

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Snailway

As I'm sure you are aware Brighton and Hove have been invaded by giant snails! Some of you may have been lucky enough to have seen them on your travels, perhaps you have even taken the 48 hour challenge and seen them all? If you managed to do this you would have seen 50 snails and covered over 20 miles!

If you haven't already seen it, our snail is in the window of the Martlets on London road so please do pop along and have a look.

To celebrate the #BeMoreSnailDay on **Friday 19th October** we will be having a **non uniform day**. The children are welcome to come dressed as a snail or in their own clothes for a donation of **£1**. On the day, the children can bring in an additional **£1** if they wish to purchase a snail badge as well. We are looking forward to seeing all the snails on the day!



Harvest

We have 2 exciting Harvest events next week. On Tuesday, all children we be visiting the Harvest Trail at St Bartholomew's Church and we will finish with a celebration together at 2.30pm. Parents are invited to the celebration if they would like to attend. We also need some parent volunteers to help with each class on the trail – it only involves walking to the church, doing some activities and returning to the school. Please see below for what time each class is visiting and please let the class teacher know if you can help. Thank you – it's only with your help, that these things are possible.

9.15 – 10.00	Year 1 + Year 4
10.00 -10.45	Year 3 + Year 6
10.45 – 11.30	Year 2 + Year 5
1.45 – 2.15	Reception

We will be donating toiletries – toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel etc. to a shelter for the Homeless again this year. We would be extremely grateful if all children could bring in something for this – it would be great to make a good donation to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Please bring those in by Thursday morning.

On Thursday, we have Harvest Mass for all children in KS2. As usual, parents are invited to join us for Mass and we still need some volunteers to accompany the children on a regular basis to the church.

Macmillan Cancer Support

The PTFA and Mrs Barnett organised a fabulous coffee morning and staff events and raised over £200 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you so much to everyone who worked hard for this and to everyone who donated to such a worthy cause. It is important that we show our children that supporting others is an important part of life.

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PTFA

The PTFA met this week and are beginning to plan some exciting events for your children. The purpose of the PTFA is to raise money for the school and to plan exciting events for the children. Currently, **MOST** of the money raised will go towards the building project – as a Church School, we are very lucky that we only have to pay for 10% of most building work. However, our 10% of this project is very large and so we are doing everything we can to raise this additionally, rather than using the school budget.

Currently, we have very few parents who are part of the PTFA, which means we don't raise as much money as we could do. Please think about volunteering to help with an event – we would love to have you on board!

Film Night

The PTFA will be holding a Film Night on Friday 16th November. Further details will be announced after half term, when tickets will also be available.

Communication

I just want to take this opportunity to remind you that if you have any concerns about your child at school to initially see the class teacher. However, if you are still worried after that, please do not hesitate to book an appointment with myself or Miss Keeling. We would much rather know about any problems and try to solve them, than have you or your child unhappy.

School Ping

ALL parents and carers should have now received a login for their School Ping account. If we have your email address, this will have been emailed to you. If not, you should have received a letter home containing your login details and instructions on how to sign up. If you have **not** received your login details, please contact the school office.

We no longer have a text service and so any information will be delivered to parents via the School Ping app or via the desktop site. If your phone cannot download software applications, you will have to access the desktop site.

Unauthorised Absence

If your child is 30 minutes late this is the same as an unauthorised absence. Other unauthorised absences include holidays in term time, no reason or notification given for absence or an unsuitable reason for absence.

If your child has **6** unauthorised absences (a whole day is 2 absences), you will be referred for a **Fixed Penalty Notice**.

Attendance

Holidays are unlikely to be authorised but definitely **WILL NOT** be if you haven't met with me **BEFORE** the holiday is booked – please see the attendance policy on the school website. This also includes absence for exceptional circumstances.

Taking holidays during term-time

You can't take your child out of school during term time to go on a family holiday unless:

- you, the parent the child normally lives with, get permission from the school before you go on holiday
- there are exceptional circumstances, such as an illness or a funeral of a person close to the family, which you will need to prove to the school

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If your child misses school often

You could be taken to court if your child misses more than 19 school days in a school year, which is the same as 10% of school sessions. If found guilty you could get a **£2,500** fine, plus legal costs, **three months in prison** or a criminal record.

Reasons for getting a fine

You can get a fine if:

- you take your child on holiday during a school term
- your child chooses not to go to school, this is called truancy
- your child arrives to school late, after registration has closed, 6 or more times (6 half day morning or afternoon sessions) within 6 school weeks
- your child misses school for 3 or more days (6 half day morning or afternoon sessions) within a school term

How much you need to pay and when

Each parent or carer has to pay £60 for each child that was absent.

You have 21 days to pay the fine. If you don't pay within 21 days the fine will double and go up to £120. You will have 7 days to pay.

If you don't agree with the fine

You **can't appeal** this type of fine. The Local Authority gives out fines based on the school's records.

Please talk to the school if you think your child's was recorded as absent incorrectly, or if you need some advice.

If you don't pay the fine

If you don't pay the fine within 28 days of receiving it you may be taken to court.

You could get a fine of up to **£2,500**, a community order or a **prison sentence of up to 3 months**.

What kind of illness means your child needs to miss school?

- Chickenpox - they need to stay home until all spots have crusted over
- Impetigo - children stay home until all lesions have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment
- Scabies – child can return after first treatment
- Diarrhoea and/or vomiting – 48 hours from last episode
- Flu – until recovered

However, children **can** come to school if they are tired, are feeling generally unwell, have a sore throat or cold. If you are unsure, please call and ask us – we can help.

Attendance Board

You may have noticed our brand new attendance board. This will tell you or current attendance figure for the whole school. We need this to be as close to 100% as possible and to remain above 96% for the rest of the year.



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Chomp Holiday Clubs

Chomp helps low income families during school holidays and term time by providing a free nutritious meal for all the family alongside fun activities to increase social engagement and confidence with peers. Please see the table below for details of Chomp clubs happening over the October half term – if you would like to attend any of the sessions, please make sure to register beforehand.

Where	When		How to register
Chomp Benfield Benfield Primary School, 255 Old Shoreham Rd, Portslade, BN41 1XS	Mondays 11am-1pm 22 nd October 29 th October	Thursdays 11am-1pm 25 th October 1 st November	Call 07955597880, email chomp@onechurchbrighton.org or fill out the registration form at https://chompbrighton.co.uk/register/
Chomp Bevendean Salvation Army, Leybourne Road, Bevendean, BN2 4LT	Mondays 11am-1pm 22 nd October 29 th October	Thursdays 11am-1pm 25 th October 1 st November	Call 07533011417 or fill out the registration form at https://chompbrighton.co.uk/register/
Chomp Fabrica Fabrica Art Gallery, Duke Street, BN1 1AG	Mondays 10:45am-1:30pm 22 nd and 29 th October		Call 01273 778646, visit www.fabrica.org.uk/events or email office@fabrica.org.uk
Chomp Gloucester Place (city centre) One Church Brighton, Gloucester Place, BN1 4AA	Tuesdays 11am-1pm 23 th October 30 th October	Thursdays 11am-1pm 25 th October 1 st November	Call 07955597880, email chomp@onechurchbrighton.org or fill out the registration form at https://chompbrighton.co.uk/register/
Chomp Moulsecoomb Hillview Good News Centre , Hodshrove Lane, BN2 4SB	Mondays 11am-1pm 22 nd October 29 th October	Wednesdays 11am-1pm 24 th October 31 st October	Call 07399582613, email chompoulsecoomb@gmail.com or fill out the registration form at https://chompbrighton.co.uk/register/
Chomp Hove Methodist Church Portland Road, Hove, BN3 5DR	Tuesday 11-1pm 30 th October		Call 07955597880, email chomp@onechurchbrighton.org or fill out the registration form at https://chompbrighton.co.uk/register/
Chomp Whitehawk St. Davids Hall Whitehawk Road BN2 5FH	Wednesdays 11-1pm 24 th October 31 st October	Fridays 11-1pm 26 th October 2 nd November	Call 07955597880, email chomp@onechurchbrighton.org or fill out the registration form at https://chompbrighton.co.uk/register/
Chomp West Blatchington West Blatchington Primary Hangleton Way, BN3 8BN	Wednesdays 11am-1pm 24 th October 31 st October	Fridays 11am-1pm 26 th October 2 nd November	Call 07955597880, email chomp@onechurchbrighton.org or fill out the registration form at https://chompbrighton.co.uk/register/

SIP Meeting

On the diary dates we gave you at the beginning of term, there was a meeting for parents scheduled this Thursday – many apologies that this won't be going ahead. Hopefully we will be able to reschedule it for very soon.

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Free Swimming

Did you know that Brighton & Hove City Council fund free swimming in the city for all children aged 16 and under?

Who can register for free swimming?

Children aged 16 and under can register.

Where can they swim?

Children can swim for free at:

King Alfred Leisure Centre

Prince Regent Swimming Complex

St Luke's Community Swimming Pool.

Children under eight years old must be supervised by a parent or adult (18 years or over) throughout their use of the pool facilities. There is a maximum of two children to each supervising adult. The adults supervising must accompany the children in the water.

When can they swim?

Children 16 and under can swim at all public and general swimming sessions at the following times:

Monday to Friday from 3.30pm during state school term time

Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays

All day during Brighton & Hove state school holidays including inset days

How do I sign up and register to start swimming for free?

Complete an application form available from <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/sport-and-activity/free-swimming> or available from any of the leisure centres listed above. Take the form back to the pool together with proof of age of the child, that is original birth certificate or passport and proof of address. The child must be present as their photograph will be taken for their membership card.

Please note that this offer does not include school swimming.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood
Headteacher

October – November Calendar Dates

Tuesday 16th October, 2.30pm – Harvest trail in church

Wednesday 17th October, 9.15am – Open morning for prospective Reception parents

Thursday 18th October at 9am – Harvest mass at church

Friday 19th October – last day of term

Monday 5th November – pupils return to school

Wednesday 7th November, 2.30pm – PTFA Meeting

Thursday 8th November, 9.15am – Open morning for prospective Reception parents

Monday 12th November at 11am – Attendance Awards

Wednesday 14th November, 3.45 to 6.35pm – Parent Consultations

Thursday 15th November, 3.45 to 6.45pm – Parent Consultations

Tuesday 27th November, 9.15am – Open morning for prospective parents

Thursday 29th November, 2.30 to 3.30pm – SATS Meeting for Year 2 Parents

Thursday 29th November, 6 to 7pm – SATS Meeting for Year 6 Parents