



CRS CHAT

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

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Spring Term 1



What a cold week we've had! Thank you so much for your understanding over the boiler situation which we hope to get up and running over the half term. We will always try



Parent/Carer Consultations
will be 16th and 17th April
2018 15:10-17:50. A
separate letter will be sent
after half term.

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

CRS CHAT NEWSLETTER
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our very best to avoid school closure and felt that giving you a choice was a better option at such short notice. Thankfully, we have our wonderful Caretaker, Mr Apps, who has been coming into school in the early hours and turning on heaters to make sure we're as warm as we can be. It has been great to see some of you at the Class Assemblies. Please check the website calendar for future Assemblies for your child(ren).

Broadening Horizons, Raising Aspirations

Red Class Superheroes



Emerald Class became Circus Performers with Lucas Jet!



Ms Folley and Mr Gyurkovits were replaced by some aliens during Year 4/5's Stunning Start!



The children enjoyed making their own constellations.



Message from Brighton and Hove School Nurses:

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NURSE



Brighton and Hove Healthy Child Programme School Nurse Team ask all parent/carers to complete a school entry questionnaire when their child is in reception class. The questionnaire is available to complete on-line here <https://www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/bh-school-entry>.

School nurses can offer advice and support for your child on a variety of issues and are available to support your child throughout their school years.

**PASSPORT
COUNTERSIGNATURES
£5 FEE**



Jack and the Beanstalk

Thank you for your contributions to this Pantomime. The children loved the performance. Here are some of their comments:

Incredibly Funny

Hilarious

10/10 – I'd watch it again!

I didn't like it – I loved it!



Fantastic Dancing

fakebook

Our children are taught about the reliability of information found online and are encouraged to stay off social media (the recommended age is 13!)

We urge you to be a good example.

If parents have any enquiries regarding our school (including diary dates), information can be found on the school website. If you require information that is not on the website, please get in contact with the school directly.

Facebook Posts may be good for sharing opinions but they are not always the most accurate for facts.

Please be mindful when adding your comment to chats (that may not be accurate in the first place), your opinion may then be read as fact by others.

Please also be aware that we will not condone any hateful comments about any member of our school community. If we are made aware of any such irresponsible comments, they will be passed on to the Police and you may be barred from school premises.

Let's all work together to teach our children to be responsible citizens.

Coombe Road PTA

A fun time was had by all at the Christmas Fayre. Many thanks to these wonderful parents and our Business Manager, Jean. We really appreciate them working so very hard to raise much-needed funds for our school. Thank you also to the rest of you for supporting this event and spending your money!



SAVE OUR SCHOOLS!



Schools face their biggest challenges ever as Headteachers struggle to make an unrealistic budget work. 88% of schools (including Coombe Road) have cut staff and this is having a huge impact on all our children nationally.

This year, Coombe Road has £50,000 less than we had last year. Out of this budget, we still need to pay the amazing staff, run our very old premises, pay bills and provide resources for our children, as well as all the other services needed for schools. We thank you for your support when we have no other option but to ask you for contributions, particularly for educational visits. We are working so hard to ensure that our budget does not impact on our children.

On the next page, you will see our latest campaign. We invoiced the Treasury to highlight the amount of funding we would have got if we were in Westminster.

Please support this parental cause as schools need your support. We do not want to ask for money but please, please contribute what you can when asked.

SAVE OUR SCHOOLS!



Invoice to the Treasury from Brighton & Hove Schools

Dear Parent, Carers & Friends,

Collectively our children receive **£48,133,230** less per year towards their education than if our per-pupil funding were equal to that of schools in Westminster. **We don't think this is fair** so today, as part of the 'Worth Less?' Campaign, we have submitted an **invoice to the Treasury** for this shortfall.

This money would enable us to

reverse the cuts

our schools have been forced to make and give your children the education they deserve.

Schools from 31 other 'Worth Less?' counties and unitary authorities all over England have submitted their own invoices.

Please look out for the news reports today and if you use social media please retweet, 'like' and use the hashtags **#schoolcuts** **#schoolsjustwannahavefunds** & **#fairfunding**

Note: The **catalogue of cuts** on this information sheet was produced by the Brighton & Hove parent lead campaign group **'Save Our Schools'**. Check them out!

INVOICE

February 2018

Invoice to:
Her Majesty's Treasury
1 Horse Guards Road
Westminster
London
SW1A 2HQ



Description	Total Due
Monies owed to recover the shortfall in funding for Brighton and Hove	£48,133,230

Source: DfE statistics 2016

The total funding for our four funded county has been compared to what the same number of pupils would receive if they were funded same level as Westminster to provide the shortfall in our funds.

Average Secondary Child Funding (2016) - Average Primary Child Funding (2016) multiplied by the number of State Funded Primary and Secondary pupils in 6 county to find the total funding, including Pupil Premium.



SCISSORS CATALOGUE OF CUTS SOS

THE IMPACT OF SCHOOL FUNDING CUTS IN BRIGHTON AND HOVE
50 SCHOOLS RESPONDED TO AN ANONYMOUS SURVEY. HERE'S WHAT THEY TOLD US...



"ABSOLUTELY THE WORST THING I'VE HAD TO DO AS A HEAD TEACHER WE ARE NOW RUNNING ON THE BAREST MINIMUM STAFFING."

"STRESSED TEACHERS MEAN MORE STRESSED CHILDREN WHICH MEANS POORER BEHAVIOUR AND LOWER ACADEMIC RESULTS"

98% EXPECT LONGTERM NEGATIVE IMPACTS
90% EXPECT CUTS TO IMPACT WELL-BEING OF BOTH STAFF & PUPILS
78% EXPECT CUTS TO LEAD TO POORER RESULTS

92% ARE ALREADY CONSIDERING WHAT CUTS THEY WILL HAVE TO MAKE NEXT

"FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN SUPPORT STAFF" "WE MAY HAVE TO REDUCE THE SCHOOL DAY"
"MIXED AGE CLASSES" "LESS QUALIFIED STAFF" "I CANNOT CUT ANYTHING ELSE"

SCISSORS CUTS WE'RE GONNA NEED A BIGGER BUDGET!

THIS IS THE IMPACT OF CUTS IN BRIGHTON & HOVE. SCHOOLS ALL OVER ENGLAND & WALES ARE FACING FUNDING CUTS. WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR SCHOOLS NEAR YOU?...
FIND OUT AT WWW.SCHOOLCUTS.ORG.UK TAKE ACTION AT WWW.SAVEOURSCHOOLS.UK

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.



Don't forget to download this app and add our school so you don't miss important messages.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE CROWNED BRITAIN'S
BEST LEGO BUILDER?

LEGO MASTERS

A promotional image for LEGO Masters featuring various LEGO builds: a colorful robot-like figure, a rainbow bridge, a red car, a brown house, a yellow boat, and a green dinosaur.

Do you love to build awesome creations? We are looking for brick obsessed pairs of all ages to register interest in a second series of 'LEGO MASTERS' on Channel 4 to find Britain's most talented amateur builders.

Please email build@tuesdayschild.tv to register your interest. If you are under 18 please ask a parent or guardian to email on your behalf. Unfortunately, we won't be able to answer all the requests individually. Applicants must be 9+.

TUESDAY'S CHILD

Dates for the Diary

For all the up-to-date calendar entries, please visit our school website: www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Year 6 Blacklands Farm:

Mon 26th – Wed 28th March

Year 6 SATS: Week beginning Monday 14th May

Last Day of Spring Term: Wednesday, 28th April

First Day of Summer Term: Thursday, 12th May





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: 95.7%



National Figure = 96%

Current Attendance Champions

Class	Champion Score	  
Red Class	91%	
Buttercup Class	94%	
Sunflower Class	96%	
Emerald Class	96%	
Sky Class	97%	
Sapphire Class	95%	
Indigo Class	95%	
Amethyst Class	96%	

Well done to Sky Class!

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

Coombe Road Primary School

Term Dates 2018-2019



AUTUMN TERM

First Day of Autumn Term	Tuesday, 4 th September
Half Term (2 weeks) (children return to school on Monday, 5 th November)	Monday, 22 nd October – Friday, 2 nd November
Last Day of Autumn Term	Wednesday, 19 th December

SPRING TERM

First Day of Spring Term	Monday, 7 th January
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 25 th February)	Monday, 18 th February – Friday, 22 nd February
Last Day of Spring Term	Tuesday, 9 th April

SUMMER TERM

First Day of Summer Term	Tuesday, 23 rd April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday, 6 th May
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 3 rd June)	Monday, 27 th May – Friday, 31 st May
Last Day of Summer Term	Wednesday, 24 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:

- Monday, 3rd September 2018
- Thursday, 3rd January 2019
- Friday, 4th January 2019
- Thursday, 25th July 2019
- Friday, 26th July 2019

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.

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 and that a second contact is given. Let Lumina or Emma know so that our system can be amended.

COMMENT SLIP (Spring Term 1)

Name of child & class (optional):

Kids Trampolining

Moulsecoomb Community Leisure Centre

New Thursday Sessions!

Tuesdays:

- 3:30pm—4:30pm
- 4:30pm—5:30pm

Thursdays:

- 4:30pm—5:30pm
- 5:30pm—6:30pm

With our fun and professional coach:
Nicky!



Sessions cost £4.50, call **01273 622266** to book!