



Newsletter

An Academy as part of The Westbrook Trust

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Headline: Happy New Year and welcome back!

We have had a really good start to term 3: pupils have returned to school rested and raring to go, which is a great start to our whole school SEAL topic **'Going for Goals'** and our whole school Value for the term which is **'Enthusiasm.'**

Our main whole school topic in term 3 is **'Food, Glorious Food!'**

For this annual topic, each phase area focusses on a particular location, researching and learning about these regions to culminate in a food creation and tasting event.

Foundation Stage are learning about China and the traditional custom of **Chinese New Year**. They will be working with traditional objects, stories and food.

Year 1 have **London** as their key location to learn about and will be designing and making a traditional afternoon tea for the end of term.

Year 2 will be comparing and contrasting 2 countries – **Nepal and Wales**. They will be tasting traditional food from both countries and making a vegetarian dish for the end of term.

LKS2 (years 3 and 4) are focussing on **Italy**: learning some language and appreciating art and music from this country. They will be learning all about pizza – including making and tasting it!

UKS2 (years 5 / 6) are learning about **Brazil** and the climate and geographical features of South America, and contrasting Mardi Gras with festivals from other religions. They will be experimenting with different tastes to design and make their own version of Brazilian 'Pao de Queijo' (Cheese Bread)

Topic homework packs will be launched today so make sure to check the website for more details!

Staffing:

We are pleased to welcome Mr Graham Chantler to Brompton-Westbrook. Mr Chantler is the Deputy Head at Byron Primary and will be joining us for half the week, while Mr Allen works at Byron for 2.5 days per

week. Mr Chantler will be mainly teaching in UKS2 and some other classes and you will spot him on the gate some days too. We would also like to welcome Mrs Katrina Hayward who started with us in the very last week of last term as a Year 1 Teaching Assistant.

Parking

Parking is becoming increasingly more and more of a problem around school, and the potential for a serious accident is increasing as many cars are parked inappropriately near the gates and fence where children need to walk to gain access to the building.

I have contacted **Medway Council Parking Enforcement Team** for support and have requested further support from the MOD. We will also be looking into different options through the review of the school's Travel Plan – which could include **temporarily restricting access to the road for certain times of the day if we feel the safety of children is too compromised**. The easiest way to solve the problem is to walk if you can, or park and walk if you can't walk all the way to school. Our 'drop off' system works really well providing people pull up, drop their child off and then are able to use the roundabout to turn around and leave again, but so often the roundabout is congested which leads to a jam. Let's make 2016 the year when we finally crack this problem! Leave earlier – park further away and enjoy the time walking to school with your child knowing that you are helping the community, the environment and your health!



Term Dates

Class Assemblies

Wednesday 13th January – 2F

Wednesday 20th January – 2C

Wednesday 27th January - 1C

Wednesday 3rd February - 1B

Winter Term

Tuesday January 5th -

Friday February 12th

Easter Term

Monday 22nd February -

Friday 1st April

Easter weekend

Friday 25th March and

Monday 28th March

Spring Term

Monday 18th April -

Friday 27th May

Bank holiday Monday 2nd May

Summer Term

Tuesday 7th June -

Friday 22nd July

Last week of last term **top three highest attendance** was achieved by the following classes:

2F - 99.1%

1C - 98%

5/6B - 97.8%

Well done!

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Lunchtime helpers

If you have ever wondered what the children get up to over their lunch break and have some spare time, we would be extremely grateful for any offers of help during the lunch breaks in the Foundation Stage. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Lewis for more information.

Easy fundraising December raffle

Our winner is Miss Copping! The totals start again from 8th January 2016. The winner of the January hamper will be the person who has raised the most funds after this date.

Reminders

Parent Academy

Please check our website for some fantastic opportunities for you at our very own Parent Academy, launched on Friday 4th December. There are some exciting opportunities for you to learn more about all kinds of issues that are important to not only your children, but the whole community.

Health & Wellbeing

Clothing

Please remember to send your child's PE kit into school on Mondays and leave it here all week taking it home to wash on Fridays. That way, if your child gets wet in the current puddles they have a spare set of clothes to change into. It also means if PE days have to be altered for any reason, your child will be ready for their lesson. Also, please ensure everything your child brings to school has their name clearly marked.

Year 6 height and weight programme

The school nurse visits school annually to weigh and measure the pupils in Y6. Please complete the permission form sent home with your child if you do NOT want your child to participate and return it to the school office in a named envelope. Thank you.

In The Community

Insight have a meeting on Monday 11th January 7 - 9pm at St Augustine's church room, Rock Avenue, Gillingham ME7 5PW. Cost £1 when representatives from Insight will be talking to parents.

Insight are a charitable organisation providing psychology therapies to anyone 18 and over suffering from common mental health difficulties. This could be anxiety, depression, stress, panic, anger, low mood, phobias, family problems and trauma. This is a free to use service for anyone registered with a GP in Kent or Medway. We look forward to meeting you all on the 11th to share what our service is able to offer and hopefully answer any questions you may have

Pat on the Back

3/4K - Charlie M for his thoughtful questions and interest in geography this week. Grant H for his challenge and independent work in numeracy this week

3/4M - Joshua T for consistently following the school charter and rules. Charlotte for her contributions and feedback in Read Write Inc

3/4S - Yubin and Antea for receiving the most WOW messages, across a variety of subjects

5/6B - Nuima and Shannon for their artwork at Brompton academy

5/6S - Amy MJ for her recently improved dedication to her home learning. Ruby for consistently challenging herself in maths.

5/6P - Robert for singing a solo at carol concert, Rushell, Ben and Maame for their artwork at Brompton Academy

Brompton Sunshines and Sure Start Children's Centre

Children's New Year Party - Saturday 9th January 2016, 10.30am-12.00noon: Come and celebrate 2016 by attending our spectacular party, with children's entertainer, Mrs Back to Front. Party snacks will be provided. **Booking required. To book, contact the Children's Centre on 01634 844152 (option 1).**

Understanding Your Child - starts Friday 22nd January 2016, 9.30am-11.30am: Calling all parents with children up to the age of seven. Do you sometimes feel you are at breaking point with your child's unwanted behaviour? The centre will be running a group to help and support parents to understand their child's behaviour. Offering practical advice on understanding how your child is feeling and why they behave the way they do. The group meets once a week for 2 hours on Fridays. **Booking required. Please contact the Centre on 01634 844152 (option 1).**

Financial & Benefits Advice – every Thursday, between 09.00 and 12.00. Would you like financial and benefits advice from a trained Home Start Financial Fitness Champion? The children's centre, in partnership with Home-Start Medway, are offering adults advice on a number of financial issues, including: highlighting priority debts, checking whether you are getting all the benefits you are entitled to, letters to debt companies and budgeting. 1-1 hourly appointments are available at the Childrens Centre on Thursdays between 09.00 and 12.00. **Booking required. Please contact the Centre on 01634 844152 (option 1).**

Inclusions this week

- Year 6 height and weight permission letter

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, achieving equal opportunities and combating discrimination

Acting Head of School: Mrs Sue Mason Acting Assistant Heads: Mrs Price (4-7 year olds) and Mr Allen(7-11 year olds)

Family Liaison Officer (for families with children aged 5-11) Mrs Karen Little 07535 696125

Community Liaison Officers (for families with children aged 0-5) Mrs Julie Flain 07496 382923 & Mrs Shona Budge 07496 382926