i>	Pegasus	<i>Franco</i>
Unicorn	<i>Noah</i>	Centaur	<i>Will</i>
Falcon	<i>Louie</i>	Eagle	<i>George</i>
Owl	<i>Lily</i>	Kestrel	<i>Nassim</i>
Osprey	<i>Delilah</i>		

Online Safety

This term all of the children in KS1 and KS2 will be learning about Online Safety as a part of their PSHE and Computing curriculum. Each class will be sharing 6 lessons, over this half term, that will support safe and appropriate behaviour online, this learning links with our on going commitment to the safeguarding of children. By the end of the term the children will be able to demonstrate the range of skills. Please click on the year group to find out in detail what your child/ren will be learning. If you have any questions about the content of the learning do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Guidance for use of Online Apps - New Year new reminders.

I am sure that many of our families received some exciting new technology for Christmas. Could I take this time at the start of term to remind all parents and carers to continue to check and guide their children's use of online activity and most particularly of popular apps that are often used by primary aged children even though age guidance suggests that they should not.

Most recently parents have brought to our attention their concerns about the app Musical.ly. In particular their concerns about privacy settings and followers.

Musical.ly has a guidance age of 13+ and is not considered appropriate for children in Primary School.

Guidance on this app and others, including age suggestions, can be found on this very useful website <https://net-aware.org.uk/>

New Year's Resolution

Why not add one more resolution to your new year's resolutions?

Spending 5 / 10mins reading with your child every day has a huge impact on their success in reading (and also writing). Children love having stories read to them, and as their confidence grows, they like to show how they can take over the reading from you.

A few tips:

- 📖 Set aside a regular time to read together. It could be as soon as you get home with a drink and a snack, or at bedtime. Making it a regular part of the day means that it is more likely to happen and the child gets used to the routine.
- 📖 Make it as pleasurable as possible to develop a love of reading.
- 📖 Spend a little time at the end of the story talking about what has been read.
- 📖 Help your child to work out new words, but if the word is difficult or there are lots of new words in one book, just tell your child the new word.
- 📖 If your child is a reluctant reader, take over some of the reading yourself. You could take it turns to read a page each, or you read the text and your child points out the words they know.

A love of reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give to children and it lasts a lifetime!



Spelling Bee and Times Table Champions!



Massive congratulations to our Autumn Term Winners

In KS2 Thursday assemblies, children have the opportunity to demonstrate their supreme times table knowledge and sublime spelling skill as they compete against each other in exciting matches. At the end of each term, the Times Table Champion (aka The Mango Queen/King) and Spelling Bee Champions (aka The Pineapple Kings/Queens) are crowned!

Massive congratulations to our Autumn Term Winners:

Times Tables (Years 3/4: Mango King: Abdal, Runner Up: Cami; Years 5/6: Mango Queen: Ellie, Runner Up: Diana)

Spelling (Years 3/4: Pineapple Kings: Alexander & Cosmo, Runners Up: George and George; Years 5/6: Pineapple Queens: Ella & Diana, Runners Up: Calvin & Finley).

Well done to the 100+ children who have already entered the competition this year; we anticipate myriad more exciting matches in the Spring Term. But who will end the year as the overall Mango/Pineapple King or Queen? It's too exciting! Keep practising your spelling and times tables!

Euan Hanington
Deputy Headteacher

A message from Brighton and Hove City Council

Give us your views on the two week Autumn half-term

Brighton & Hove residents can give their views on the recent two-week school half term in October. Brighton & Hove City Council is running an online survey on the impact of the recent two-week break.

The survey will be open from 11 December to 31 January 2018 and can be found at: www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/autumn-half-term-survey

Last year the council agreed to try out a longer autumn break for 2018 and 2019, and also to consider the impact of the change before making any decisions further into the future.

As well as getting residents' views, the council will look at the impact of the two-week break on overall attendance, the progress pupils have made this term, and the experiences of staff.

A report on the results of the consultation will be considered by the council's Children, Young people and Skills Committee on 5th March 2018.

Ensuring that the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children receive the council's support in all areas is one of the council's key priorities.

The extra week's holiday in October aims to enable families to have more flexibility about when they can spend time together without missing school, and to take excursions or holidays outside the peak holiday period.

It was also hoped that the measure would help address the issue of parents taking their children out of school during term-time for unauthorised holidays, missing valuable learning.

Term dates have to be set more than a year in advance. The dates for the academic year 2018-19 have been set and can be found at: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/schools/school-term-and-holiday-dates>

Chickenland repairs

Many thanks to parent Matt Belchamber for volunteering to fix the fence surrounding Chicken Land. We're pleased to report that the chickens can now sleep soundly behind a sturdy, fox-proof fence. For details of Matt's landscaping business go to www.mb-landscapes.co.uk

Christmas Fundraising

It was wonderful to see so many of our families enjoying our recent Christmas shows that were expertly performed by our very talented children furthermore we are delighted to announce that our retiring charity [The Clock Tower Sanctuary](http://www.thectcs.org.uk/) raised a staggering £1360.78.

Thank you for all of your kind donations. Here is the link <https://www.thectcs.org.uk/>

Year 1 Parents

Happy New Year and welcome back to another fun packed term. Please join the teachers for a mid year "curriculum catch up" on Wednesday 24th January @ 2.15 pm.

During this catch up the Year 1 teachers will provide you with top tips for supporting learning at home. The focus will be on phonics and maths skills and activities.

Midday Supervisors wanted!

In the near future, Brunswick Primary school will need several more Midday Supervisors to assist during lunchtimes. If you might be interested in this role, please keep an eye out for our advert which will be going out shortly, or enquire at the school office.

Spare clothes needed!

During this wet weather we are getting through a large amount of our spare clothing, especially tights, trousers and socks. If your child has been changed at school, please could you remember to return all borrowed clothing. Likewise, any donations of spare items would be very gratefully received.

Brunswick Primary PTFA

Date for your diary:

The PTFA will be running a **Valentines Disco** for years 1 to 6 children after school on Friday 2 February. More details about the event and how to buy tickets will follow shortly, please keep an eye on this weekly newsletter.



Football News

Brunswick Albion mid-season review

Hi we are Theo and Wilbur from Year 6. We are in the Brunswick Albion team Wilbur in defence and Theo in midfield.

So far this season Brunswick Albion are unbeaten and have won every game thrown at us. We are playing with a rhythm to our game. If someone drops their head we always make sure it stays up and keep our spirit high. As we showed against the Bilingual after going 1-0 down after 5 seconds we went on to win 10-1.

This seasons scores so far

Brunswick 10-1 Bilingual

Brunswick 3-0 Hove Juniors, Holland road

Brunswick 3-0 Hangleton

Brunswick 2-0 Goldstone

Brunswick Albion are very proud so far this season!

Brunswick Utd mid-season review

Hi, my name is Ziggy (Brunswick Utd keeper) and so far this season we have won most games except a 4 -0 loss to St Nicholas and a 1-1 draw v St Mary's. We keep our spirits high and always play to the best of our ability. We've had some thrillers this season, notably Brunswick v Hove Juniors where we were 1-0 up, 3-1 down with 5 mins from full time and then we ended up 4-4 with Sunny scoring the equalizer to rescue the game.

Workshops for Parents of Children and Young People Adopted from Care

We are pleased to share with you an update from Sarah Lindfield, Education Support Worker (Adoption/Previously in Care, Virtual School for Children in Care and Previously in Care.)

The Virtual School has funded TouchBase to run Workshops which are free to parents who are adopters. Workshops are written by Louise Michelle Bomber and by Anne Henderson, Attachment Lead and adoptive parent, who is also the Workshop facilitator.

We are running the following 1.5 hour Workshops in the Spring and Summer terms (**for more information see flyer attached**):

19th Feb 2018	Regulation difficulties: staying calm
30th Apr 2018	Psychological difficulties: control battles
14th May 2018	Starting school
21st May 2018	Moving to Secondary

To book a place or for further information contact: info@touchbase.org.uk. All Workshops are from 1pm til 2.30pm and are run at TouchBase, West Werks, 41-43 Portland Road, Hove, BN3 5DQ. **Please note: If you book a free place we will expect you to attend (barring unforeseen emergencies) so as not to waste this funding.**

Clinics for Parent Adopters & Special Guardians of Children Previously in Care and School Staff

The Virtual School has funded TouchBase to run Clinics which are free for Parents/SGO Carers who can attend on their own/as a couple, **and with a Key member of school staff**. Clinics offer an informal 45 minute session with Anne Henderson to explore helpful tips and strategies to support the education of children/young people previously in care. *This is not a formal consultation or therapeutic intervention.*

15th Jan 2018	x 4 available sessions
19th Feb 2018	x 2 available sessions
5th Mar 2018	x 4 available sessions
30th Apr 2018	x 2 available sessions
14th May 2018	x 2 available sessions
21st May 2018	x 2 available sessions
18th Jun 2018	x 4 available sessions

Please contact TouchBase to book a Clinic space: info@touchbase.org.uk. The Workshops are run on Monday afternoons at TouchBase, West Werks, 41-43 Portland Road, Hove, BN3 5DQ. **Please note: If you book a free place we will expect you to attend (barring unforeseen emergencies) so as not to waste this funding.**

Enquiries about Workshops and Clinics and/or to book a place: info@touchbase.org.uk

Attendance

Key: Green-97% attendance, Yellow-95-96.9% attendance, Orange-90-94.9% attendance, Red 89.9% attendance and below.

Class	5/1/18
Rabbit	96.4
Duck	85.7
Hamster	90.7
Fish	95.7
Starfish	90
Lobster	86.7
Octopus	94.8
Seahorse	90
Grasshopper	94.1
Ladybird	94
Bumblebee	96.4
Dragonfly	90
Salamander	92.2
Lizard	97.2
Chameleon	87.1
Iguana	89.5
Gecko	92.2
Tiger	91.1
Puma	94.4
Jaguar	91.9
Lion	94.4
Phoenix	99.2
Griffin	94.4
Pegasus	92.7
Centaur	89.2
Unicorn	95.3
Falcon	92
Eagle	93.2
Owl	95.7
Osprey	92.7
Kestrel	93.5
Totals	92.7

I wish you all a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Shaun Collins
Headteacher

Brunswick Diary Dates 2018

Please refer to the calendar on the school website on a regular basis as dates can sometimes change or new ones added.

Wed 10 th Jan	Y4 Lion and Tiger trip to Brighton Museum	a.m
Thurs 11 th Jan	Y4 Jaguar and Puma trip to Brighton Museum	a.m
Thurs 18 th Jan	Y2 Spelling Workshop for Parents and Children	2.25pm
Wed 24 th Jan	Y1 mid year 'Curriculum catch up' - Parents invited	2.15pm
w/c 29 th Jan	TLC /Parent Consultation week	
Friday 9 th Feb	Last day at school before the holiday	
Mon 12 th Feb	Half-term holiday all week	
Mon 19 th Feb	INSET Day – school closed to children	
Tues 20 th Feb	Children return to school	