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

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Remember to sign  
up for the electronic  
version of our  
Newsletter which is  
emailed monthly.

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

## Outstanding October/November



I hope you all enjoyed the 2 week break in October and managed to get away on a less-expensive holiday. Brighton and Hove intend to have 2 weeks half term next year so do try and book your holiday in advance for some bargains!

Many thanks to the PTA for their contribution to the Spooky Café in October which raised much needed funds for our school. Your time and commitment is much appreciated (photos over the page).



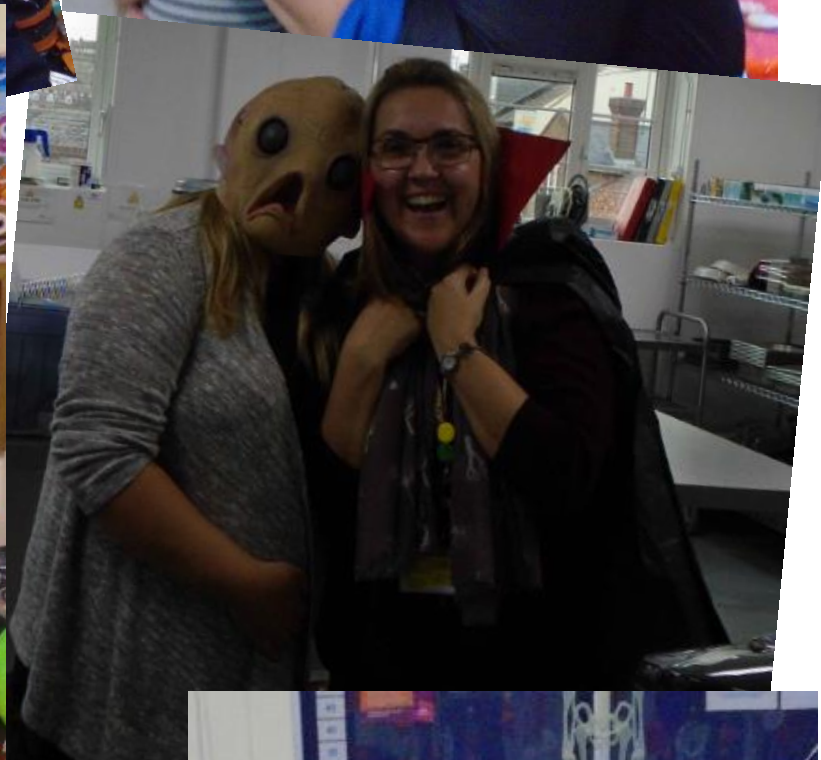
# COOMBE ROAD PTA

A fun time was had by all at the Spooky Café. The children (and parents!) enjoyed dressing up and we're all now looking forward to the Christmas event...





# THANKS FOR SUPPORTING MORE PHOTOS ON OUR WEBSITE IN 'NEWS'





# SKY CLASS

## SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

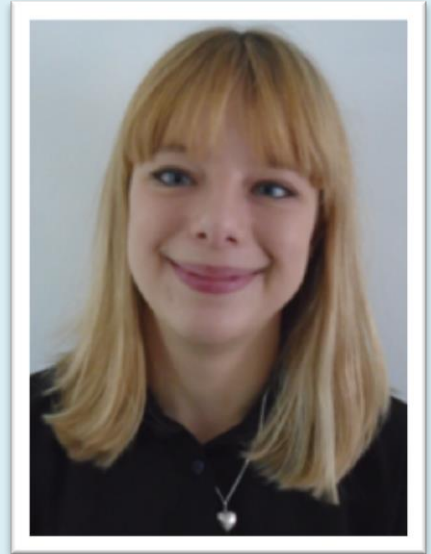


## MAKING LANTERNS



# Welcome

Hello, I am Miss Mathews, a PGCE student from Brighton University. I have recently gained a degree in Education and I am now continuing on to complete my PGCE. I have worked in a number of educational institutions, these include summer holiday clubs, assisting within the classroom and helping out at community events.



I am working in Sunflower Class and I am extremely excited that I get to gain the experience of teaching at this wonderful school. I am very much looking forward to getting to know everyone at Coombe Road!

## Cris, The Dipping Guy



Many thanks to Cris who has given our Trevor (school pup) a make-over!

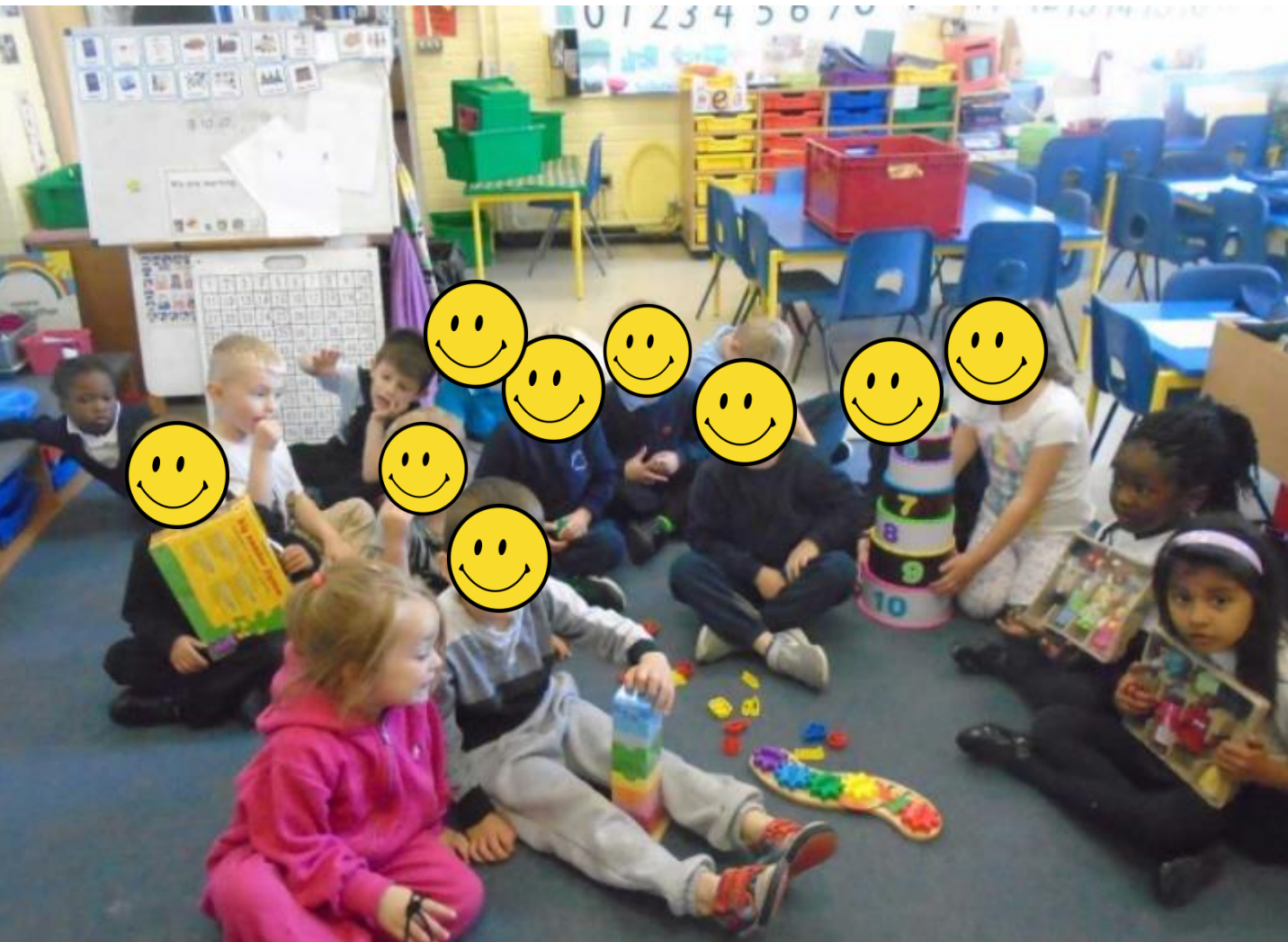
Trevor had spent a lot of time in the Booth Museum and came back slightly dog-eared. Cris wanted to give something back and dipped him as a gift to the school.

Once the gloss is completely set, we will add our logo and give Trevor a scarf with all the children's signatures on.

Thank you so much Cris!



Dear PTA,  
Thank you SO MUCH for our  
lovely things!  
With love from Red Class XX



Dear Parents,  
Please fill in the photo permissions form so that we  
can be seen on future Newsletters. Lumina has these  
in the office if you have lost yours.  
Thank you.

SAVE OUR SCHOOLS!



We are so very proud of Nephthys who went to the Houses of Parliament campaigning for SOS. Nephthys and her mum had a great time and were even allowed into the chamber to hear the MPs debating! The picture shows other children campaigning with Nephthys, along with three local MPs. Schools all over the country continue to struggle with budgets. Please do support this parent campaign and write to MPs with your views.



SKY CLASS HAVE BEEN BUSY LEARNING HOW TO READ AND WRITE ROMAN NUMERALS AND HOW TO CREATE STUNNING POP ART INSPIRED PORTRAITS.





# Recipe Challenge

Congratulations to our budding chefs who created a recipe which was served to the VIPs in the boxes.







# Rainy, Cold 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 suitable clothing. Hoodies are not appropriate for wet weather unless they are waterproof. Please also ensure your child has appropriate footwear. Wellies can be worn and changed once in school.

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.



## PASSPORTS £5 FEE



We are happy to countersign your passports as we know it is limited to certain professionals. This is very time consuming for us – especially when the 2<sup>nd</sup> check is made by HMRC. We will therefore be asking for a fee of £5 for any future passport countersigning requests. This money will be put into school funds.

## AMAZE



Children came to school in wacky/colourful clothing in October to raise awareness of AMAZE, a non-profit organisation in Brighton for families, children and young people with special education needs and disabilities. We raised £74 for this worthy cause. THANK YOU!

To find out more, visit

[www.amazebrighton.org.uk](http://www.amazebrighton.org.uk)





# 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	38 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%
	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	

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%

## Attendance Champions

Week Beginning	Class	Champion Score
30.10.17	Super Sunflower	99.1%
	Amazing Amethyst	98.4%
06.11.17	Super Sunflower	99.1%
	Sensational Sky	99.2%
13.11.17	Super Sunflower	98.3%
	Spectacular Sapphire	98.2%

### Can anybody beat Sunflower Class?



## 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.

### 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
Mon 27.11- Fri 01.12	School Day	Amethyst (6)	Into University Project
Thurs 07.12	School day	Emerald (3)	Visit to Greek Orthodox Church
Tues 12.12	09:00- 14:00	Years 4-6	Fire Safety Crew
Wed 13.12	School day	Whole School	Christmas Lunch: please return your child's choice
Wed 13.12	School day	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day: bring a donation and wear your Christmas jumper!
Thurs 14.12	09:15- 10:00	Parents of Infant Children	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance
Fri 15.12	09:15- 10:00	Parents of Junior Children	KS2 Christmas Performance
Wed 20.12	15:00	School Community	PTA Event: Christmas Sing Along
Wed 20.12	End of Autumn Term		
Wed 03.01	Return to School for start of Spring Term		

## COMMENT SLIP (Oct/Nov)

Name of child & class (optional):

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