



CRS CHAT

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

June/July 2017

Neil
Sutherland
SALES & LETTING AGENT



**Remember to sign
up for the electronic
version of our
Newsletter which will
now be emailed
monthly.**

**Check the website
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do not miss any
dates.**

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Summer's Here!



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Jolly June/July



Thanks to all those of you who spoke with me regarding my Mum who sadly passed away on the 22nd May. I was touched by your compassion and understanding of my absence. She was a truly beautiful person and I miss her dreadfully. On my return, it was quite a shock to then immediately receive the Ofsted call! I am incredibly proud of our school and community and showed the Inspectors all the excellent work we do here at Coombe Road Primary. The children were fantastic, as were all of you – and many, many thanks to those of you who took time to speak to the Inspectors. We have all been on a very long journey since I arrived (over 2 years ago now) and I thank you for your patience and understanding with the huge changes that have been made.

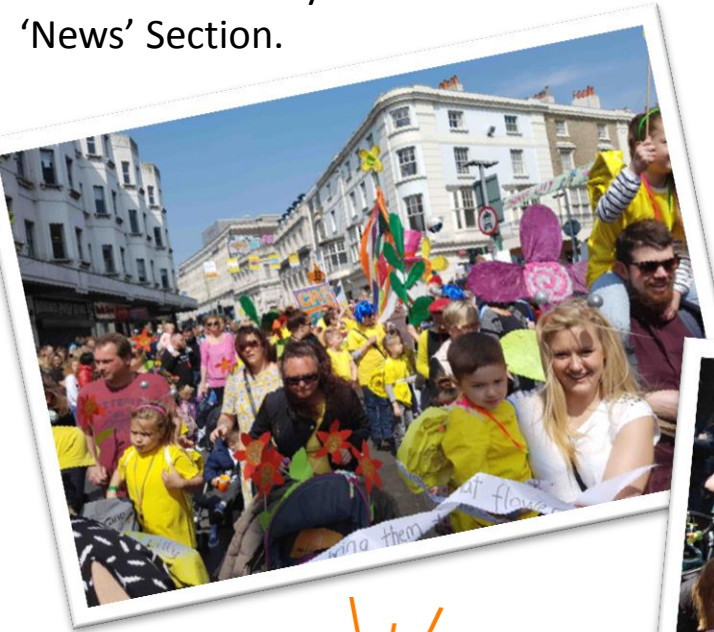
I will share the Report as soon as it is available for publication.

Mrs V Phillips

Broadening Horizons, Raising Aspirations

Children's Parade!

What a glorious day it was and a great turn-out. We were so happy to see so many of our school community joining in with this event. I would like to give special thanks to Ms K Folley (our Art Leader), Ms Hardman and Mrs J Allen who worked really hard on the structure and props. I had a great day and I hope you all did as well. If you haven't been on the website, check out more photos in our 'News' Section.



Blacklands Farm!

The Year 6 children had a fantastic time on their residential to Blacklands Farm. This was the week I had to rush off to my Mum so I am sorry I didn't get to visit our children or welcome them home! Reports back were incredibly positive and they all represented our school very well. Many thanks to Mr Milsted, Mrs Burcombe and Mrs Smart who attended the residential and told me how proud they were to be a part of our school.

This year, we want to give the current Year 5s as much opportunity as possible to attend this. It is an expensive trip - but we hope that by giving parents/carers enough notice, it will ensure you have time to make small payments when you can. You should have already received your letters regarding this.



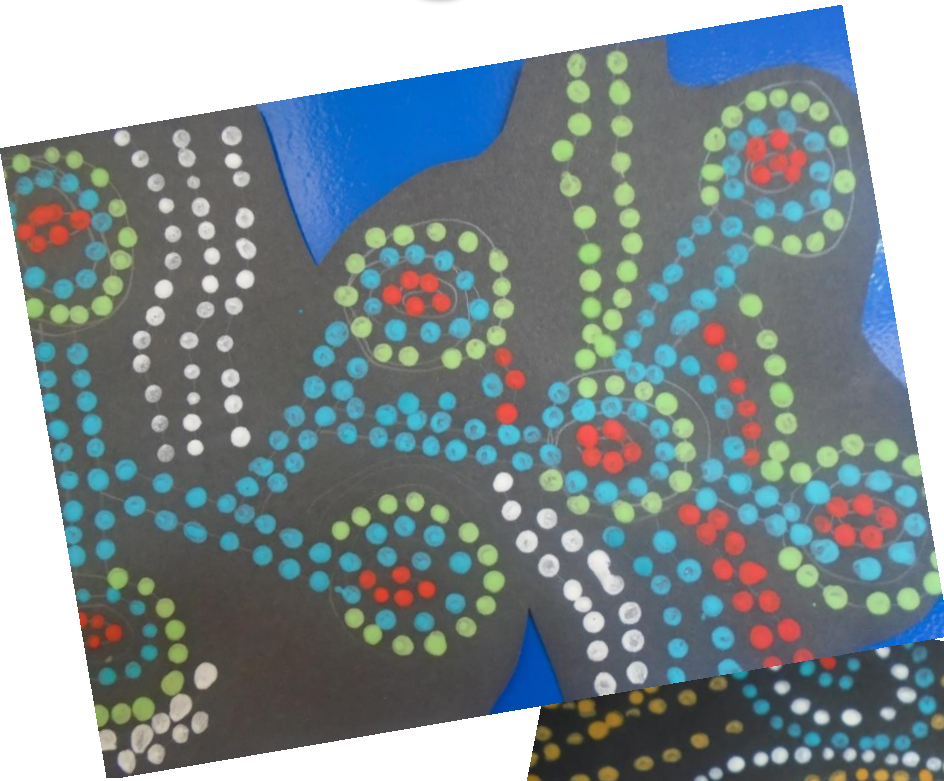
Withdean Sports!

Mr Milsted works so hard to ensure that sports are given the status they deserve at Coombe Road Primary and we thank him immensely. The children have attended a variety of sporting activities this year, including Withdean Sports. The children behaved wonderfully, tried their best and showed excellent sporting behaviour even if they did not receive a medal. Well done to all who attended!



Sky Class

Aboriginal Journeys!



Reading Buddies
This happens every
week - please
remember to send
Your child in with their
Book Bag.





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.

Term Dates for 2017-2018 have been sent home and are also in this Newsletter. Dates set are to enable you to book as long a holiday as possible. Please do book your holidays OUT OF TERM TIME.



Current Attendance: 95.91%



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	19 days absence	29 days absence Half a term missed	38 days absence	47 days absence
			180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	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	

Healthy Lunch Boxes



Year 4 enjoyed Healthy Schools Week and made tantalizing tuna wraps. They learnt all about the nutritional content of tuna. Did you know that tinned tuna is packed with loads of vitamins and minerals? The perfect food for a packed lunch!





Talk to us!



Please don't forget that we are here for you to talk to regarding any concerns you may have (or if you just need a listening ear). It is better to speak with your child's class teacher straight away about anything that may be worrying you regarding your child(ren) so that the issue can be dealt with straight away. If problems get left, they tend to grow and we firmly believe in early intervention – so please do come and chat.

If your child's class teacher is not available, please speak with any one of us who is free. The most appropriate staff (if the teacher is unavailable) are:

Mrs Newing: Attendance

Mrs Pierce: Welfare, Child Protection & Safeguarding

Ms Hardman: EYFS

Ms Watson: KS1

Mr Gyurkovits: KS2

Mrs Burcombe: Special Education Needs/Disability

Mr Gallagher: Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Phillips: Headteacher

Parent Pay

Please keep your Parent Pay Account up-to-date. It is quite embarrassing when we have to chase debt for school meals. If you have a history of debt, we will only provide a school meal if your account is in credit in the future. This avoids unnecessary workload for our admin staff. If you are in debt, you will need to provide a home packed lunch for your child.

From September 2017, there will be an increase in price for school meals which will cost £2.20

If you believe you are entitled to free school meals, ask Emma for the relevant form.

CRS Governor Spotlight



Hello, my name is Mel Arnold and I am Clerk to Governors at Coombe Road. My role is to support the school's Governors in carrying out their responsibilities. Working part-time, I advise and alert Governors to the policies and procedures that relate to their role, make sure they meet their legal obligations, gather papers they need for meetings, record their discussions, and follow up on actions they have agreed. Although I am not based at the school, I do visit four or five times a term, and enjoy the chance to catch up with Mrs Phillips, Mr Gallagher, Jean, Emma and the other staff. I also love to see how the children are getting on, and I am always impressed by how welcoming and interested they are.

My background is as a librarian and administrator in the health sector, so moving into education has been a change for me. I started at Coombe Road in September 2015 and have learned a lot since then. The Governors have always been willing to share their experience and knowledge with me and I have been constantly impressed with how committed they are to seeing that the children do well. I also link up regularly with other clerks in Brighton and Hove to help keep on top of issues that are relevant to my role.

I really enjoy working with the Governors and admire the hard work they and the staff have put in to making Coombe Road the great school it is. If there is anything you would like me to pass on to Governors, you can contact me via my email address – melaniearnold@coomberoadd.brighton-hove.sch.uk, or pass a message through Jean or Mrs Phillips.



News from EJ's If It Shop

STILL WANTED

- 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.
- Good quality soft toys for our teddy tombola in July.
- Do you or your family and friends know anyone who can donate a prize for our summer raffle?????
- Any presents (unused!) that you do not want please, please pop them into us, we can use them for prizes for fund raising in the future!

Our bucket and spade game IS NOW in the office!

PRIZE EVERY TIME £1.00 a go

Please remember not to come into the office before 8.40 am or 2.55 pm unless you need to speak to us. Often parents need to talk to us in confidence and it's not easy when there are parents standing there...thank you for your consideration, one day it might be you!

Items in our shop for sale are:

Water and Sparkling water	-	50p a bottle
Flavoured waters	-	50p a bottle
Raisins	-	10p
Fresh fruit	-	20p
House Badges	-	10p
Book bags & P.E. Bags	-	£5.00
Birthday Cards	-	50p
Previously loved uniform	-	50p & £1.00
Previously loved books	-	20p
Rock Salt x 3	-	£1.00

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

Jean & Emma - School Office

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Coombe Road School PTA

SUMMER RAFFLE



1st Prize - £100 cash prize donated by Neil Sutherland

2nd Prize – Cream tea for 2 donated by M&S

3rd Prize – Virgin Active Vouchers donated by Virgin

Other prizes include:

2 adults & 2 children – Monkey Bizness Voucher

25 min massage worth £25 – Tranquillity Spa Voucher

£10 voucher – Uncle Sam

Free entry for 2 - Paradise Park

£25 Voucher - Clarks Shoes

4 x All Day Unlimited Rides Wristbands donated by Brighton Palace Pier

2 x table for 4 with free pizza/side & drink for each person donated by MOD pizza

2 x 4 vouchers for a free pizza donated by MOD pizza

1 x 2 vouchers for a free pizza donated by MOD pizza

2 x admission tickets donated by Globalls Jurassic Glow in the dark golf

Miles the Bear donated by Thomson

Raffle Tickets 50p each - On sale now in the school office

To be drawn Wednesday 19th July 3.45pm after the Dance Fest (or 20th if it is a wet day)



PROFITS WILL GO TO LOCAL CHILDREN'S HOSPICE CHESTNUT TREE HOUSE



PROUD COUNTRY HOUSE
STANMER HOUSE

SUMMER KIDS FEST

1 JULY - 17 SEPTEMBER

**PROUD COUNTRY HOUSE HAVE
THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS SORTED**

UNMISSABLE GUEST EVENTS INCLUDING
BLUEBELL STORYTELLING HIP HOP DANCE CLASSES
CIRCUS ALLSTAR WORKSHOPS MUM AND TODDLER YOGA
MOSIAC WORKSHOPS WITH GILLIAN STEER
FOREST SCHOOL AND BUSHCRAFT
BIG TREE CLIMBING SESSIONS NATURE TOTS
BIKE TOURS FAMILY TREASURE HUNTS
READY STEADY COLOUR INTERACTIVE THEATRE

PLUS
ACTIVITY AND CRAFTS
ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND
BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS

MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS
7 DAYS A WEEK

Proud Country House, Stanmer Park, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 9QA
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BOOKING ESSENTIAL

For full schedule and bookings please go to www.stanmerhouse.co.uk

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VARNDEAN
SCHOOL

21st September
5:30pm~8:30pm

Open evening



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**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.



Dates for the Diary

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

Date	Time	For	Details
26/06/17	School Day	All Classes	Class Photographs
27/06/17	School Day	Indigo Class (Y5)	Visit Metro Bank
30/06/17	09:15-10:15	New Reception Parents	Welcome Meeting in Infant Hall with Mrs Phillips and Ms Hardman.
03/07/17	09:30-10:30	YR-Y5	Meet the New Teacher: Children will spend time with their teacher and supporting staff for the next academic year.
05/07/17	School Day	Amethyst Class (Y6)	BACA Taster Day
06/07/17	School Day	Sky/Sapphire (Y4)	Into University Workshop
Saturday 08/07/17	10:00-11:30	New Reception, Red Class & Buttercup Class.	Teddy Bears' Picnic: To welcome our new Reception children.
10/07/17	School Day	Amethyst Class (Y6)	Patcham Transition Day
10/07/17	13:30-14:30	New Reception	Play Afternoon to welcome our new Reception children.
11/07/17	School Day	Amethyst Class (Y6)	Into University Transition Day
13/07/17	School Day	Amethyst Class (Y6)	BACA Taster Day
14/07/17	15:00	Parents/Carers	Reports out to Parents/Carers

Dates for the Diary 2

Date	Time	For	Details
14/07/17	Meet 10:15	Amethyst Class (Y6) & Parents/Carers	Year 6 Filming Project with Silverbox Media: Screening at the Odeon Cinema, Brighton (a separate letter has been sent).
19/07/17	14:00-15:00	Whole School Community	Coombe Road Dance Festival: Meet in Middle Playground via Coombe Road Gate. A reserve date of 20/07/17 has been set in case of rain!
19/07/17	15:00	Whole School Community	Coombe Road PTA Summer Fete (after the Dance Festival)
20/07/17	15:00-16:00	Amethyst Class (Y6)	Leavers' Party: Please collect your children at 16:00 via Milner Road.
21/07/17	09:15-10:15 approx.	Parents/Carers of Amethyst Class (Y6) and Junior children (Y3-Y5)	Leavers' Assembly: Please meet us in the Junior Hall.

Last Day of Term 21/07/17
Children back to school on Monday, 4th September

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COMMENT SLIP (June/July)

Name of child & class (optional):

AUTUMN TERM (6 weeks + 7 weeks)

First Day of Autumn Term	Monday, 4 th September
Half Term (2 weeks) (children return to school on Monday, 30 th October)	Monday, 16 th October – Friday, 27 th October
Last Day of Autumn Term	Wednesday, 20 th December
Christmas Holidays (children return to school on Wednesday, 3 rd January)	Thursday, 21 st December – Tuesday, 2 nd January

SPRING TERM (5 weeks + 5 weeks)

First Day of Spring Term	Wednesday, 3 rd January
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 19 th February)	Monday, 12 th February – Friday, 16 th February
Last Day of Spring Term	Wednesday, 28 th March
Easter Holidays (children return to school on Thursday, 12 th April)	Thursday, 29 th March – Wednesday, 11 th April

SUMMER TERM (7 weeks + 6 weeks)

First Day of Summer Term	Thursday, 12 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday, 7 th May
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 4 th June)	Monday, 28 th May – Friday, 1 st June
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday, 20 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:

- Friday, 1st September 2017
- Tuesday, 2nd January 2018
- Thursday, 29th March 2018
- Monday, 23rd July 2018
- Tuesday, 24th July 2018



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Classes Next Year

To clear up a little confusion, we would like to point out that Year 4/5 will be taught new topics - there will be no repetition of what they have already learnt.

Classes 2017-2018

Class	Teacher	Support Teacher
RED YrR	Ms Hardman	Mr P Luckhurst
BUTTERCUP Yr1	Ms Watson	Mrs S Whalen
SUNFLOWER Yr2	Mrs Austin	Miss M Phillips
EMERALD Yr3	Ms Reeves	Mrs A Butler
SKY Yr4/5	Ms K Folley M,T,W Mrs M Allen Th,F	Mrs L Banks
SAPPHIRE Yr4/5	Ms D Langham	Mrs S Nicholson
INDIGO Yr4/5	Mr R Gyurkovits	Mrs S Mechen
AMETHYST Yr6	Mr R Milsted	Mrs S Smart Mrs J Stanton
PPA Teacher	Ms J Allen	

SEND Teaching Assistants: Miss L Friedl (S&L), Ms A Ghani, Mrs L Suleyman, Mrs S Walker
Learning Mentors: Graham Alborough, Lisa Chapman, Clare Dakin