



Year 6 Residential!



CRS CHAT

Autumn (1) 2018



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Astounding Autumn (1)

It has, as always, been a very busy term and the children have become well immersed in their new topics (for further detail, see our website).

Many thanks to those of you who were able to pop in for 'Learning Together' in your child's class (Years 1-6).

After half term, we will hopefully have Red Class back where they belong. The children and staff in this class have been absolutely fantastic and have dealt with the unfortunate emergency with such flexibility and calmness. What a credit they are to our school! Mrs Phillips



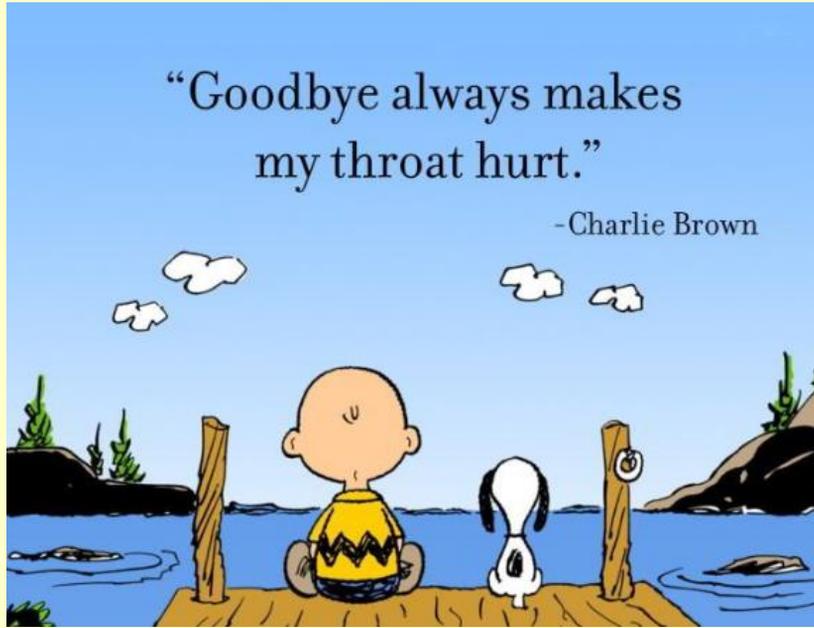
Half Term
22/10 – 02/11

Return to School
05/11

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Broadening Horizons, Raising Aspirations

Au revoir Mr G!



Mr Gyurkovits leaves for his well-earned retirement at the end of this week. It's going to be an emotional time as we wish him well and say our goodbyes (although I'm sure we'll see him at some events in the future). I know all the school community will join me in wishing him all the very best and thanking him for his support and service to Coombe Road Primary over the years. We will miss him very much but know he'll be having a fabulous time travelling and enjoying a well-deserved rest. THANK YOU MR G! Xxx

Mr Gyurkovits contemplates whether this is actually in his job description...



In Canada...
No, I definitely didn't do this there!

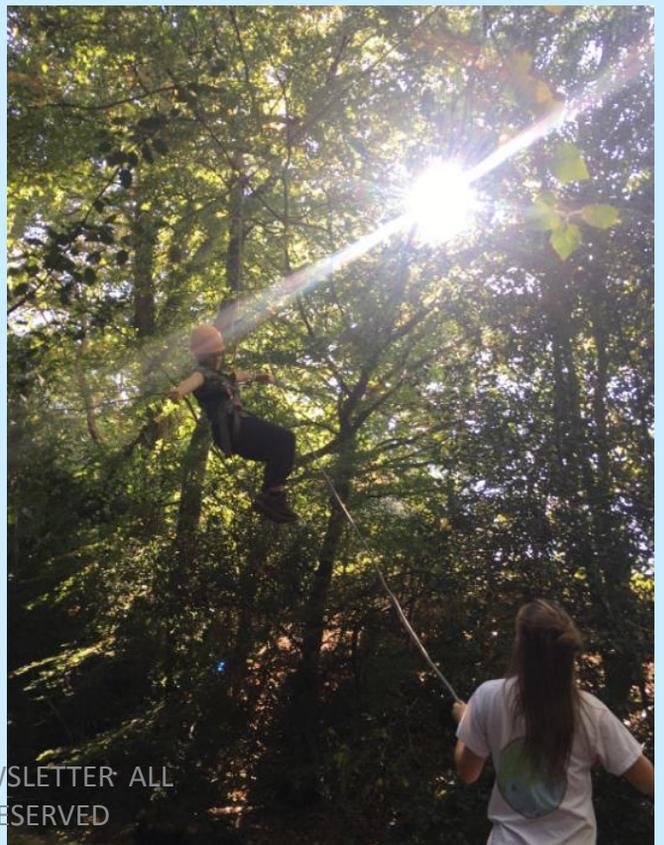
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We were so very proud of the Year 6 children at Blacklands Farm in September. All tried their very best and overcame new challenges, seeking out opportunities and showing respect to the staff and other adults.

Many thanks to Mr Milsted, Mrs Austin, Mrs Dakin and Miss Phillips who ensured the children were safe and cared for whilst away from home. Many thanks also to Mrs Burcombe, Jean and Mr Apps who visited and helped with luggage transportation.



Blacklands Farm
Campsite



Prize-winning art work



Well done Imogen for your award-winning i360 art. We are all so very proud of you.



I was delighted to receive an email from Bike-it Lucy regarding our Cycle Sports Days (but have replied that no, she cannot have Miss Phillips – we’re keeping her!)

My two highlights of the day were:

- Year 1’s amazing attitude! The course we set up was challenging and I gave year 1 the option of practicing their riding in the playground but EVERY child in year 1 had a go cycling up and down hills, over ramps and on tarmac and grass (which is a lot harder). Some were on balance bikes and some pedaling. Every child had a go around the whole course!*
- Miss Phillips was brilliant today and I couldn’t have run the day without her. She got to Moulsecoomb super early, worked really hard setting up the course and was of course great with the children. Can she come and work with me every day please?!*

Lucy Dance

Sustrans Bike It Officer

Children’s Parade

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year our school will not be participating in the Children's Parade. This event generates an enormous amount of work for staff and although we love it, we need some time to recover! So like other schools in Brighton & Hove we will be having a 'fallow' year in 2019 and will return with something fantastical in 2020.

Regards,

Ms Folley

Art Leader

Anti-Bullying Week starts on Monday, 12th November. We will be discussing bullying in class and assemblies. At Coombe Road Primary, we include everybody – no matter what our differences are. To celebrate difference, we encourage the whole school community to wear 'odd socks' on Monday, 12th November.



**choose
respect**

Changing for PE

As children progress throughout the school, changing for PE as a class becomes more problematic. I have discussed the various issues with our older children and with the upper KS2 staff. At present, the older children go to the toilets to change into their PE kits but this is fairly impractical and takes up a lot of time.

As a solution, we have agreed that children from Year 4-6 can come in their PE kits when it is their PE day. They will still need plimsolls in school for indoor PE (and a change of top if needed) but can otherwise come in their sports gear ON THEIR PE DAYS.

In the winter, please send your child into school in tracksuit bottoms/leggings, a polo top/t-shirt, warm sweatshirt/hoodie and suitable sports shoes. In the warmer months, please send your child into school in shorts rather than tracksuit bottoms/leggings.

ALL OTHER DAYS, YOUR CHILD SHOULD BE IN UNIFORM.

Uniform is available at:

<https://www.schoolwearforless.com/uniform/coomberoadprimarybn24ed> or <https://www.tesco.com/direct/coombe-road-primary-school/5608.school>



T-Shirt - School LOGO - Blue Max

From £5.75



P.E Shorts - Innov

From £5.90



P.E Bag - School LOGO - 5 colours

From £8.52



Plimsoles - Gusset

From £5.65



*Broadening Horizons
Raising Aspirations*

Governors



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Message from the new Chair of Governors

The Governors at Coombe Road are very proud of what our staff and pupils achieve. We work with Mrs Phillips and her team to ensure that our children have all the opportunities and education that they need and to prepare them for secondary schools.

I have been a Governor here for three years, and before that at the Junior school and the sixth form college in Brighton that my daughters attended. As the new Chair I look forward to meeting many more parents and carers. We are a community school with limited government funding, and we benefit in so many ways from your involvement as volunteer helpers, fundraisers or parent governors.



We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. Please see the next page for information.

Dear parents/carers,

We have a vacancy for a parent governor and are seeking nominations for an enthusiastic and committed parent or carer to join the governing body. Details of current Governors are on the school website under “About Us”.

The core functions of the governing body are:

- * Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- * Holding senior leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation, its pupils, and the performance management of staff.
- * Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

The term of office for all governors is four years.

At Coombe Road Primary School we always aim for positive and purposeful partnerships with parents, which undoubtedly bring important benefits to the pupils. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent governor. The governing body’s main tasks are to support the school, ensure that all pupils receive a high quality education and plan for future development and improvement.

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the governing body is aware of the views of parents and the local community.

A copy of the nomination pack is attached. If you are interested in becoming a governor, you may nominate yourself, or ask another parent/carers (not your spouse/partner) of a child at the school to propose your nomination and a different parent to second it – see attached form, which will need to be submitted to the school by 4pm on Monday 19 November 2018.

When nominating yourself or someone else for the role of parent governor, you are nominating the person you believe has the skills and commitment to undertake the role. You are also nominating someone you trust to promote high standards and strategically develop the school. The parent governor’s role is not to represent individual parents’ views or to report back directly to parents.

Closing date: 4pm Monday 19 November 2018

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the role. My email address is peterfreeman@coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

Peter Freeman

Chair of Governors

SCHOOL POLICY REMINDERS

Only small stud earrings and watches are allowed at school. This is for Health and Safety reasons. If you send your child to school in hooped earrings, necklaces or bracelets there is a risk of tearing when in the playground/carrying out physical activity.



Jewellery

Walking Home



If you give permission for your child to walk home without adult supervision, you must put this in writing. A form is available from Lumina (our Office Manager).



ParentPay®

Please keep your Parent Pay account topped up so that the account does not go into debt. If debts go unpaid, you will be requested to provide a packed lunch for your child until the debt is cleared.

Mobile Phones



If your child requires a mobile phone (e.g. if they walk home unsupervised), it will need to be kept in the Office with Lumina. Please give it to the Office in the morning and your child can collect it at the end of the day.

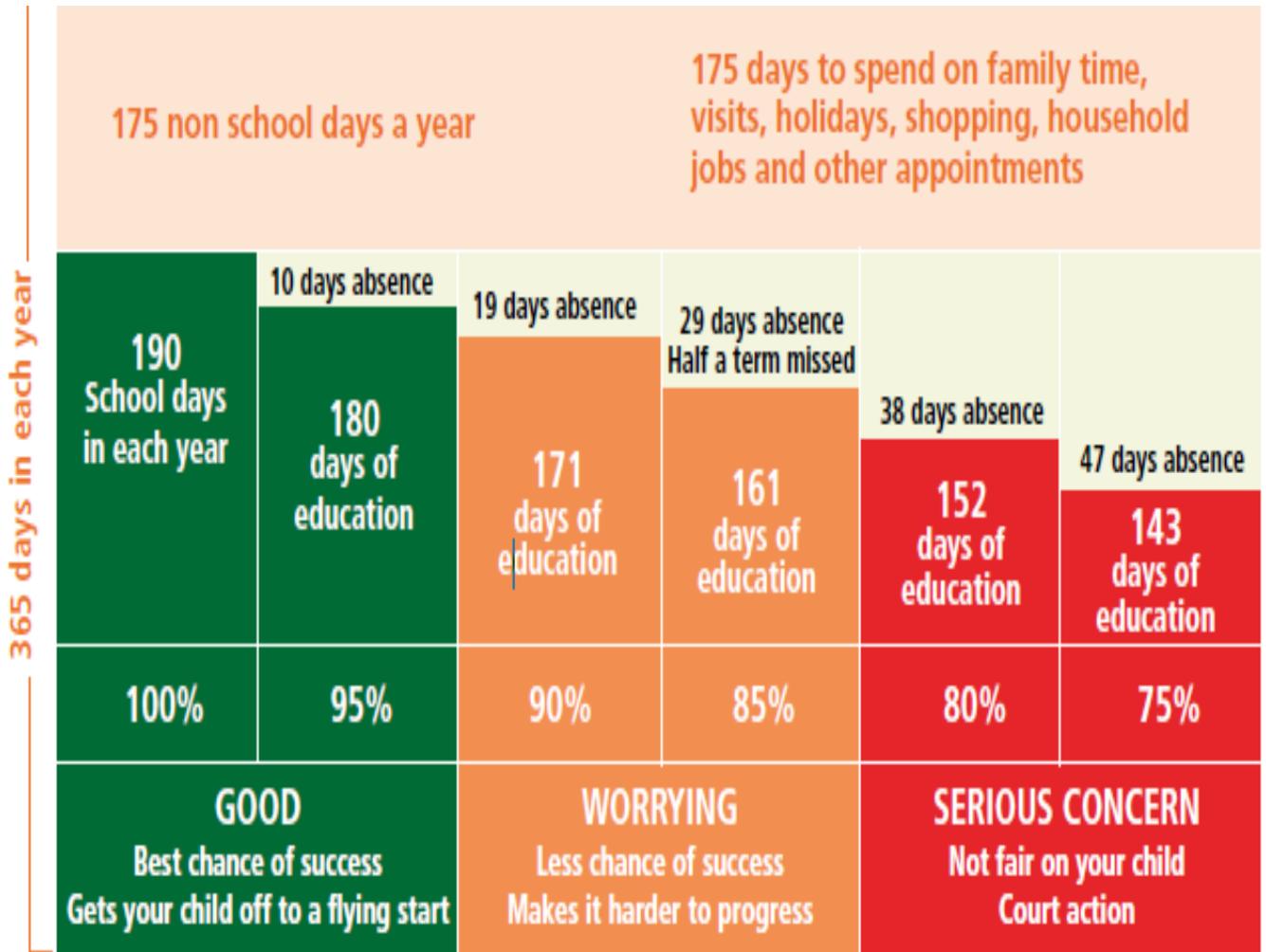


Please remember to sign up to School Ping to receive important information and dates. Password is available from the Main Office. If you do not sign up, you may not be aware of everything going on in our school community.



Attendance News

We cannot authorise holidays in term time unless there are **EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES**. If you take your child out of school, you are at risk of being fined by the Local Authority (starting at £60 per parent/carer per child). Please do book your holidays out of term time.



Under the terms of the Education Act 1996, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that their child attends school regularly and punctually. Failure to do so may lead to legal proceedings being taken against you by the Local Authority.



Current Attendance: 96.4%



National Figure = 96%

Current Attendance Champions

Class	Champion Score	  
Red Class	93%	
Buttercup Class	94%	
Sunflower Class	97%	
Emerald Class	97%	
Sky Class	96%	
Indigo Class	96%	
Amethyst Class	97%	
Violet Class	97%	

I have had a number of conversations regarding attendance.

To answer some repeated questions:

- Medical evidence is required if a child is absent for 3+ days.
- Holidays will not be authorised in term time unless there are absolutely exceptional circumstances.
 - Cost of holidays is not an exceptional circumstance.
- Fixed Penalty Notices are issued by the Council once referred by the school.
 - Money goes directly to the Council (not the school).

AUTUMN TERM

First Day of Autumn Term	Tuesday, 4 th September
Half Term (2 weeks) (children return to school on Monday, 5 th November)	Monday, 22 nd October – Friday, 2 nd November
Last Day of Autumn Term	Wednesday, 19 th December

SPRING TERM

First Day of Spring Term	Monday, 7 th January
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 25 th February)	Monday, 18 th February – Friday, 22 nd February
Last Day of Spring Term	Tuesday, 9 th April

SUMMER TERM

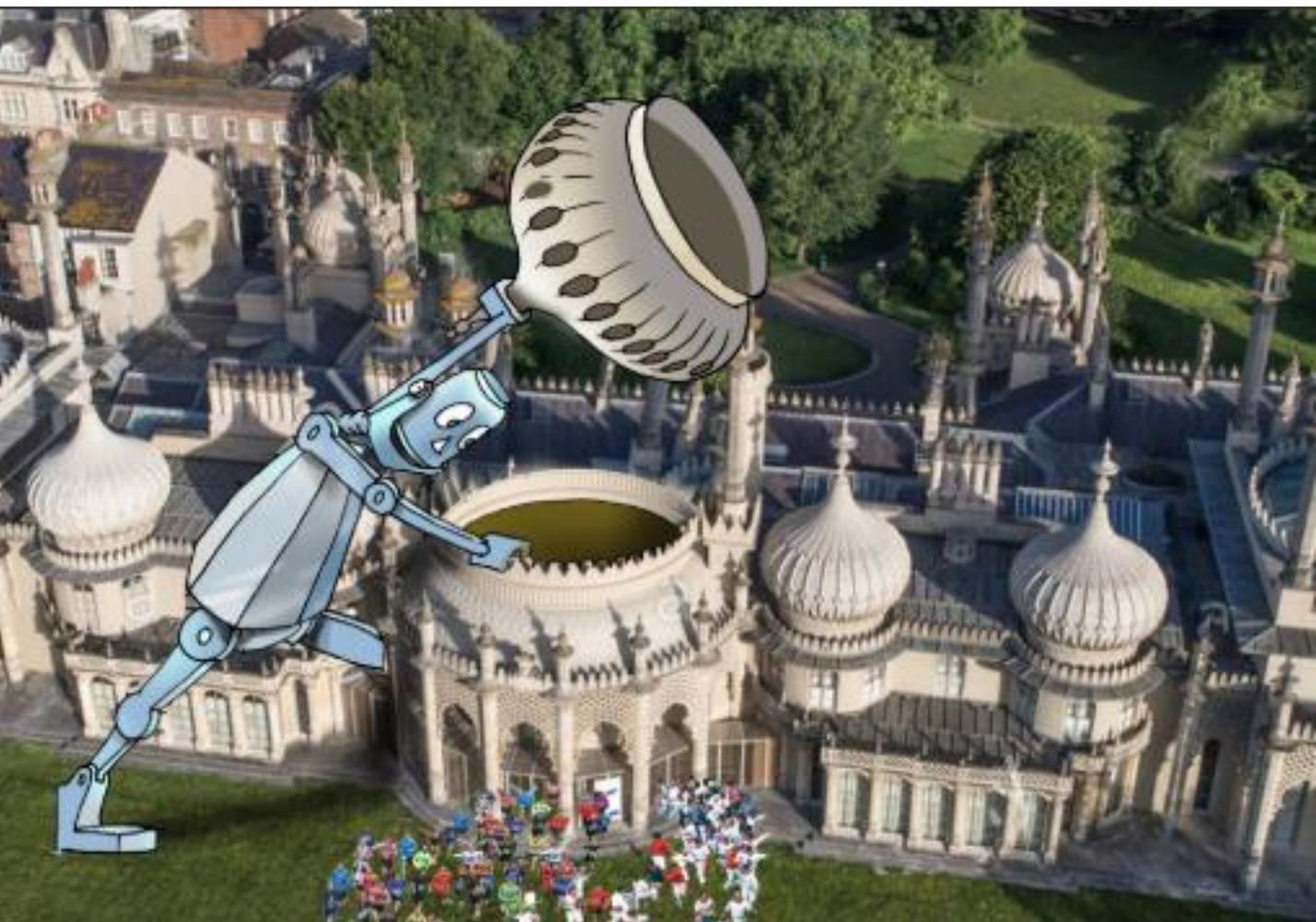
First Day of Summer Term	Tuesday, 23 rd April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday, 6 th May
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 3 rd June)	Monday, 27 th May – Friday, 31 st May
Last Day of Summer Term	Wednesday, 24 th July

INSET Days (5 days in every academic year have to be set aside for staff training):

To try and help parents, we have attached our staff training days to existing holidays. The school will be closed on the following days for INSET:

- Monday, 3rd September 2018
- Thursday, 3rd January 2019
- Friday, 4th January 2019
- Thursday, 25th July 2019
- Friday, 26th July 2019

Adverts



BRIGHTON SCIENCE FESTIVAL October 16 - November 4

Hands-On Half-Term - October 20-28

Plus events in every corner of Brighton
For young and old and curious

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Adverts



Places available for 2,3 & 4 year olds

Funding available for eligible children
(non funded children £18 per session)

A small, friendly Pre-school with Good Ofsted

Opening times (term time only)

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Call Alison for details

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Email: newbeginningspreschool@hotmail.com

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Brighton, East Sussex, BN2 4ED

Reg. Charity No. 1094158

Adverts

Level 1 & Level 2 CYCLE TRAINING



at Preston Park
and Hove Park

Level 1 is where you will learn to control your bike.

Level 2 is where you start with real traffic, but sticking to quiet roads.

Places are limited and on a first come first served basis. For more details and to make a booking, please contact:

Emily Tester, Child Road Safety Training Development Manager, on 01273 7

Monday 22 to Thursday 25 October

Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November

10am – 12.30pm each day

Ages 9 – 14



Level 3

CYCLE TRAINING



at Preston Park
and Hove Park

Level 3 is where you learn to cycle safely on busy roads within the city.

Training includes roundabouts, traffic lights and filtering. You must have completed Levels 1 and 2.

Places are limited and on a first come first served basis. For more details and to make a booking, please contact:

Emily Tester, Child Road Safety Training Development Manager, on 01273 293847

Monday 22 to Wednesday 24 October

Monday 29 to Wednesday 31 October

1.15pm – 3.15pm each day

Ages 11 – 14



Adverts



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We are excited to announce that we now have **adult and children NHS spaces** at our lovely, child-friendly practice on Whitehawk Road.



The department of health recommends that all children are seen every 6 months in order to maintain and protect their oral health.



We are open Monday to Saturday and only a **2 minute walk from the school**, as a result we can provide convenient appointments for yourselves and your children without much disruption to your day!

NHS

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Please contact the
practice on
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to book your
appointments.

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info@benjispetservices.co.uk

07958 321 530



Important

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Please remember to check our website regularly so that you are aware of upcoming events. Please be aware that, due to the nature of busy school life, dates may change suddenly.

The dates on our school site will be the most up-to-date and we request that you do not rely on other sources.

COMMENTS:

If you have any comments or suggestions, please email admin@coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk