



# CRS CHAT

## Autumn (2) 2018

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# Happy Christmas!



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## Amazing Autumn (2)



I cannot believe that we are nearly in 2019! All children have been busy rehearsing and I cannot wait to see them in their performances tomorrow, where I hope to see many of you.

Thank you so much to all those of you who supported our Christmas Fayre. Jean, our Business Manager, works so hard to make this event happen. Many thanks also to our parents, Debbie, Candy and Adrienne. If you are interested in joining our PTA, please keep an eye out for meetings on the Coombe Rd PTA Facebook page. We raised a whopping £1010! A very Happy Christmas to you all!  
**Mrs Phillips**



**Christmas Holidays**  
**20/12 – 04/01**

**Return to School**  
**07/01**

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*Broadening Horizons, Raising Aspirations*

# Able Writers Day

We were so very proud of the Year 6 children who attended an Able Writers workshop with the author, Stephen Davies.

We welcomed 8 other schools from around the City and all our aspiring authors had a fabulous day learning how to make their writing even more impressive.



## Year 3



Emerald Class  
have loved their  
Autumn topic,  
Celts &  
Coliseums.  
Here's Mount  
Vesuvius erupting  
over Pompeii!

# Berry, the CRS Snail



Berry was thrilled to see a fellow Coombe Road student, Alfie. Berry is now safely back in school with us and will eventually join our pup, Trevor in the outside classroom.

## Odd Socks



Sky Class wore their ODD SOCKS to celebrate difference during Anti-Bullying Week. Can you find the even pair that sneaked in?

# The Great War

Throughout the school we have been commemorating the centenary of the end of the First World War. Each class has been making a poppy for a soldier, from Brighton, who lost their life in the Great War.

*'Remembering is acknowledging that a life was once lived.'*



# Show Case of Work

My name is Monko and I am nine years old. I was running free in the wild with my friends. Mum and Dad had gone to find some food and I was climbing my favourite tree when some men came and chopped my tree down. They caught me and my friends and took me to this zoo.

I have been here for three years. I have my friends from the jungle here with me so that is good if we are here forever. I am devastated about not seeing my family again. I don't like people staring at me - I need some alone time. I stay in the corner of my cage and block myself in so no-one can see me.

I feel trapped. We don't get enough food. We keep trying to escape. When they threw some food in, I tried to escape down the food hole, but the alarm went off. One time I jumped on an employee, but he got me by the legs ( my weak spot ). If we could only break the glass in the cage, but they changed it to make it more secure.

Sometimes, I dream I am flying on a cloud bed, back in the jungle with all the other animals. I climb up my massive tree that leads to the clouds, eating bananas and swinging around with my friends.

The jungle was green and there was plenty of food for everyone. They chopped down my tree to use for paper.

I really need to escape.

By Tommy



# Cycle Sports Day

The children always enjoy this day at Moulsecoomb with Sustrans and Miss Phillips whose highlight was Jeremy in Year 4, who kept persevering and managed to cycle the 'big hill'





# Stay Safe

Ash and Darren from East Sussex Fire & Rescue service spent the day teaching our Yr 4 & Yr 6 children how to stay safe around fire, in water, in a car and on the roads.

The children played games: stop drop & roll if your clothes catch fire, the importance of decision making in an emergency (no HOAX calls), calling 999 or 112 in an emergency, throwing a ball to someone struggling in water. The children also found out that boiling water and steam can burn like fire so they must put a burn under running water for 20 minutes.

These important statements were written on the children's bibs:

- Arson is a crime
- Hoax calls cost lives
- Smoke Alarms save lives
- Speed kills slow down
- Seat belts save lives
- Be safe be seen



# Reminder: Changing for PE

As children progress throughout the school, changing for PE as a class becomes more problematic. I have discussed the various issues with our older children and with the upper KS2 staff. At present, the older children go to the toilets to change into their PE kits but this is fairly impractical and takes up a lot of time.

As a solution, we have agreed that children from Year 4-6 can come in their PE kits when it is their PE day. They will still need plimsolls in school for indoor PE (and a change of top if needed) but can otherwise come in their sports gear ON THEIR PE DAYS.

In the winter, please send your child into school in tracksuit bottoms/leggings, a polo top/t-shirt, warm sweatshirt/hoodie and suitable sports shoes. In the warmer months, please send your child into school in shorts rather than tracksuit bottoms/leggings.

## ALL OTHER DAYS, YOUR CHILD SHOULD BE IN UNIFORM.

Uniform is available at:

<https://www.schoolwearforless.com/uniform/coomberoaddprimarybn24ed> or <https://www.tesco.com/direct/coombe-road-primary-school/5608.school>



T-Shirt - School LOGO - Blue Max

From £5.75



P.E Shorts - Innov

From £5.90



P.E Bag - School LOGO - 5 colours

From £8.52



Plimsoles - Gusset

From £5.65

# SCHOOL POLICY REMINDERS

## Walking Home



If you give permission for your child to walk home without adult supervision, you must put this in writing. A form is available from Lumina (our Office Manager).

All our children are taught the 'Return to School Rule' which we ask you to reinforce at home. If a child feels anxious, unsafe or uncomfortable when walking home, they must return to school where we will then contact you.

If a child normally meets an adult at a meeting point and the adult is not where they expect them to be, we also ask that they return to school. PLEASE do not take a child home yourselves if you see them waiting (even if you are good friends with that parent/carer). Please inform the school first and we can ensure that this is arranged appropriately with the adult who has parental responsibility. Many thanks for your understanding with this important aspect of safeguarding.

## Reinforce the Return to School Rule

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



# SCHOOL POLICY REMINDERS

Only small stud earrings and watches are allowed at school. This is for Health and Safety reasons. If you send your child to school in hooped earrings, necklaces or bracelets there is a risk of tearing when in the playground/carrying out physical activity.



## Jewellery

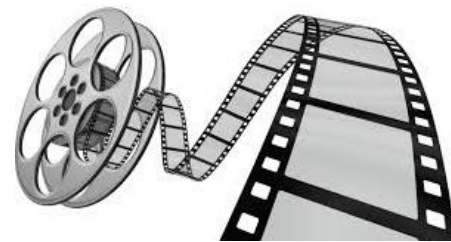


Please keep your Parent Pay account topped up so that the account does not go into debt. If debts go unpaid, you will be requested to provide a packed lunch for your child until the debt is cleared.

Please remember to sign up to School Ping to receive important information and dates. Password is available from the Main Office. If you do not sign up, you may not be aware of everything going on in our school community.



# Congratulations



Well done to Sunflower Class (Year 2) and Emerald Class (Year 3) who won a DVD and popcorn afternoon for the best attendance.

Sunflower achieved 96.7% and Emerald achieved 97.5%



# Snow

This is always my biggest nightmare!  
Deciding whether to close the school due to snow takes a lot of discussion with other Headteachers, checking forecasts and taking into account where staff are travelling from.

My main priority is always to keep everybody safe and, as I do not live in the area myself, I have to make the decision based on those who live locally and what the forecast is saying. I also have to take into account the hills in our environment and how dangerous they have become in snow and ice.

I will ALWAYS make every effort to keep the school open but if the decision to close is made, I will make contact via school Ping (please make sure you are signed up), the school website, the PTA Facebook page and local radio stations.

## 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 to photocopy.

# Welcome

Welcome to Miss Frame who has taken over from Mr. Gyurkovits covering teacher's PPA (Planning, Preparation & Assessment) time.

All teachers are entitled to this time out of the busy classroom to enable them to plan and assess robustly, ensuring all children make progress from their starting points.

Miss Frame is a welcome addition to the Coombe Road Team and is leading in MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) and Music.



## Important

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

Please remember to check our website regularly so that you are aware of upcoming events. Please be aware that, due to the nature of busy school life, dates may change suddenly.

The dates on our school site will be the most up-to-date and we request that you do not rely on other sources.

## COMMENTS:

If you have any comments or suggestions, please email [admin@coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:admin@coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.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.

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		

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: 96.2%



National Figure = 96%

## Current Attendance Champions

Class	Champion Score	  
Red Class	95.5%	
Buttercup Class	95.0%	
Sunflower Class	96.7%	
Emerald Class	97.8%	
Sky Class	96.8%	
Indigo Class	94.9%	
Amethyst Class	96.4%	
Violet Class	94.8%	

Answers to frequently asked questions:

- Medical evidence is required if a child is absent for 3+ days.
- If we have not heard from you and your child is absent for 3+ days, we will contact FDfF (Social Services) as part of our Safeguarding procedure.
- Holidays will not be authorised in term time unless there are absolutely exceptional circumstances.
  - Cost of holidays is not an exceptional circumstance.
- Fixed Penalty Notices are issued by the Council once referred by the school.
  - Money goes directly to the Council (not the school).

### AUTUMN TERM

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

### SPRING TERM

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

### SUMMER TERM

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

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

# Adverts

## Miss School Miss Out



If you're not going to school  
you will miss out on...



Learning  
new skills



Your  
friends



Support  
and help



School  
activities



Having  
fun

Being in school and on time is good for you.

90% attendance may look impressive but it  
means missing 19 days of education in a year.

Don't be one of the few to miss school and miss out!

If you need help with school attendance,  
please talk to your school for advice

# Adverts



**Places available for 2,3 & 4 year olds**

Funding available for eligible children  
(non funded children £18 per session)

A small, friendly Pre-school with Good Ofsted

**Opening times (term time only)**

Monday – Friday

8.50am – 2.50pm

**Call Alison for details**

**07722 074841**

Email: [newbeginningspreschool@hotmail.com](mailto:newbeginningspreschool@hotmail.com)

Coombe Road School, Coombe Road,  
Brighton, East Sussex, BN2 4ED

Reg. Charity No. 1094158

# Adverts

Providing Pet Services in and around Brighton, including Dog Walking (Groups and one-to-ones), Reactive and Rescue Dog Care, Puppy Care, Cat Feeding, Small Animal Care, Home Visits and Pet Sitting in Your Own Home.

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07958 321 530



Hello!



## WE ARE BEEZEE BODIES

You may have heard of us before and if not you should have (we are pretty awesome)! In a nutshell we exist to help families make small changes to live healthier lives. I will let you into a little secret – healthy doesn't mean only eating celery and lettuce, "YAY" I hear you cry. Believe it or not, healthy eating can include pizzas and cakes, and you can trust us because we are the experts! At BeeZee Bodies we believe that being healthy means you can get the most out of life and do the stuff you love to do – we like having fun so we want you to have fun too!

We run in early evenings and best of all; **ITS FREE!** You get dedicated time with nutritionists and other fab BeeZee Bodies staff doing activities, cooking, making friends and learning about small changes you can make to live healthy lives... **for FREE!** Programmes start week commencing 19th November at Fairlight Primary School, West Blatchington Junior School and Patcham Junior School. **Call us NOW to find out more!**

### Contact Us

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