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A place for everyone to succeed and thrive

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Dear parents / carers,

Summer is on the way! Clocks went forward on Saturday 26th March! Already it is great to be able to spend some time outside in the evenings with longer daylight hours!

Bevendean Park:

Concerns have been raised from people within the community about the behaviour of a small number of Bevendean children in the local park after school. Although the supervision and responsibility of children outside school hours falls with parents / carers, we have spoken to children about making the right choices about the language they use, and the behaviour choices they make. I would like to remind parents / carers to monitor the behaviour of children when in the park; to remind them about making positive behaviour choices to ensure that this is an enjoyable and pleasurable experience for everyone.

After-School Clubs

We are pleased to confirm that Sussex Kids Hub have started after-school provision and have had a positive start. If you are interested in any of the clubs, please contact them directly using the information from the webpage and below.

- Monday: Circus Skills (Sussex Kids Hub)
- Tuesday: Karate (SAMA) / Drama (Zylo Performance)
- Wednesday: Football (Sussex Kids Hub)
- Thursday: Art and Crafts (Sussex Kids Hub)
- Friday: None

If you go to the school's website, you can find details of how to access these afterschool clubs. All clubs finish at 4.15pm and children are collected from the community door adjacent to the staff car park. Sussex Kids Hub would like to add more clubs to the week, and look at starting a 4.15pm - 5.15pm Child Care Provision. If you are interested in finding out more, then please use the email address below; or, complete the online booking form ([Click Here](#)) to register your interest in after school clubs or child care.

- Sussex Kids Hub: sussexkidshub@outlook.com
- Zylo Performance: admin@syloperformance.co.uk
- SAMA Karate: www.samagroup.co.uk and click join a class

Sickness

We are currently experiencing a high level of diarrhea and / or vomiting in school at the moment. Like any sickness bug, this can spread extremely quickly. Guidance for children (and staff) is that the recommended period to be kept off school is 24 hours from the last episode of diarrhea or vomiting (this may be extended to 48 hours if there is a sudden rise in cases). Please call the school if your child is unwell so the absence can be recorded appropriately. If you are leaving a voice message on the school phone system, or sending an email, please do include details of symptoms rather than just saying that your child is ill / poorly / under the weather etc. Thank you in advance.

Non- Uniform

School finishes next Friday (8th April) for the Easter break. This will be a non-uniform day; we ask for a donation of £1.00 on this day.

Mr M Giddens

More School Attendance

It is fabulous to celebrate that the majority of children arrive at school on time and everyday ... BUT there are still too many children arriving late and missing odd days off school. Children have already missed out of so much learning due to COVID-19. We ask that you always encourage children to come in and help them to arrive on time. It can be really difficult for a child to arrive late as they miss the moment of greeting their friends, and the younger children then miss carpet time and the elder children start working at 9.05am straight after registers usually doing Maths, timetables etc. Being late starts the day on the wrong footing. Poor attendance and poor punctuality has an enormous impact on children's learning.

We celebrate children's good attendance with a weekly draw for each year group, for all the children who have 100% attendance with a selection of prizes to be won. The class with the best weekly attendance and punctuality combined, get to have fun on the Didi Cars. At the end of each term the class with the best attendance gets a reward, this could be 'the golden table' where the whole class sit together for lunch with a beautifully decorated table and served by the staff, a cinema afternoon with popcorn or board games for the class to play together etc.

Please see page 3 & 4 of this newsletter - Brighton and Hove Council's updated message to parents / carers: Back to your Future at School!

Year 5 Residential trip to Parkwood 2022 & Year 6 Residential trip to Broadstone Warren 2022

There are still some families who haven't yet paid towards their child's residential trip in the Summer Term. Both trips are on ParentPay so please pop a few pounds on from time to time to save a big amount due in one go. The residential trips are a celebration of your child's hard work at Primary School and going away on residential is such a wonderful experience with great team building and where children make life long memories.

Class Photos

Unfortunately we were unable to go ahead with our group school photos in the Spring Term due to the high number of pupils and staff absences on that day. Our school photographer, Van Cols are now booked to be in school to take class photos on Tuesday 21st June, 2022. These will arrive just in time for the end of the school year.

COVID-19 Update

From Friday 1st April, routine testing will no longer be expected, and access to testing will be only for specific groups including eligible patients and NHS and care staff. Free PCR testing for most people will no longer be available and there will be a charge for lateral flow tests. This is all part of the Government's 'Living with COVID Plan' which is about living with and managing the virus. From 1st April, children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. Anyone with a positive COVID-19 test result will be advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious.

Please continue to call the school if your child has COVID-19 symptoms, or is feeling poorly, and we can discuss the process regarding school attendance.

School Buildings / Grounds

Over the past 4 - 5 weeks, the school has been experiencing a high number of incidents of people getting in to the school grounds out of school hours, and also getting on to the roof. Damage has been caused to the school along with disruption / disturbance to equipment. All incidents have been logged with Sussex Police and Brighton and Hove Council. A number of parents / carers have also reported incidents to the Police - thank you for doing this! Additional patrols have been implemented during this period. So, if you see anyone in the school grounds, on the school roof, please call 999 and report this to the Police.

It has been an incredibly busy term, with so much going on as usual. The Summer Term also is a very busy term at school. The school closes for the Easter holiday period, on Friday 8th April, 2022. We open again on Monday 25th April for the start of the Summer term!



Why is school attendance so important?

Attending school **regularly** helps to build **confidence** and develop vital **life skills**



School



is the **key** to **future success!**

Missing **2 days** of school each month



Missing nearly **3 weeks** during a school year



15 minutes late every day



two weeks of learning lost each school year



Data shows pupils with more than

95% attendance

Achieve better GCSE results!

at least one grade higher!



Even **90%** attendance is still 19 days of education lost in a school year



ATTEND! AIM HIGH! ACHIEVE!

Please speak to a teacher, or the attendance lead at your school if you have any concerns. Further information can be found at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/support-at-school or by emailing Brighton & Hove's Attendance Team – attendanceteam@brighton-hove.gov.uk

BACK TO YOUR FUTURE AT SCHOOL



ATTEND!

AIM HIGH!

ACHIEVE!

Being at school = Getting help when you need it

Being at school = Learning new skills

Being at school = Seeing your friends

Be in school, get back to your future!

If you have any worries about going to school,
speak to a member of staff or contact:
attendanceteam@brighton-hove.gov.uk

We're here for you



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City Council**