



CRS CHAT

Spring (1) 2019

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One World Week!



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Sparkling Spring (1)

The children had a great week exploring different countries and cultures for 'One World Week'.

Next term, we will have our class assemblies (Sky Class be showing the film they produced with Silverbox Multimedia!) so please ensure you check the website calendar regularly so you are aware of important dates.



Half Term
18/02-22/02

Return to School
25/02

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On behalf of all the staff at Coombe Road, we wish you a happy half term.

Mrs Phillips

Broadening Horizons, Raising Aspirations

Lion Dance for Chinese New Year

The Infants enjoyed a performance of the Chinese Lion Dance.



Year 1 Bikeability



Buttercup Class were thrilled with their Bikeability sessions and learnt new skills.



Sky Class, Cuba

Sky Class relaxing during World Awareness Week drinking some Havana Cooler cocktails followed by some Cha Cha Cha..ing!



Emerald Class

Year 3 took part in the 'Our Water Matters' project offered by the University of Brighton - an environmental education project aimed at teaching children about the special nature of our local water cycle through the virtual world - based on Minecraft. A great session was enjoyed by all!



Sky Class



Examples of the Egyptian amulet the Eye of Horus, carved out of clay and carefully painted and decorated.

Red Class



Red Class have loved their time learning to ride the balance bikes!



Kidz Fit

We think it is so important that children exercise regularly for a whole range of health benefits and wellbeing. We were visited by Kidz Fit who gave the children (and staff) lots of tips and advice for staying fit and healthy!



Guess Who?

Can you work out which class this is?



Meet the Governors



Hello my name is Chris Piper and I joined the governing body of Coombe Road School in December 2017. I moved to Brighton from Derbyshire to work at the University of Sussex and have taught at City College (as was) for ten years before moving on to work for the Department for Education (DoE).

I have recently become Chair of the Resources and Pay Committee and am also the link governor for accessibility and maths.

I moved to the Coombe Rd area in 1991 and go past the school nearly every day. I have also seen the many changes to the area in which we live. Through my work at the DoE I have worked with a lot of colleges in terms of the quality of the education they provide and also how they control their finances which in the present climate is a tricky task.

When I went round the school as part of my induction I was struck by what a lively but caring place the school was with everybody knowing each other. A bit like a “big family”.

Primary education is a new phase of education for me and I have learnt a lot already about Phonics, Early Years Foundation, Key Stage 1 and 2, and SATS and I will continue to work with Mrs. Phillips, Jean and the staff to ensure that Coombe Rd provides the best experience for your child. I look forward to meeting you and hope you have a good half term.

HOMework

Homework Grids for each year group can be found on the website

www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Children are also expected to read regularly and learn the spellings on the back of their reading card.

Times Tables books have been handed out to every child from Year 2-Year 6 and these should also be practised regularly. If these books are lost, there is a replacement cost of £1.

As school budgets are diminishing, we also request that you instill our message to look after school property. If reading books are lost or damaged, we will also request a donation to replace them.

Brownies

There is a Brownie Unit on Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30pm (£3 per meeting) at the United Reform Christian Centre (near the Aldi on Lewes Rd). If interested, sign up online:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>



Register your daughter | Girlguiding

Take the first step to joining us - register your daughter's interest in Girlguiding

www.girlguiding.org.uk

e Safety

I was shocked to find out the amount of our children who are on Facebook, Instagram, Whats App and Online games (all not age-appropriate).

Please be aware of what your child is accessing online. By allowing your child on to these sites, you could be leaving them open to online abuse without being aware.

The next page has information on how to work together for a better internet.

★ Safer Internet Day 2019:



Together for a better internet

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This year's Safer Internet Day (SID) celebrations will take place on Tuesday, 5 February 2019. The campaign is organised by the Safer Internet Centre and this year's slogan, "Together for a better internet", is a call to action for all of us to join together and play our part in creating a better internet for everyone, and especially for younger users.

Safety Net is a local children's safety charity, working with schools across Brighton & Hove. We are committed to doing our part to help keep children safe online and are delighted to be supporting Safer Internet Day 2019.

www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019



Last year we delivered online safety workshops to 1008 children and 80 parents and carers in schools across the city. We found that children, who would usually speak to adults about things that are worrying them, are not always talking about difficulties they experience online or when using screens.

How can you help? We want adults to ask children and young people about their online world as often as possible. This is a hugely neglected area and often parents and carers don't feel confident to do this because they know less about the online world than their children. The important thing is to be interested and listen. If we can start the conversations when things are going well it is much easier than when things go wrong. Safer Internet Day has produced a conversation starter document to help you. [Click here](https://tinyurl.com/ydcjqfcw) or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ydcjqfcw>

Conversation starters include:

- What do you like most about the internet - and why?
- What's your favourite game/app/site?
- How does going online make you feel?

More info on the next page >>

★ Making an Internet Safety Plan

We also recommend completing an Internet Safety Plan as a family, the Safer Internet Centre has one for you to complete with your child. **Click here to view or visit:**

One of the questions on it is: "What should we do if something worries, upsets or confuses us online?". The answer can be baffling for parents and carers who aren't always sure themselves what to do. Technology is constantly changing and with the best will

in the world, there are times when a child may see something they don't like. It is best to try not to overreact as we know that if technology is confiscated then children are unlikely to tell adults again if there is a problem.

The most helpful thing is to 'have a plan' for when things go wrong. This plan needs to ensure that if your child does feel in 'trouble' they will feel confident to tell you again and again if they need help with their online world.

★ Four point plan

- 1. Thank your child** for showing/telling you about the problem as it will make the internet a better place for all.
- 2. Work out a solution together**, involve your child in the problem solving or tell them how you solved it. This could be reporting an individual/image/video or blocking sites.
- 3. If you are not sure what to do seek help and advice.** NSPCC and Childline have helplines and chat facilities where you can log on together (see list below for contact details)
- 4. Check in with your child** that the issue has been resolved.

Ask us a question:

If you have an online safety concern or question, please email them to us at newsletter@safety-net.org.uk and we will do our best to answer them in our next 'Safety Rocks' newsletter which will be out after half-term.

★ Useful websites and helplines

NSPCC: web: <https://nspcc.org.uk/> & helpline (for adults concerned about a child) **0808 800 5000**

Thinkuknow: www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents - used in schools and the place to start.

Childline: **0800 1111** (for children to call) / web: www.childline.org.uk - your child can contact anytime - calls are free and confidential. Online counsellor available 24 hours a day.

Common Sense: www.common sense media.org - honest reviews of games, apps and films by parents and children

Helping Kids Stay Safer Online. www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc - the NSPCC joined forces with O2 to provide parents with the skills and tools to help keep children safe online.

Internet Matters: www.internetmatters.org - helping parents keep their Children Safe Online.

More useful web-sites can be found by clicking here or visiting this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ycdbybtk>

Most importantly, the internet is a wonderful creative and educational place – enjoy it and do keep involved in your child's online life.

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/coomberoadprimarybn24ed> 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

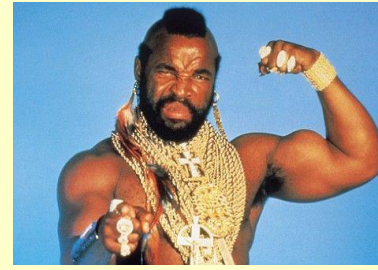
Mobile Phones

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, letters 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.



PASSPORTS £5 FEE

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



Important

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



Please do book your holidays out of term time.

365 days in each year

legal proceedings being taken against you by the Local Authority.














Current Attendance: 96.1%



National Figure = 96%

Current Attendance Champions

Class	Champion Score	  
Red Class	94.4%	
Buttercup Class	95.2%	
Sunflower Class	95.4%	
Emerald Class	96.8%	
Sky Class	96.5%	
Indigo Class	94.5%	
Amethyst Class	95.6%	
Violet Class	95.8%	

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).

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

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

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.

www.benjispetservices.co.uk

info@benjispetservices.co.uk

07958 321 530



Adverts



Take to the skies for high adventure this half term



Kids fly for £1 between Saturday 16th and Sunday 24th February

Create magical memories together exploring Brighton & Hove from above this half term. Look out for churches and domes, artwork on rooftops, windfarms on the horizon and seagulls swooping above the rolling Sussex coastline. Each paying adult can bring two under-16s for just £1 each!

As you glide up to 450ft complete our **Discovery Trail booklet** to learn fun facts about Brighton, answering questions and taking challenges along the way.

Feeling peckish? Back at beach level, take your completed Discovery Trail booklet to West Beach Bar & Kitchen, where **Kids eat FREE** with paying adults.

Adverts

Kids go
**Half Price
for Half Term**

SPECIAL OFFER

Discount Code:
'HALFTERM'

Join Phileas Fogg as he takes you on a magical journey visiting 15 countries around the world for an immersive and fun-filled outing, enjoy brain-teasing challenges and games along the way for all ages 7 and upwards!



Book now at
www.phileasfoggs.co.uk

Find us just off the A27 near Asda, Hollingbury in Brighton.

STARGAZING SOUTH DOWNS



Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing with us

**WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY
LEWES TOWN HALL, 4–8PM**

- Indoor planetarium shows
- Talks on the moon, telescopes and nocturnal wildlife
- Giant 'sky at night' colouring wall
- Advice on how to set up your telescope
- Virtual Reality Experience of our dark night skies
- Science experiments
- Astronaut selfie stands
- Outdoor 'moongazing' if the night is clear
- Free 'Stargazing South Downs' booklets to take home

To find out more about this and the many other events happening
during the South Downs Dark Skies festival

[SOUTHDOWNS.GOV.UK/DARKSKIESFESTIVAL](https://southdowns.gov.uk/darkskiesfestival)

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HANDS-ON HALF-TERM

FEBRUARY 16-24 2019

see www.BrightonScience.com

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