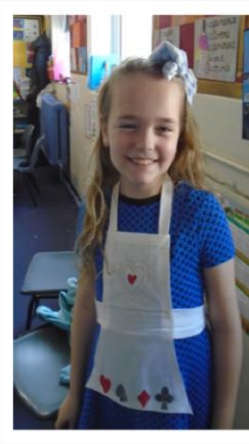




# CRS CHAT

Keeping you up to date with life at  
Coombe Road Primary School

## World Book Day!



*Broadening Horizons, Raising Aspirations*

### March 2017

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**Important  
Notice**

Please make sure that you fill in permissions for your child. Many of you will notice that your child's face is hidden on this Newsletter. This is because we have not received permission to display their photograph. Ask Emma for a new form if you need to so that you can enjoy seeing all the wonderful learning going on!

## Marvellous March

February was another busy month with visitors, visits and loads of learning!

Thank you for your continued contribution to educational visits and for supporting our fund-raising. As you will have seen on the news, budgets are very tight and we are doing all we can to top up our funds.

World Book Day was fabulous. Thank you for supporting your children to dress as their favourite book characters and for sending them in with their favourite book. It was wonderful to hear the children talk about the stories they love! I especially enjoyed Lilith's explanation of her outfit- "I'm a girl who's being a boy who's wearing a dress!" (The Boy in the Dress, David Walliams) . If you haven't read the book, make sure you do - it's an excellent story!

*Mrs V Phillips*

# Paperless Newsletters

We will soon be sending electronic copies of our monthly Newsletter through our school website. You will need to sign up on the website so that you don't miss out!

Thank you to those of you who have already signed up and are receiving your copy via email. This saves a HUGE amount of paper and printing costs and is so much better for the environment (suggested by our Eco Council).

Signing up is easy. Go to [www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk](http://www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk) and click on 'Home'

We will no longer be sending paper copies after April (but will have a number available from Emma in the School Office) so please sign up as soon as possible so you don't miss out.



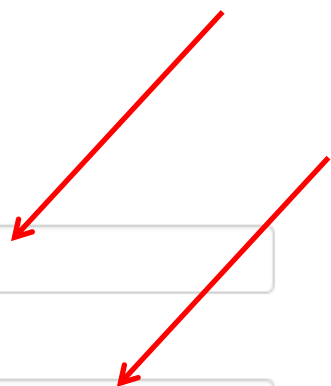
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Scroll down, past the Headteacher's Message and you will see the sign-up box at the bottom. Fill in your details and submit.

Subscribe to our newsletter and keep up with the latest news and events.

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# Red Class celebrate the Chinese New Year (Year of the Rooster)



It was such a delight to see Red Class tucking into their noodles to celebrate the Year of the Rooster. They were all eager to tell me the story of the Chinese New Year – and the wonderful Lion Dance they had seen in the Infant Hall.



# Round the World



Last week, every class looked at a variety of countries and studied the culture, including food, traditional dress and languages spoken.

We were fortunate enough to have two pilots visit us and tell us all about their jobs. The girls were particularly inspired by the female Captain who began in the Air Cadets at a very young age. Thank you to all the staff for working so hard on this whole-school project, and particular thanks to Ms Hardman (Our History/Geography Lead) for organising such exciting learning. More Round the World photos to come in our April Newsletter...



# Teachers are Learners too!

Throughout the school year, there are five INSET days which are used to train staff and up-skill our existing knowledge. As well as these days, we also meet every week to ensure that we are all working towards improving Coombe Road School even further.

Last week, Mrs. Austin (our Science Lead) led a meeting which demonstrated exciting ways to teach Science. The teachers all got involved and have created Assessment Criteria for this subject to ensure that all children are making progress in this area.

Many thanks to Mrs. Austin for a fun meeting with lots of learning.



# Sky Class



As part of their topic, “Fantastic Pharaohs”, Sky Class created death masks.



## Children's Parade



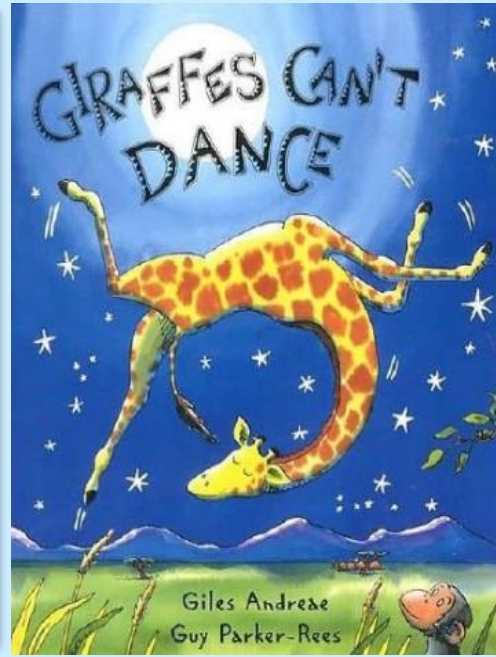
The Children's Parade launches the Brighton and Hove Festival. This year, the theme is 'Poetry in Motion'. We have used the poem, 'Upon the Snail' by John Bunyan as our inspiration and will be asking for your support in the coming weeks to complete our Big Make of a snail, along with head-pieces for the children to wear on the day! If you are happy to help, please make yourself known to Ms Folley, our Art Leader – or email [admin@coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:admin@coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

Please add the date to your diary – **Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May.**



# Sunflower Class

Year 2 enjoyed a visit from Guy Parker-Rees, illustrator. Guy showed the children his sketch book from when he was a very young child – they were shocked that his drawings used to be so basic! Thank you Guy and Mrs Austin – this visit was truly aspirational!



## Able Writers

Ms. Ghani leads a group for able writers. Some of the children in Year 3 wrote a story based on a Roman Invasion. The children used their Writing Assessment Criteria targets to improve the story; including punctuation, grammar and exciting vocabulary. We hope you enjoy the story on the next page:

## When Gato came to Britannia

Nearly two thousand years ago, there lived a medium-sized, very fluffy ginger cat.

Gatto was a sad, lonely, homeless cat. He was wet and hungry when he had jumped onto the ship at Portus Itius (a place we now call Boulogne, in a country we now call France but then was called Gaul).

Gatto had just followed the hairy, tough looking men who were carrying all the many supplies (including weapons) and enough food to last for a week.

Is there a cat in the world that wouldn't follow the smell of food? Gatto didn't worry that the ship seemed to wobble a bit. Everyone was so busy that they didn't notice him.

He managed to chew a large hole in a sack of dried fish before a soldier kicked him, fiercely.

Gato was more careful after that and he hid timidly in a dark corner as the ship started to rock up and down and then bumpily up again. This went on for quite a while and Gato was grumpy and exhausted.

Slowly, he drifted off to sleep, and only woke up when he felt a lot of big bumps and heard loud shouting. All the men on the boat were very busy and the soldiers were moving around.

Gato stayed extremely quiet and watched.

They started cautiously stepping over the side and into the sea! Curiously, Gato peeped over the side and saw that they were very near land. He took his chance rapidly and even though cats really don't like swimming at all, he leapt from his hiding place and jumped into the water!

The horrible, cold, salty water went up his nose and made him splutter and choke as he paddled to the shore. He landed on the stony beach looking like a soggy old mop on a stick. His fur was soaking wet. His eyes were stinging painfully, but worst of all, there were freezing, white, flakes falling from the sky...

Unexpectedly, he heard a cat-like sound very close to him and heard a cat-like voice whispering- almost mysteriously - in his ear. The voice had a foreign sounding accent; but since every cat in the world speaks the same language Gatto could understand.

'Poor you,' the cat voice whispered, 'not a great welcome to our land'

Gatto shook his poor wet head and shivered nervously.

'The name's Aalfe,' the voice whispered, 'Let's get away from those soldiers and find you something warm to eat.'

Much later, Gatto and Aalfe lay curled up together in a nice, warm barn, on some nice softish straw with nice full stomachs.

To be continued ...

Edited by Aya, Connor, Oliver, Toby and Tyler (Year3)







# WANTED



Lego, dolls, action figures, cars, games and puzzles for  
Breakfast Club, Lunch Clubs and Buddies.

Please leave at the school office.

Many thanks 😊



## WHAT'S BIG, RED AND GETTING CLOSER?

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 24 March. Much fun will  
be had, many lives will be transformed.

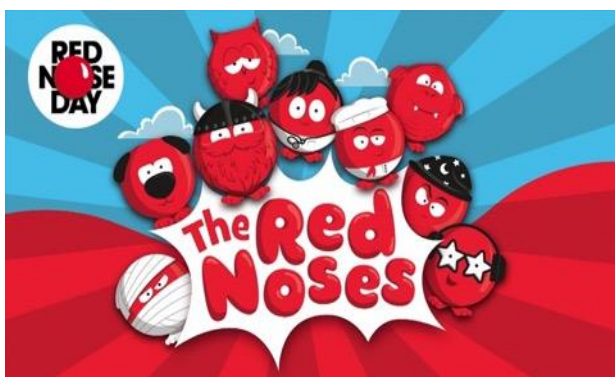


## Comic Relief

By selling noses we have already raised some funds for  
Comic Relief.

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – if you can make a small donation it  
would be greatly appreciated.

On Red Nose day children can come to school dressed in red  
– or as one of the red nose characters (shown below). They  
can, of course, wear their red nose!





# EJ's If It Shop



March 2017|

## News from EJ's If It Shop

As usual, we have items to purchase in the shop but our newest additions are Mothers' Day Cards for 50p – please take a moment to have a look!

### Other items include:

Water and Sparkling water	-	50p a bottle
Raisins	-	10p
Fresh fruit	-	20p
House Badges	-	10p
Book bags & P.E. Bags	-	£5.00
Birthday Cards/Candles	-	50p
Mothers' Day Cards	-	50p
DVDs (please ask)	-	£1.00
Previously loved uniform	-	50p & £1.00
Previously loved books	-	20p
Rock Salt x 3	-	£1.00



Look out in the office for our Easter chick game.....coming soon!!!!

Please remember, if you were given any presents (unused!) that you now feel you do not want please, please pop them into us, we can use them for prizes for fund raising in the future!

We are still looking for an old unlocked or 3 mobile phone we can use an emergency phone for trips. If you have a new one and can donate one we would really appreciate it.

All profits go to our fund raising. Thank you all for your continued support!!

*Jean & Emma*





In January, three different teams made up of boys and girls took part in three football competitions. We played a cracking game against Stanford, narrowly losing by two goals, and were also defeated by St. Luke's. The children were lucky enough to be invited to the EFL Kids Cup in Lancing, and were even able to watch the Brighton Under 18s warming up! The tournament was a lot of fun and the children played their hearts out, winning their last game in a tricky group. Huge congratulations to all the children involved, and in particular to Harry Harland, our football captain, and Rocco Cullen, who was our Player of the Tournament in Lancing.

This term has also seen the school cricket team get up and running, having had a fantastic coach from Albion in the Community working with us on Wednesdays after school. We have currently played three of our four games and, having won one (against Coldean), are in the mixer to progress to the next round. A huge well done to Muhammad Kahn, our cricket captain, and Jake McCartney, who has played in every game!

Before half term, five of our children took part in a basketball tournament in Whitehawk. As ever, the children were a real credit to us all and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion, beating Coldean and losing to a very strong Whitehawk team. We have also taken part in the School Games Indoor Athletics event at BACA, where our team managed to win several individual medals. The children cheered each other on all afternoon and it was fantastic to see such team spirit and camaraderie between the children. Massive congratulations to Rachel Nuthal and Phebe Parrot, who both won gold medals in their track events. We are currently looking forward to the upcoming High Five Netball tournament, before a busy schedule of summer sporting events begins. We continue to be extremely proud of the children's attitude to sport, their exemplary behaviour out of school and their passion to keep fit and take part.

Well done Coombe Road!

# Absences

Please ensure that you call the school by 09:00 if your child is absent from school. Please do not use Class Dojo for these messages. You must then call every day they are absent by 09:00.

Attendance below 95% is worrying and you will receive a letter if your child's attendance drops this low so that you are aware. Please work with us to ensure your child is in school every day.



## Crossing Patrol

The Crossing Lady on Coombe Road is an employee of Brighton and Hove Council. Unfortunately, she is still absent and looks like she may be off for quite some time, so please remember to take extra care when crossing this busy road – or enter via Milner Road which is much quieter.

## Growth Mindset

At Coombe Road, we teach the children to have a growth mind-set, which means that they learn a mind can grow if you train it (rather than giving up). Here are some quotes from the children:



**'Now in class we put all our English abilities into our own work to make it stand out'**

**'You will only get better at something if you try, try, try.'**

**'Don't be a give up pup, be a give it a go flamingo.'**





# Attendance News

We cannot authorise holidays unless there are EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES. If you take your child out of school at term time, you are at risk of being fined by the Local Authority (starting at £60 per parent per child). Please book holidays OUT of term time to avoid this. Guidance from the Council HAS NOT CHANGED.



## Winners



30/01-03/02

Buttercup Class  
Sky Class

97.8%

98.1%

06/02-10/02

Sunflower Class  
Indigo Class

96.8%

98.7%

20/02-24/02

Buttercup Class  
Jade Class

97.5%

98.1%



## Current Attendance: 95.7%



National Figure = 96%

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.

365 days in each year

175 non school days a year					
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
190 School days in each year	10 days absence 180 days of education	19 days absence 171 days of education	29 days absence Half a term missed 161 days of education	38 days absence 152 days of education	47 days absence 143 days of education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
GOOD Best chance of success Gets your child off to a flying start		WORRYING Less chance of success Makes it harder to progress		SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child Court action	



# Talk to us!



Thank you to those adults who continue to be good role models to our children. Children look up to adults and it is therefore very important to behave in a respectful manner, even outside the school gates.

Aggressive language and behaviour, and swearing is not acceptable. Our children feel safe at Coombe Road and I will continue to do everything I can to ensure they always feel this way.

Types of bullying/prejudice incidents that happen in schools are:

- Disability/Special Educational Need/Medical Condition
- Ethnicity/Race (Racism)
- Gender Identity (Transphobia)
- Gender (Sexism)
- Home Circumstances
- Physical/Appearance
- Religion/Belief
- Sexual Orientation (Homophobia)

It is up to us, as adults, to educate our children and ensure they do not hear unkind or aggressive language. As adults, we should model the behaviour we wish our children to use.

If you are worried or concerned about the safety and wellbeing of your child or if you are worried about bullying, please come and speak to any member of staff. You can also email [admin@coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:admin@coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE GOOD ROLE MODELS TO OUR CHILDREN.**

Further advice can be found on our website. There is also a new section about Health and Wellbeing – [www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk](http://www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk)





# World Book Day







# World Book Day



More photos on the website: [www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk](http://www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk)





**Thinking of sending your little one to Pre-School?  
Don't be disappointed we now have spaces available  
for September 2017**

We are now taking children's names for our waiting list,  
spaces are available from September 2017. We offer  
spaces to children 2-5 years. We will also be offering up to  
30hrs of free funded places to eligible 2&3&4 year olds.

For more information please visit the Pre-School or call us  
on 07722074841.



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# Pregnant? Children under four?

Don't miss out on **HEALTHY START** vouchers and vitamins  
worth over **£900\*** PER CHILD

**3 in 10**  
eligible households  
in Brighton & Hove  
are missing out

You qualify for Healthy Start if you're  
at least **10 weeks pregnant** or have a child  
under four years old and you or your  
family get at least one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (with a family income of £16,190 or less per year)
- Universal Credit (with a family take home pay of £408 or less per month)

You also qualify if you are under  
**18 and pregnant**, even if you don't  
get any of the above benefits.

Worth up to  
**£6.20**  
per week\*\* to  
spend on milk,  
or fresh  
and frozen  
fruit and veg.

Drop into your local  
Children's Centre to  
sign up or contact  
your midwife or  
health visitor

— more info at  
[www.healthystart.nhs.uk](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk)

Brighton & Hove  
**FOOD**  
Partnership



\*If you sign up at the first opportunity,  
when you are ten weeks pregnant

\*\*Healthy Start vouchers are worth £3.10 a week  
double for babies under one year old

Brighton & Hove  
City Council

**NHS**  
Sussex Community  
NHS Foundation Trust



# Dates for the Diary #1

Please remember that all dates are given in good faith and are subject to change due to the busy nature of school life. For all the up-to-date calendar entries, please visit our school website [www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk](http://www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

Date	Time	For	Details
Mon 06/03/17	09:00-09:15	Parents/Carers of Buttercup Class (Yr1)	Class Assembly in Junior Hall
Wed 08/03/17	16:30-17:30	Parents/Carers of Amethyst Class (Yr6)	BACA Open Evening at BACA
Thurs 09/03/17	12:00-13:00	Year 5/6 Selected	Hi Five Netball Tournament
Mon 13/03/17	09:00-09:15	Parents/Carers of Emerald Class	Class Assembly in Junior Hall
Mon 13/03-Fri 17/03	School Day	Science Week	
Thurs 16/03/17		All Parents/Carers	Closing Date to accept Secondary School Places
Thurs 16/03/17	School Day	Sunflower Class (Yr 2)	Reptiles Visit
Fri 17/03/17	School Day	Whole School	End of Science Week: Dress as a Scientist.
Mon 20/03/17	09:00-09:15	Parents/Carers of Red Class (R)	Class Assembly in Junior Hall
Mon 20/03/17	18:00-20:30	Dome Dancers & Ticket Holders	Let's Dance @ The Brighton Dome
Tues 21/03/17	School Day	Yr3 and Yr4	Make a Change Project – Albion in the Community
Wed 22/03 & Thurs 23/03/17	15:00-18:00	Parents/Carers by appointment	Parent Consultations
Thurs 23/03/17	15:00-15:30	Whole School	Travelling Book Fair: In Infant Hall
Fri 24/03/17	School Day	Whole School	Comic Relief Day: Dress in red or as a red nose character (bring a contribution if you can)

# Dates for the Diary #2

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Date	Time	For	Details
Mon 27/03/17	09:00-09:15	Parents/Carers of Sapphire Class	Class Assembly in Junior Hall

**EASTER HOLIDAYS Mon 10/04/17 – Fri 21/04/17**  
**Return to School Mon 24/04/17**



**22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March**  
**3:10pm – 6:00pm**

## COMMENT SLIP (March)

Name of child & class (optional):

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