



## CRS CHAT

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

# Back to School!



## September 2017

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up for the electronic  
version of our  
Newsletter which is  
emailed monthly.**

**Check the website  
regularly so that you  
do not miss any  
dates.**

## Super September



What a wonderful start to the new academic year! The children have been busy learning and getting used to their new classes and teachers. I have enjoyed popping into classes and hearing all about the fun learning activities that have taken place. I have now had news that Mr Gallagher will not be returning to Coombe Road and I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Clare Burcombe will now wear yet another 'hat' as Assistant Headteacher (she will remain as our SENDCo).

# Live Science



Hugely proud of our school name coming up on the screen during the BBC Live Science programme and Sky Class even got a shout out from the presenters!

Just one of the many exciting ways we are boosting our science learning at Coombe Road. *Mrs Jen Austin, Science Leader*

## Rainy Days

It is so important that our children get to have a run-around as they work so hard with their learning every day.

PLEASE, PLEASE send them in with a raincoat! Hoodies are not appropriate for wet weather unless they are waterproof.



# Sunflower Class



Year 2 have been finding out fascinating facts about the 1600s when The Plague was problematic, particularly in London. We were very lucky to have nurses to help us on the day of this photograph (the children in Sunflower Class don't quite trust the methods of the Plague Doctor)!



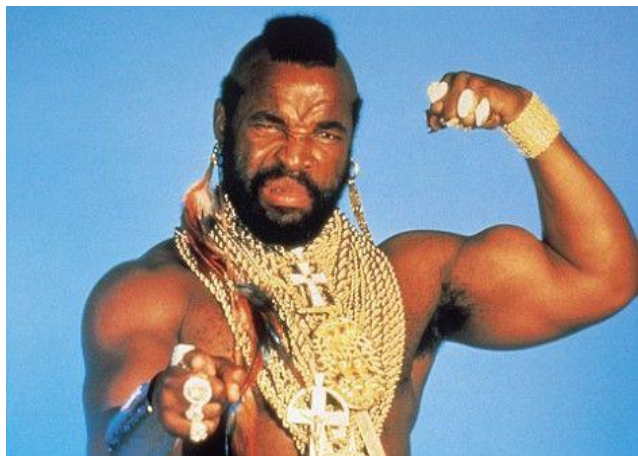
**OUR LOST PROPERTY IS  
OVERFLOWING ALREADY AND  
THE MAJORITY OF ITEMS ARE  
NOT NAMED.  
PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILDREN'S  
CLOTHING SO IT CAN BE  
RETURNED.**

**REMINDE THEM THAT IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY  
TO LOOK AFTER THEIR POSSESSIONS.**

# Jewellery

The teachers have noticed many children wearing a great deal of jewellery to school. This is against school policy for health and safety reasons. The children carry out physical activity at break, lunch and as part of their PE lessons.

We do not want them to come to any harm because of items worn. Please do not send your child into school in hoop earrings. Thank you.  
*Stud earrings and watches are allowed.*



## Walking Home

If you would like your child to walk home unsupervised, please fill in the appropriate form with Emma or Lumina in the office. Many thanks.

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 Emma or Lumina. Please give it to the Office in the morning and your child can collect it at the end of the day.

## Lego Donations

If you have any old Lego that you no longer need, please could you send it Mr Gyurkovits' way! Many thanks.



# HOUSE CAPTAINS



*Congratulations to our new House and Vice Captains who always demonstrate the CORE Values of our school. We have every confidence you will do a great job!*



*"I am delighted that Coombe Road Primary School have been presented with a Defibrillator thanks to my son, Connor's, foundation. It was an honour to spend time in your school to help make it heart safe and we would like to thank you all staff, governor's and children for making us feel so welcomed. Special thanks to all staff that helped in making this possible for your school. We hope you never have to use it but should you need to in an emergency it is there to help save a life. Love & Blessings Mrs Saunders, Connor's extremely proud Mum x"*



**The Connor Saunders Foundation** On April 14<sup>th</sup> 2012 our son Connor Saunders' life was taken after he was assaulted in Rottingdean Brighton, he was just 19 years of age. Connor loved life and life loved Connor, he made our world a better place. Connor's life was taken by one punch, we urge people to be aware of the danger of a fist. Think before you hit out, use your hands to help others not hurt others. One punch can kill! Every action has a consequence.

We as Connor's Family have set up a charity to keep his memory and legacy alive! The Connor Saunders Foundation (Registered Charity No. 1148677) supports three wonderful causes that are close to Connor's heart:

- *Supplying football clubs and schools locally with Defibrillators and the required training;*
- *Providing professional football coaching in schools for children with disabilities and learning difficulties;*
- *Raising Awareness for Organ Donation;*
- *Presenting secondary schools with a One Punch Workshop, raising anti-violence awareness.*

Connor made the selfless decision at the tender age of 16 to become a Organ Donor and because of that he saved 5 lives and helped enhance the life of a 10 month old baby too. Connor was a wonderful kind gentle person who was loved by everyone and didn't have a bad bone in his body - he was one of a kind - the best kind.

Please check out Connor's website [www.connors5.com](http://www.connors5.com) for more info, upcoming fundraising events and how you can help to support his foundation.

*We are so unbelievably proud that your school is now heart safe thanks to our Connor's foundation.*





# 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.

175 non school days a year					
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
365 days in each year	190 School days in each year	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence Half a term missed	
	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	38 days absence	47 days absence
	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%
	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	
				152 days of education	143 days of education
				80%	75%

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: 97%**



National Figure = 96%

# Attendance Champions

Week Beginning	Class	Champion Score
04.09.2017	Red (R)	100%
	Sunflower (2)	100%
	Emerald (3)	100%
11.09.2017	Red (R)	98.8%
	Emerald (3)	99.6%
18.09.2017	Sunflower (2)	99.2%
	Sky (4/5)	97.3%



## LATENESS REMINDER

The registers are taken at 08:45 and saved by 08:50.

The Coombe Road gate remains open during this time to allow parents and carers to leave the premises although the doors will be closed at 08:45 to avoid confusion when taking registers.

If your child arrives when the doors are closed at 08:45, they must be signed in at the Office with Emma and take a Late Pass so that the teacher is aware they have arrived and can add them to the Evacuation Register. You can also sign-in with one of the Support Teachers on the playground.

Please ensure that you arrive in good time so that our children have a good start to the day.

Thank you for your support.

Albion in the Community will be working closely with our school again this year. Every Thursday, children from Year 3-Year 6 will benefit from an exciting project,



**Albion in the  
Community**

Premier League Primary Stars. For further information, please visit our website – and please make sure you return the data form as soon as possible. Thank you.



This will be on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October. Please donate dry/tinned foods if you can. These will be taken to the Food Bank to help families in need.

## New Toilets!

The girls' toilets in KS2 have been refurbished and are looking lovely! The toilets by Emerald Class are also being refurbished but are not quite finished yet. When they are complete, the design of the cubicles means they can be used by all children (non-gender specific). This means that the Year 3 girls will not have to walk such a distance to the Girls' Toilets at the very top of the building if they choose not to. They will, of course, still have a choice of which toilet they wish to use – and there remains a separate girls' and boys' toilet in KS2.



# AMAZE



On Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, children can come to school in wacky/colourful clothing. This is to raise awareness of AMAZE, a non-profit organisation in Brighton for families, children and young people with special education needs and disabilities.

To find out more, visit [www.amazebrighton.org.uk](http://www.amazebrighton.org.uk)



### AUTUMN TERM (6 weeks + 7 weeks)

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

### SPRING TERM (5 weeks + 5 weeks)

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

### SUMMER TERM (7 weeks + 6 weeks)

First Day of Summer Term	Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June)	Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017
- Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018
- Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018
- Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

# 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](http://www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

Date	Time	For	Details
Tues 03.10	Various	Parents/Carers	Learning Together Week (see separate timetable sent previously)
Tues 03.10	15:00	School Community	Admissions Meeting with Local Authority in Junior Hall
Wed 04.10	School Day	Amethyst (6)	Visit BACA
Fri 06.10	School Day	Whole School	MUFTI: dress in wacky clothes and bring a donation for AMAZE
Wed 11.10	School Day	Years R-3	Under the Sea Workshop
Wed 11.10	School Day	Years 2-6	Cooking at the AMEX: a separate letter was sent for selected children
Wed 11.10	15:10-17:50	Parents/Carers	Parent/Carer Consultations: meet with your child's class teacher to discuss your child's progress.
Thurs 12.10	15:10-17:50	Parents/Carers	
Thurs 12.10	School Day	Whole School	Harvest Festival: bring a donation for a local food bank
Fri 13.10	Last Day of Half Term		
Mon 16.10- Fri 27.10	Half Term Holiday		
Mon 30.10	Children Return to School		
Mon 30.10	School Day		Flu Vaccinations: a separate letter has been sent regarding this

# Dates for the Diary 2

Date	Time	For	Details
Tues 31.10	School Day	School Community	MUFTI: dress in spooky clothing PTA Event from 15:00
Mon 06.11	School Day	Years 1-6	Upstart Crows: drama workshops throughout the school
Fri 10.11	09:00-13:00	Years 4/5	Visit to Cinema (Brighton Marina)
Tues 14.11	School Day	Emerald (3)	Educational Visit: to Buster Ancient Farm
Fri 17.11		School Community	Children in Need
Tues 21.11	School Day	Years 1-3	Cycle Sports Day: details to follow
Wed 22.11	School Day	Years 4/5	Visit to Cinema (Brighton Marina)
Thurs 23.11	School Day	Years 4/5	Visit to Cinema (Brighton Marina)
Mon 27.11- Fri 01.12	School Day	Amethyst (6)	Into University Project
Tues 12.12	09:00-14:00	Years 4-6	Fire Safety Crew
Thurs 14.12	School Day	Whole School	MUFTI Day: wear blue and white for end of Premier League Primary Stars
Wed 20.12	End of Autumn Term		

## COMMENT SLIP (September)

Name of child & class (optional):