



December 2017



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

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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.

## Dazzling December



December is always such a busy month and we all get so tired with the dark mornings and afternoons (and cold!) I think we were possibly the only part of the country that didn't get snow but maybe we'll be treated to a 'White Christmas'. The staff at Coombe Road have been working incredibly hard to show case our children's talents and we thank you so much for supporting the Christmas Productions and Rocksteady Concert. I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Christmas PTA Event. If not, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas.

*Broadening Horizons, Raising Aspirations*



# MARY'S KNITTING

Red, Buttercup and Sunflower Classes were fabulous in their Christmas Production. Many thanks to all of you who were able to attend and support them. As always, many thanks to the hard-working staff who made it all possible.





# Christmas Around the World

Emerald, Sapphire, Sky, Indigo and Amethyst Classes treated us to a wonderful host of songs from around the world. Many thanks to all our KS2 staff for their hard work in putting this show together. It was a spectacular show!





# RockSteady CHRISTMAS 2017





# Thank you Mr Apps!



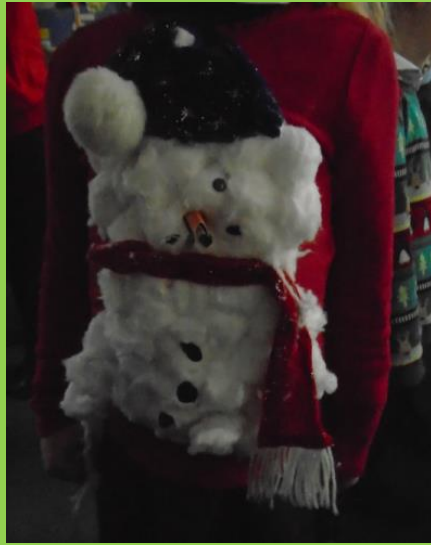
Many thanks to Mr Apps who always turns our hall into a winter wonderland. The children and staff have enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit. Mr Apps and Jean spent their weekend making our school look magical. Thank you so much.

Many thanks to Gemma and her family who opened up their home to raise money for the school funds.



# Christmas Dinner

Many thanks to Jackie, Angie and Kelly for a wonderful Christmas Dinner. Michelle is currently still off work but came in to support as well (thank you!) The children and staff had a delicious meal whilst wearing our Christmas jumpers! Frankki made her own jumper – check it out below!



## Staffing



We are very pleased to welcome Emma back to the office after a period of sickness. Mrs Nicholson (who worked for a while in Sapphire Class) will not be returning and we welcome Mr Monaghan who has currently replaced her in Sapphire Class as Teaching Assistant. Gemma, our Welfare Officer, has had a very difficult time with back problems. She has undergone surgery and we are hoping that she will make speedy recovery. Lumina will now be in the office every morning with Emma.



**East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service visited Year 4 and spent the morning working with Firemen, Ash & Darren, to learn how to stay safe.**



## Year 4



**Listening carefully saves lives.  
Working together keeps us safe.**

**Stop, Drop and Roll in the event of a fire to protect yourself.**

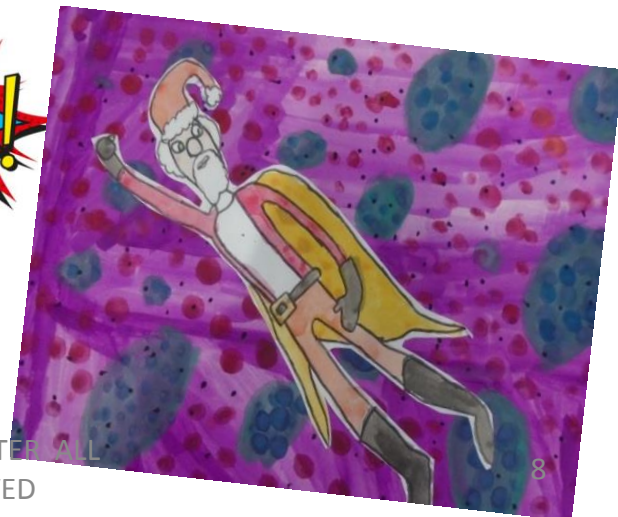




# SKY CLASS



CHECK OUT THE SUPER HERO SANTAS BY SKY CLASS. THEY ARE FLYING IN FRONT OF A JACK KIRBY-KRACKLE BACKGROUND, INSPIRED BY MARVEL COMICS.





# Welcome

My name is Daisy O'Hara and I am currently a third year student at Brighton university training to become a primary school teacher. This is my third and final placement and I shall be with the Year 1s until March. I am really enjoying my time here as all staff and pupils are such a joy to work with and there truly is a community feel within the school. I cannot wait to continue working after Christmas and building upon my skills and experience. Outside of school my hobbies include reading and gaming.



## Emergency Contacts

It is vital that we have the correct contact details in case of emergency. Please ensure that all contact details are kept up-to-date. Let Lumina or Emma know so that our system can be amended.



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.







# Snow

We seem to be the only place who hasn't had snow yet. If we do have snow and it makes it difficult for staff and yourselves to get to the school, we will

inform you via text as soon as possible, as well as letting the local radio stations know. As Coombe Road is in a very hilly area, it becomes increasingly dangerous in icy conditions. We would not want to put any person at risk but will always do our best to keep the school open if possible.

## PASSPORTS £5 FEE

Please remember, we will ask for a donation of £5 for any passport countersigning.



## APPOINTMENTS REMINDER



We understand that children need to attend dentist and medical appointments and request that these and other routine appointments be made outside of school hours.

For hospital appointments, we understand that you get what you are given but request that your child attends before and after the appointment.

All medical appointment letters are requested for your child's file. Please bring them in for Lumina or Emma to photocopy.



Children should not be collected early from school without very good reason. It is disruptive for them if they are taken out during their school day. Please be mindful and try not to disrupt their day as much as you are able. Thank you.





# 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: 95.74%**



National Figure = 96%

# Attendance Champions

Week Beginning	Class	Champion Score
20.11.17	Super Sunflowers	98.3%
	Spectacular Sapphire	99.5%
27.11.17	Radical Red	95%
	Excellent Emerald	100%
04.12.17	Radical Red	96.6%
	Sensational Sky	98.8%

Well done. It's been tricky with all the winter bugs...



## 100% ATTENDANCE

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following children for achieving this (correct at 18/12/17):

Yasmin A, Libby A, Tyler A, Dylan B, Amarilis B, Gia B, Khadijah B, Billy CS, Emily C, Bradley C, Preston CN, Tommy C, Spike D, Josiah E, Ruby E, Shaila EM, Farah E, Maha E, Jarir E, Lonnie F, Maciej G, Charlie H, Alesha K, Kieran K, Connor K, Leila L, Lenny Lee M, Isac Mc, Jayden M, Tyler N, Mitchell N, Elizabeth O, Oliver O, Demi P, Jack P, Kyle P, Romey P, Bow P, Summer R, Lampros S, Alfie S, Alfie S, Bobby Ray T, Harry T, Jessica TL, Finley TL, Cameron T.

# Social Media

*Police are aware and have received reports of a distressing Snapchat video which many young people have been sent.*

*This has been investigated and the source established.*

*If you receive the video please delete it and report it to Snapchat or if you have any information about the people involved please report it to police online quoting serial 320 – 01<sup>st</sup> Dec 2017.*

*Your children should not be on Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook or other social media as they are not mature enough. These sites are typically used to cause upset and many adults use these sites to groom children. Please, please wait until your child is an appropriate age before allowing them to use social media.*

*COPPA (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act) states that the minimum ages for social media such as Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter etc. is*

**13 YEARS OLD**

**YEAR 6 SATS WEEK IS MONDAY  
14<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR  
CHILD IS IN SCHOOL FOR THIS  
VERY IMPORTANT WEEK.**



# 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
Wed 20/12	End of Autumn Term		
Wed 03/01	Children return to school for Spring Term		
Fri 05/01	School Day	Sunflower Class (Year 2)	Stunning Start
Wed 10/01	School Day	Whole School	Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime: Bring £4 to help towards cost.
Wed 17/01	13:00-17:00		Indoor Athletics @ BACA: Details to be confirmed
Mon 05/02	15:30-17:30		Basketball Tournament: Details to be confirmed
Mon 12/02- Fri 16/02	Half Term		



Year 6 Blacklands Farm:

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Year 6 SATS: Week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Last Day of Spring Term: Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April

First Day of Summer Term: Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May

## COMMENT SLIP (Dec)

Name of child & class (optional):

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### 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