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A place for everyone to succeed and thrive

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Busy Month

March has been a very busy month with lots going on throughout the school. We have had some amazing class assemblies (4 in total) where children have shared their learning topics. It is always a very special time for the children and the class teachers who work very hard to produce some amazing assemblies. I am sure you were all very proud, as were the children, of the finished results. Thank you to everybody that managed to attend. Your attendance is appreciated!

Waste Week

During 'Waste week' the whole school had a great time learning about our 'rubbish' and how we can use it again in a variety of ways. The focus was on the 3R's; Reduce, Reuse and Recycle rubbish. Helen Peake from Brighton and Hove Environment Education led a really interesting assembly for the whole school when children learnt a lot about recycling and how important it is to protect our environment. Pupils from the Launch Pad and the Eco-committee were able to participate in workshops to learn about paper recycling.

The whole school enjoyed a fantastic afternoon working in their houses making mascots and models from all the recycled materials you were kind enough to send in. We now have some fabulous models including: planters, bottle people, footballs, bird feeders; we even have a fantastic model of the Palace Pier and the i360. You can see some of these in our reception area. It was a brilliant afternoon and it was especially great to see all the different years groups working so well together. Thank you to everyone who sent in recycling materials. All this work will see us obtain the Silver ECO Schools award which we will be applying for soon. Thank you Miss Wiseman and the ECO committee for all their hard work on this project.

Reception/office Area

Some of you may have been to the office area recently and seen how fantastic it is looking. Miss McLeod, one of our Learning Mentors, has painted all the walls and decorated them with beautiful, colourful flowers, tropical birds and butterflies. She has done a marvellous job. We are very lucky to have such a talented artist amongst us. Please come and see how lovely it looks. Thank you Miss McLeod!

Residential Trips for Year 5 and Year 6

If you have not yet paid for your child's residential trip we would like to remind you that the deadline is upon us. Funding forms for year 6 (if applicable) have been sent off and we are awaiting the result. As soon as we hear back we will inform you of their decision. Please check the kit list and if there is something that you are finding difficult to get please inform the class teachers or office sooner rather than later. Remember old clothes are best as the children will be participating in practical activities so new clothes will more than likely get spoilt. Equally, all medical forms, contracts and transport (for year 5 only) forms need to be handed back to the office asap please. Children have such a fantastic time on residential trips and it is really the celebration of their learning and year together, it is truly a unforgettable experience for them!



Leave of absence from school during term time

If you consider taking your child out of school during term time, for whatever reason, it is necessary to fill in an application form. This form must be submitted at least 14 days prior to the date you wish to remove your child.

It is only in exceptional circumstances that this may be authorised.

If the time you request is not authorised and you still take your child out of school we will have to notify the Behaviour & Attendance Team and they may issue you with a Penalty Notice. The penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. This is a fine of £60 which increases to £120 if not paid within the first 28 days. Non payment of the fine may result in legal action.

Please note that Brighton and Hove Council have lengthened the October half term holiday from one week to two (16th - 27th October) and our school will be holding its last two Inset days on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July, allowing the children to break up on Friday 21st July, enabling holiday bookings within a cheaper period.

Book Fair

Once again, the Scholastic Book Fair was a big success and it was so nice to see so many parent/carers with their children browsing through the books and choosing a book together. We raised £328 in free books for our school thanks to your support.

Class Photo Day

Class photo day went without a hitch and photos will be coming home soon with your child so you may order one if you wish. This day can be quite disruptive but the children behaved beautifully and we can say once again that we are so proud of their manners especially when an outside professional commented on how polite, engaging and cooperative they were.



Whole School Picnic

We will be having a whole school picnic on the last day of the first half of the Summer Term, Friday 26th May, starting at 1.00pm. This will be the term's House Event; children will picnic in their 'House' so siblings, parents and carers can lunch together. It was such a wonderful time together last year that we will make this an annual event. Parents/carers, grandparents etc. will be able to come and enjoy a picnic lunch with their child. Parents/carers may take their children home from 2.00pm on this day if they wish. However, the school is still open, so children whose parents/carers are unable to attend can stay until the end of the day as they would do normally. More detailed information will be following shortly.



School Funding

You will have received a letter about school funding recently; a joint letter from our school Partnership. We hope you had the opportunity to read this. A more detailed letter will be sent out at the start of the Summer Term with further information relating to the school and how these funding cuts will impact on the school from the start of the next academic year.

Fridge News: April

- Wednesday 5th April: 2.30pm WWII Party Year 6 & Blackland Farm meeting for parent/carers

EASTER HOLIDAYS

- **Monday 10th April to Friday 21st April inclusive**

All pupils due back on Monday 24th April for the start of the Summer Term. Gates open at 8.45am as usual!

May

- **Monday 1st May : Bank Holiday – School closed**
- Monday 8th to Thursday 11th May - Year 6 SATs
- Friday 12th May: 9.05am - RI Class Assembly
- Monday 15th to Friday 19th May - Walk to school week
- Tuesday 16th May: R, Y1 & Y2 Parents' session 9.05am - 9.30am (English)
- Thursday 18th May: Y3- Y6 Parents' session 9.05am - 9.30am (English)

- Friday 19th May: 9.05am - Launch Pad Assembly 9.05am

- Friday 26th May: Whole School Picnic

- **Friday 26th May: last day of half term**

- **Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June (Inclusive)**

HALF TERM—School closed

Attendance - Term to date

RW	=	95.1 %	RI	=	95.8 %
1B	=	93.3 %	1M	=	93.6 %
2C	=	95.9 %	2O	=	94.3 %
3S	=	95.4 %	3T	=	95.4 %
4C	=	89.6 %	4J	=	96.2 %
5WD	=	97.1 %	5W	=	97.7 %
6D	=	96.7 %	6M	=	98.1 %

Whole school attendance since September = 94.1%