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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Well, we made it – and what another difficult year it has been for us all as we continue to work through the pandemic.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience, understanding and words of encouragement and thanks during the past months. We are all understandably very tired – and hope that September may start to feel more like normality for everyone.

I would also like to thank our incredible staff who work with such dedication, passion and care - and provide a wonderful experience for our children. Thanks to them, we have prevented further closures of bubbles, particularly recently when we have had low staff numbers due to NHS Track and Trace.

Our children continue to astound us and make us proud, with their resilience and commitment to school life (in all its forms). We wish all our Year 6 Leavers' the BEST time at secondary school and will miss you all.

In my eyes, our children are absolute heroes. They have already faced so much at such a young age. Their whole world was turned upside down when we heard the news of the pandemic and schools suddenly closed back in March 2020. We never imagined that we would still be faced with the risk of infection now – in July 2021! Our children have shown such strength of character to come back to school after the lockdowns, as well as attend school as key worker children - and give their very best. Some have found this time understandably challenging but have given their all, showing such determination and accepting support without question.

We are an incredibly special school, with wonderful individuals; proud of who they are and who show understanding and compassion to others.

There have been days when being your Headteacher through such a difficult time has been overwhelming – but our children always remind me why I am here and why I continue to strive for the very best for each and every one of them. They deserve it and I cannot thank you enough for your messages of kindness, support and thanks – they honestly mean more than you will ever truly know.

We look forward to September when we can start afresh in hopefully less-restrictive times.





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POSITIVE COVID CASES

If your child or a member of your household tests positive for Covid19 during the first three days of the holidays, please let us know straight away by emailing covid@coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Please continue to follow guidance to keep yourselves and others safe. We have continued with Hands – Face – Space guidance in school.



The latest guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

LIFTING RESTRICTIONS

- You do not need to stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with. There are also no limits on the number of people you can meet.
- However, in order to minimise risk at a time of high prevalence, you should limit the close contact you have with those you do not usually live with, and increase close contact gradually. This includes minimising the number, proximity and duration of social contacts.
- You should meet outdoors where possible and let fresh air into homes or other enclosed spaces.
- The Government is no longer instructing people to work from home if they can. However, the Government expects and recommends a gradual return over the summer.
- The requirement to wear face coverings in law has been lifted. However, the Government expects and recommends that people wear face coverings in crowded areas such as public transport.
- There are no longer limits on the number of people who can attend weddings, civil partnerships, funerals and other life events (including receptions and celebrations). There is no requirement for table service at life events, or restrictions on singing or dancing. You should follow guidance for weddings and funerals to reduce risk and protect yourself and others.

LATERAL FLOW DEVICE (LFD) TESTING

LFD testing is available to adults living in a household with school-aged children. You can obtain LFD tests for your household by visiting - <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-testing> or through the Government website - <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>



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POPPY CLASS ~ We are Artists

Poppy Class have been creating their very own fish after reading, 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister.



BOOMER

Our lovely Boomer turned 2 last week. He has been a fantastic addition to our Coombe Road family and our children (and staff!) have benefitted greatly from his presence, particularly during such a difficult year (due to the pandemic). Thank you for looking after our wellbeing Boomer – we all love you!





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EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM!

Our children have been trying vegetables (you need to eat them to defeat them!). Many thanks to Jackie and Angela, our cooks. They have created stunning displays using the 'veg of the week' and have encouraged all our children to keep trying new things (one of our Core Values – seek opportunity). If you haven't been following our Facebook page, here are some of the amazing creations:





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BUTTERCUP CLASS ~ We are Writers

Buttercup Class have been practising tricky words and wrote a lot of news following the Euro football final.



SUNFLOWER CLASS ~ We are Mathematicians

Sunflower Class have been exploring position and direction using multi-link.





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BRIGHTON LIONS DONATION

Many thanks to Brighton Lions who kindly donated £400 towards reading materials and also donated some PSHE books.



ATTENDANCE

We have been advised to follow pre-Covid guidance in regards to attendance and to issue FPNs (Fixed Penalty Notices) for the following:

- Unauthorised holidays in term-time.
- Persistent late arrivals after the register has closed.
- Poor attendance (3 or more days in a term where the absence has not been accounted for).

96% attendance throughout the year is considered good. Anything below this figure is worrying (unless there are exceptional circumstances).

Please be reminded that, "parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their children of compulsory school age receive a suitable full-time education. It is also vital that they encourage their child's regular and punctual attendance at school. If a child is registered at a school then it is vital that they attend on a regular basis." – DfE

Please continue to let us know about any absence by calling 01273 291188 or emailing attendance@coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk



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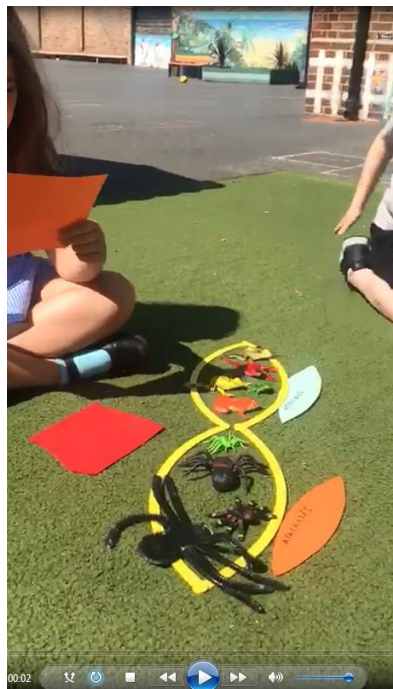
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SCIENCE WEEK ~ We are Scientists

Our children made films for the rest of the school to enjoy (in our bubbles). We all learnt some fascinating facts related to our science curriculum.





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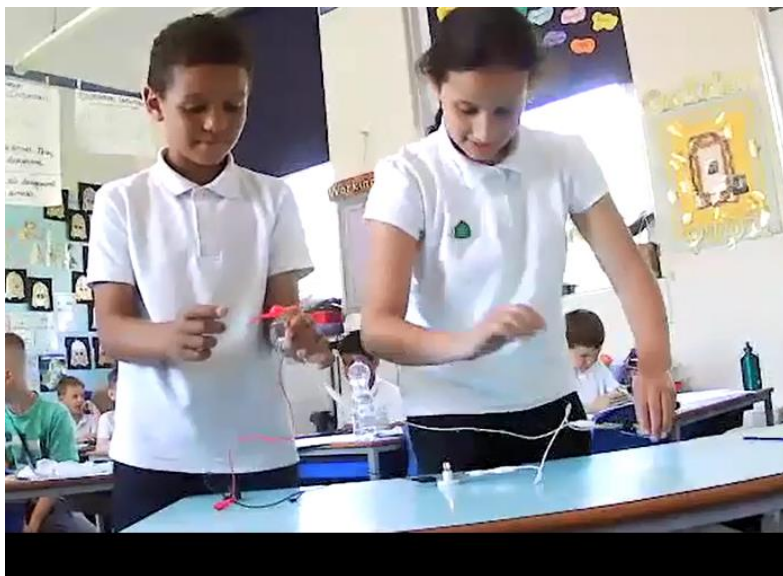
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AMETHYST CLASS

Our children had a wonderful time at Lymley Woods and we were proud of their behaviour and achievements. We were so pleased that we were able to offer this trip considering the restrictions of the pandemic. Well done Year 6!

Here is an email received from the organisers there:

"The children had the most amazing time yesterday and I was blown away how immersed they all were right from the start!! (Didn't hear one person complaining they were dirty or scared of a minibeast). What a fabulous class! The adventure course was a favourite with most having a go at the hair-raising zip line I think! And some wonderful conversations and imaginative play too. Lovely to see their confidence grow and see them relish in all the free play.....Mud angels were a first for me!!!"





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MEAL VOUCHERS OVER SUMMER

If your child is eligible for benefits-related FSM (free school meals), you will receive a £90 voucher (per child) to use over the summer holidays. Please check your email as it will be sent in the usual way (through Hugg) and cannot be used once expired.

Many thanks to my wonderful sister-in-law who has provided food parcels for some of our families through Plant Stories Kitchen – and thanks to my amazing husband, brother-in-law and nephew for the delivery!



GOLDEN PUPILS

All Pupils were celebrated as 'Golden' today in Golden Assembly. They have continued to work hard and do their very best despite the disruption of the lockdowns and bubble closures.

Alfie L in Sunflower received the 'Super Duper' Award for always following the Golden Rules and for being such an exemplary pupil.

The final assembly can be viewed via G Classroom.



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WINNING HOUSE

Congratulations to our winning House this year ~ Palmeira! (here're a few from the same 'bubble')



SPORTS DAY & CELEBRATORY PICNICS ~ We are Athletes

The children had great fun at these and demonstrated respect in the competitive events.

More photos will be on our website later in the week- <https://www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk/about-us/news/news-1>





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COOMBE ROAD DANCE FESTIVAL

Our children performed their dances in a safe, outside space to the rest of the school. It was so wonderful to all be together again, even though we had to stay in our 'bubbles'. Our children were absolutely FANTASTIC and we had a wonderful time together (although one of our neighbours was not too happy with the noise – apologies for that ☹️ but our children have had such a tough year and deserve a celebration).



Please make sure you watch our celebration through G Classroom -

<https://classroom.google.com/u/0/h> - logging in with your child's username and ID.





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LEAVERS' AWARDS & THANK YOUs



Thank you to our amazing House Captains and Vice Captains – above.



Congratulations to Leonie and Lampros who won the 'Headteacher Award'.

You are both exemplary students and I am incredibly proud of you of what you have achieved in such a difficult year. I just know that you will have a great time at secondary and that you both have an incredibly bright future ahead of you. Stay as wonderful as you are and don't let anybody pressure you to change, because you are both brilliant just the way you are. Stay true to who you are – and stay kind. Mrs Phillips Xx

Congratulations to Sasha who won 'Sports Personality of the Year'.

Mr Milsted writes: *It is so rare - and so exciting - to work with a student who possesses such a natural talent for sport! Sasha has overcome many obstacles this year, and he has grown as a person by meeting challenges and enjoying new experiences. We are all so proud of your sporting successes, and we wish you many more in the future. Believe in yourself, Sasha - you are amazing.*





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Congratulations to Jayden who won the 'Sharman Citizenship Award'.

Mr Milsted writes: *This award is in recognition of Jayden's exemplary manners, fantastic personality and determination to succeed. Throughout a strange and sometimes challenging year, Jayden has brought joy, humour, energy and brilliance to our school. He is a model student, a superb citizen, and we will all miss him very, very much. Well done, Jayden - you have made everyone so proud.*

Year 6, you are a fantastic bunch of individuals and we wish you all the best at secondary school. Work hard and strive for success and show the world what you are made of!

IMPORTANT DATES

Please make a note of the following date.

Return to School (children)

Monday, 06/09/2021

Class/Yr	Bubble	Allocated Gate	Drop-off/Pick-up windows
Poppy Class (YrR)	Lower	Bottom Milner Road	08:40-08:50 14:50-15:00
Buttercup Class (Yr1)		Middle Coombe Road	
Sunflower Class (Yr2)		Middle Coombe Road	
Emerald Class (Yr3)	Upper	Top Coombe Road	08:40-08:50 15:00-15:10
Indigo Class (Yr4/5)		Top Milner Road	
Amethyst Class (Yr6)		Top Milner Road	
Sibling Gate (for siblings only)		Middle Milner Road	08:40-08:50 (this gate only operates at drop-off)

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Coombe Road Primary School Term Dates 2021-2022



AUTUMN TERM

First Day of Autumn Term	Monday, 6 th September (INSET Thurs 2 nd and Fri 3 rd September)
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 1 st November)	Monday, 25 th October – Friday, 29 th October
Last Day of Autumn Term	Friday, 17 th December
Christmas Holiday (children return to school on Tuesday, 4 th January)	Monday, 20 th December – Monday 3 rd January

SPRING TERM

First Day of Spring Term	Tuesday, 4 th January
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 21 st February)	Monday, 14 th February – Friday, 18 th February
Last Day of Spring Term	Friday, 8 th April
Easter Holiday (Children return to school on Monday, 25 th April)	Monday, 11 th April – Friday, 22 nd April

SUMMER TERM

First Day of Summer Term	Monday 25 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday, 2 nd May
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Tuesday, 7 th June)	Monday, 30 th May – Friday, 3 rd June (INSET Mon 6 th June)
Last Day of Summer Term	Wednesday, 20 th July (INSET Thurs 21 st and Fri 22 nd July)



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Thinking of sending your little one to Pre-school?

Don't be disappointed!

We now have spaces available for September 2021

We are now taking children's names for our waiting list:
spaces are available from September 2021. We offer
spaces to children 2-4 years. We offer 15 and 30 hours
free funded places for eligible 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

Non-funded children £18.60 per session.

For more information and to arrange a visit at New
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