

Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Primary School

THE DIOCESE OF ARUNDEL AND BRIGHTON



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Head teacher Award

Senen went to show Mrs Philbrook how much progress he has made with his hand-writing in phonics. She was truly amazed. Keep up the good work Senen.



On Monday, we were visited by 2 members of **Rottingdean and Saltdean Lions Club**, Geoff Rhodes the Lions President and Andy Wavell. They generously presented each child in Reception with a picture book to keep. The book *Happy to be me* by Emma Dodd is a rhyming book with a body positive theme celebrating all the wonderful things that make us US! The children were very excited to take their books home and I hope this excitement of books continues with them throughout their lives. A HUGE THANK YOU to all Rottingdean and Saltdean Lions for their generosity. Miss Anscombe

November 20th was **International Children's Day** when United Nations promote and celebrate children's rights. Reception looked at a simple PowerPoint on children's rights and then we looked a little more closely at every child has a right to health. We used a glitter handshake activity to help us be more aware of how easy it is to spread things like bacteria, viruses, and diseases, and become more knowledgeable about preventative measures. The children were amazed at how quickly the glitter (germs) spread!

We then talked about taking care of ourselves helps us take care of other people. One of the easiest ways to prevent the spread of bacteria is washing our hands.
Miss Anscombe



Parent Survey

A big thank you to all who replied to our parent survey, we were really pleased with the response rate. Overall we were pleased with the feedback we received, the highlights being:-

- 99% said their child is **happy** at school
- 97% said their child feels **safe** at school
- 97% said their child makes **good progress** at school
- 99% said their child is **well looked after** at school
- 97% said the school is a **welcoming place** to visit
- 97% said they would **recommend the school to other parents**.

Thank you for all the positive, supportive comments which highlighted the nurturing environment, of which we are so proud.

Thank you also, for the suggestions for improvement which some of you made. We take these very seriously and have already taken steps to keep you more informed about the work of the governors. We will make sure you are advised when the minutes of previous governor meetings are on the website and when key policies have been agreed.

The number and variety of after school clubs was also mentioned. We are looking into how we can provide more varied extra-curricular activities and we will keep you informed of further developments. In the meantime a new Yr.4/5 football club has started.

Giulia de Rosa Co-chair of Governors

Tree Planting day

Thank you to all those parents, carers, grandparents and neighbours who came to help with our tree planting mission! We successfully managed to get all 105 saplings safely into the ground; 25 - 30 of the trees were placed alongside the path to make a 'whisper walk', and the others will create the hedge and wildlife habitat as they grow. The children were amazing, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We were lucky to have the help of Miranda, who will be leading our Forest School, Katie, from Sussex Wildlife and Libby, member of the local Denes conservation group. With their expertise and guidance the saplings all found the right spot and location. It was fantastic to see so many of you, as well as neighbours and members of the local community with all your tools (still some to be collected in Miss Garbarz's room). A huge thanks to the PTA for providing a warm space in the Arches and much needed nourishment. With the donation the children made, we are also delighted to be able to send £118.60 to Just One Tree to help support the tree planting effort world wide. Finally a massive thank you to Mrs Philbrook who organised this tremendous event - it was a learning experience the children will remember long after. **Zoe Garbarz**



Stars of the week

- Rec- Luciano, For working hard in RE lessons, listening attentively and always having ago.
- Rec- Arthur, For working hard in phonics and always having ago at applying his knowledge.
- Yr 1- Nello, For applying your phonics knowledge within your reading and writing.
- Yr 1- Sofia, For fully participating within all lessons and always using your "characteristics"
- Yr 1- Alejo, For fantastic phonics knowledge during your phonics sessions.
- Yr 1 - Leah, For showing such enthusiasm and skills during all your learning.
- Yr 2- Wren, For showing kindness, being caring and exhibiting excellent understanding.
- Yr 2- Liberty, For being a kind, caring and helpful friend and member of our class!
- Yr 2- Erin, For enjoyment, enthusiasm and confidence in learning her role in the nativity play.
- Yr 2- Leon, For showing perseverance in applying his phonics, using great ideas.
- Yr 3- Joshua, For some very thoughtful and reflective comments in his RE work!
- Yr 3- Alex, For such hard work and determination in improving handwriting with great results!
- Yr 4- Chloe, For always having a go, listening attentively in and making valuable contributions.
- Yr 4- Adam, For trying hard to practise and use more neat and legible handwriting.
- Yr 4- Dylan, For always taking time with his presentation and beautiful handwriting.
- Yr 4- Archie, For always contributing in lessons and showing a can do attitude to many tasks.
- Yr 5- Alex, For showing real focus in all areas of his education and showing a great attitude.
- Yr 5- Eva, For always trying her hardest and being a brilliant member of our class.
- Yr 5- Xavier, For working increasingly independently and improving his handwriting massively.
- Yr 5- Molly, For focussing all her effort on her learning and producing an excellent story.
- Yr 6- Harry, For showing a fantastic growth mindset in his Maths learning this week!
- Yr 6- Lily, For showing a positive attitude to her learning and always willing to have a go.
- Yr 6- Savannah, For showing a brilliant growth mindset in Maths and striving to improve.
- Yr 6- Ishbel - For being an 'Imagination Giraffe' and showing a fantastic attitude.

2019-2020 Student Councillors

- Reception - Lucca and Emily
- Y1- Lawson, Elise D.
- Y2 - Erin F, Reuben
- Y3 - Sophia and Rocky
- Y4 - Dylan, Lucia
- Y5 - Felix, Kai, Izal, Molly
- Y6 - Spencer, Michael and Caitlin

2019-2020 Eco Councillors

- Reception - Darcy and Aiden
- Y1 - Beatrix, Tobaisz
- Y2 - Maya, Isabella, Leo
- Y3 - Alicia and Gus
- Y4 - Stanley, Caitlin
- Y5 - Connor and Alexandra
- Y6 - Lola and Max

PTA

A reminder that we have our school Christmas Fair on **Saturday 7th December** from 12 - 3pm. There will be lots of fun activities taking place including decorating gingerbread men, making reindeer food and a fun slime making workshop. Plus we are hoping to have our annual visit from Father Christmas. Please come along and support your school!

Your child should of arrived home on Friday with a sweet cup in their school bags. Where possible, please decorate the cup, fill with sweets/chocolate, named and returned to school on Friday 6th December. The best decorated cup will be announced at a special assembly on Thursday 12th December where the winner will receive a prize.

From Monday 2nd December, please bring in any unwanted items that you would like to donate for the Christmas Fair. This can include bottles of drink, sweets or chocolate, books, toys, teddies and any good quality bric-a-brac. There will be a table in Reception for you to leave the items.

Lastly, a board will be put up by the school entrance should anyone wish to volunteer to help out at the Christmas Fair. Please write your name down if you can help in any way or you can e-mail us at friends@ololpta.org.uk.

Many thanks in advance for your support and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

*** PLEASE SEE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ***

After School Clubs

Mon - French - Yrs Rec 1, 2 & 3 - Theatrix Yrs R, 1 & 2
Tue - Taekwondo
Weds - Multiskills Rec-& Yr 1
Thurs - Theatrix Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6
Fri- Multisports Yrs 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

*** 2020 INSET DAYS 3rd April, 1st June & 22nd July ***

Dates for Your Diary

DECEMBER

7th December - Christmas Fair

10th December - Reception Christmas Craft Day

11th December Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

12th December Elf on the 12th - Come to school dressed as an Elf - Please bring in a £1.00 donation for the children's Rocking horse appeal

18th December Christmas Discos - KS1 2 - 3pm KS2 3.30 - 4.30

20th December Christmas around the World Exhibition

December Advent Dates

Weds 4th December - 1.30 Infant Nativity

Thurs 5th December - 9.30—Infant Nativity

Tues 10th December - 1.30 KS2 Advent Reflection

Fri 13th December - 9.30 KS2 Advent Reflection

Please note the Triple P Workshop in Arabic has been cancelled

Due to unforeseen circumstances Brighton & Hove council children's centre are not able to run the Triple P workshops in Arabic language at this time. We hope to provide this service in the future and will get back to you as soon as we have dates.

Dates that have been cancelled for your information:

4 December, 12-2pm at Cottessmore St Mary's school

12 December, 12-2pm at Friends Meeting House

We apologise for any inconvenience

*** PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENTS ***

Cost of Trips By Year Group Over Time

Year Group	Term	Trip/Event	Cost	Total Cost per year
Reception	Autumn	No trip etc	£0	Approx. £19
	Spring	• Wilderness Wood	£19	
	Summer	• Rottingdean rock pools	£0	
Year 1	Autumn	• Lewes Castle (Year A) • Dinosaur Dome Guy (in school) (Year B)	£20.00 £10.00	Year A £27.50
	Spring	• Chinese Workshop (Year A) • Drusilla's (Year B)	£7.50 £15.00	Year B £30.50
	Summer	• Kipling Gardens (Year A) • Brighton Fishing Museum (Year B)	£0 £5.50 *Only cost of coach (cannot find price) Could do class at a time and bus one day after the other	
Year 2	Autumn	• Lewes Castle (Year A) • Dinosaur Dome Guy (in school) (Year B)	£20.00 £10.00	Year A. £27.50
	Spring	• Chinese Workshop (Year A) • Drusilla's (Year B)	£7.50 £15.00	Year B £30.50
	Summer	• Kipling Gardens (Year A) • Brighton Fishing Museum-Coach Only	£0 £5.50 *Only cost of coach (cannot find price) Could do class at a time and bus one day after the other	
Year 3	Autumn	• Preston Manor (Year A) • Pavilion and Volks railway and talk from Mr Volks (Year B)	£12.50 £10.00	Year A £34.50
	Spring	• Ashdown Forest - Coach Only (Year A) • Port Lympne (Year B)	£8 £25	Year B £57.00
	Summer	• Fishbourne Roman Palace (Year A) • British Museum (Year B)	£14.00 £22.00	
Year 4	Autumn	• Preston Manor (Year A) • Pavilion and Volks railway and talk from Mr Volks (Year B)	£12.00 £10.00	Year A £114.50
				Year B

	Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ashdown Forest - Coach Only (Year A)• Port Lympne (Year B)	£8 £25	£137.00
	Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fishbourne Roman Palace (Year A)• British Museum (Year B)• Swimming	£14.00 £22.00 £80.00	
Year 5	Autumn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portsmouth Historic Dock (Year A)• Newhaven Fort (Year B)	£18.50	£220.50
	Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Viking Day – in school (Year A)• Mayan Day – in school (Year B)	£7.00	
	Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sayers Croft	£195.00	
Year 6	Autumn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portsmouth Historic Dock (Year A)• Newhaven Fort (Year B)	£18.50 (?) £18.50 (?)	£355.50
	Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Viking Day – in school (Year A)• Mayan Day – in school (Year B)	£7.00	
	Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Backlands Farm	£330.00	
Total Cost over 7 Years	<p>Year A £799.00 Year B £908.50</p> <p>This is approximately £854 (£122 per year) over the 7 year period.</p> <p>The significant costs being the year 5 and 6 residential trips.</p> <p>The school will look to work with the Parent Council and families to ensure a calendar of trips is organized in advance and that families can pay by instalments over time for all trip voluntary contributions. Once agreed this can be set out on parent pay.</p>			



PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2019

Welcome and minutes of the last meeting

Apologies were received from Nicki Lawes, Marisa Nixon and Sinead Nelson.

Present

Anita Philbrook (Acting Headteacher), Urszula Funnell (parent rep) Hayley Thistlewaite (parent rep), Orla Andrew (parent rep), Helen Snow (parent governor), Jessica Winter (parent governor), Candice Hogan and Sophia Fadil reception parents and Emma Briggs (co-chair).

Minutes of last meeting

It was agreed that EB would share the school development fund letter to members to review. Outstanding actions – EB to send PING FAQ to office for inclusion in newsletter.

Minutes of the meeting were reviewed and approved

Re-election of roles

Marisa Nixon stood down as a role of parent rep for year 5 due to other commitments, Laura Carpenter and Emma Briggs will remain as co-chairs; this will enable the meetings to be held on alternate Mondays and Fridays. Thank you to Hayley Thistlewaite for agreeing to take on the role secretary and to Candice Hogan and Sophia Fadil for taking up the role of reception parent reps.

Action: EB to share the Terms of Reference which contains more details about the roles.

Swimming

AP feedback that the school has a statutory duty to provide swimming and water safety lessons and each pupil is required to be swim competently over a distance of at least 25 metres. It was noted that the cost to provide swimming has increased since last year. The cost includes the hire of the pool, lifeguards, instructors and transport. To keep the costs to a minimum the school will be using Brighton and Hove buses to return to school after the lesson, rather than a coach (which was used previously) and this reduces the cost from £85 to £55. Parents can pay via installments if required and pupil premium is available.

HT mentioned a swimming school called Wet Wet Wet who provide instructors and the possibility of using the pool in St Dunstan's. This will be taken forward as an option for next year.

Cost of school trips

AP tabled a document which shows the approximate cost by year group of school trips from reception to year 6. The total cost of school trips over 7 years is approximately £854 (£122 per year) per child.

The school will look to work with the parent council and families to ensure a calendar of trips is organized in advance and that families can pay by instalments over time for all trip voluntary contributions. This can then be set out up parent pay. A list of the current costs of school trips is attached.

Action: AP/EB and Ruth Ali (clerk to the governors) to take forward.

Time out Policy

The behavior policy was discussed and there was discussion that for some children, time out could have a negative impact on a child who requires play as an important part of their self-regulation. AP reiterated that the use of "time out" is with regards to behavior during playtime and not due to a child's behavior in class. Two main reasons time out will be used is for reflection, to enable children to evaluate their behavior choices in the playground and/or to remove children from the playground to ensure the safety of others.

It was noted that the behavior policy requires a review and a focus on an Inclusion section.

Action: All reps to review behavior policy. Will be discussed again once the new head teacher is in post in the New year.

Parent attendance at events

OA mentioned that for most parents who work part time, Mondays and Fridays are most likely to be the days when they are not at work. It was asked if meet the teacher events and workshops etc. could take place on Mondays or Fridays wherever possible.

Action: AP to take into consideration when organizing future dates however needs to align with staff training requirements.

Any other business

Notice of school trips

It was asked that when parents volunteer to go on a school trip could more notice be given when they have been chosen, as it can be difficult to get the time off from work at short notice.

Action: AP to speak to teachers and office staff.

Food allergies

HT mentioned that it would be helpful to have a list of foods that include ingredients, which may not be obvious, but could affect a child that has an allergy, for example pesto. This would help to ensure that parents are aware when sending children in with a packed lunch.

Action: HT to contact office for a list to share with parents.

School events

AP informed the meeting that Christmas around the world will be taking place in December. The school will also be running forest school lessons in the New Year and

will ask for a voluntary contribution of cost £2 per child to cover the cost of the forest school instructor.

It was discussed and agreed that a cake sale will be held on Thursday 14th November, to raise funds for Children in Need.

Date of next meeting: A Friday to be confirmed.

If you would like to get in touch email parentcouncil@lourdes.brighton-hove@sch.uk or Facebook <https://m.facebook.com/groups/1849579305353769>

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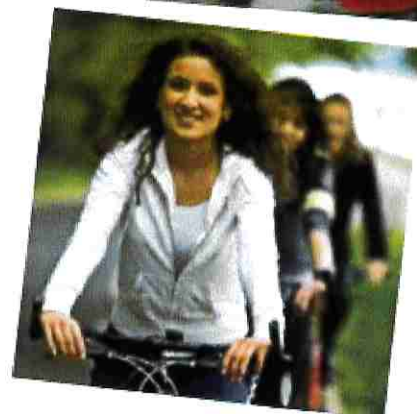
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