



# Newsletter

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## Headline:

Happy New Year and welcome back! We have had a great start to the term and to 2017 with everyone coming back raring to go and ready to learn!

Our SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) topic this term is 'Going for Goals' and the whole school value that we are focusing on is 'Enthusiasm' so between these 2 areas we will be able to sail through the coldest and darkest time of the year.

Speaking of which, it is time to get prepared for the possibility of snowy weather. Please remember that unless there is **very** heavy snow which affects our key services such as water and heating, the school will remain open. This school has not been closed on **any** occasion due to snow in the last 2 decades! We realise that by closing we compromise others. Many of our parents are employed in key services, such as hospitals and care homes, and would not be able to work if the school closed. Absences due to bad weather may be unauthorised.

If there is bad weather, we will use our text messaging service and Twitter to keep you updated (@BWPrimary). Please ensure we have your correct mobile phone number. Please **DO NOT** telephone the school for information as staff are likely to be making special arrangements for the day.

If children have to remain at home and you have the internet, there will be plenty of school work accessible on the school website through home learning resources. Home days due to snow are **NOT** holidays. If the school closes for snow, the Department for Education will expect us to open on another extra day during the year. If children work at home, then this will not be necessary. Those children who do not have the internet can still get work for the day by telephoning after

10:00 for a list of activities that can be described over the telephone.

Children attending school will be able to go out to play or choose to stay inside during break and lunch times, once staff have undertaken a risk assessment of the site. Children who wish to go out to play will need a change of trousers and footwear and warm weather gear including hat and gloves. We have great fun at school during snowy weather and usually we use the snow as a focus for some excellent learning.



Boom Dance Club end of term display



Magic Club end of term display

## Coming Soon

**Class Assemblies in the school hall at 0900 and afterwards join your child for refreshments in their classroom**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January - 2R**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January - 1B**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January - 1C**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February - 2C**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

## Parent Consultations

**Week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

## Winter Term 2017

Tuesday 3rd January –

Friday 10th February

## Easter Term 2017

Tuesday 21st February – Friday

31st March

## Spring Term 2017

Tuesday 18th April –

Friday 26th May

Bank holiday Monday 1st May

## Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 6th June –

Tuesday 25th July

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

**5S and 3/4F - 97.8%**

**FS2B - 98.9%**

**FS2H - 99.5%**

## News

**Intro to Synchro Classes are available through the Medway Sport Swim Academy:**

Stage 8 - Tuesday 5:30 - 6:15pm - Boom Pool  
Stage 9 - Tuesday 4:45 - 5:30pm - Main Pool

Tuesday 10th January 2017 - Tuesday 28th March.

Cost: £66.00 for members and £81.40 for non-members.

Your child must have reached ASA Stage 7+, be aged 7+ and be able to swim confidently to attend these lessons.

Booking can be made through Reception at Medway Park or contact the swim co-ordinator on 01634 336644 for more details.

### Year 1 Parents

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January, you are warmly invited to join your child for an afternoon tea event in the school hall at 3.00pm. Hope you can come along and join us.

### Breakfast and After School Club

We are looking for donations of good quality games so if your children have anything they no longer play with please consider donating the items to the BA club. Thank you.

### Parents of 3/4K

As many of you already know Mrs King will be leaving us in the next week to have a baby. We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Mrs Tindall to teach 3/4K. So that parents of 3/4K can say goodbye to Mrs King and meet Mrs Tindall we would like to invite you to an open afternoon on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January from 3pm.

### Hall Hire

If you are interested in hiring our school hall for any reason, please contact the school office either by phone on 01634 844152 or by email to [bromptonoffice@thewesbrooktrust.org](mailto:bromptonoffice@thewesbrooktrust.org) for further information and prices. Thank you.

## Rights Respecting Schools



As a Rights Respecting School, every week we remind ourselves of an article from the Convention of the Rights of the Child:

### Article 15

You have the right to choose your own friends and join or set up groups, as long as it isn't harmful to others.

## Reminders

### Library Bus

The library bus will be at school on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January so please remind your child to bring their library ticket to school.

### Absence

If your child is absent from school please either send an email to [absence@bromptonwestbrook.medway.sch.uk](mailto:absence@bromptonwestbrook.medway.sch.uk) stating your child's name, their class, the reason for the absence and the expected date of return by 9am on the first day of absence or call 01634 844152, select option 2 and be ready to give the information listed above. You can, of course, telephone the office before 9am to inform us of an absence if you would prefer.

### Head Teacher's Surgery

If you would like to meet the Head Teacher to discuss anything, please contact the school office for an appointment for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

### Homework

Can now be found on the school website. If you need a hard copy, please ask at the school office.

### Pat on the Back

3/4K - David for his increased independence and stamina in his maths work. Logan for his great start to the term and focus in his topic work

3/4M - Alfie for answering questions. Daniel T for supporting children in class when asked

3/4F - Edwin for his concentration and hard work during his art lessons. Markuss for being enthusiastic when attempting new strategies in numeracy

5S - Dora and Joseph for showing what they learnt about Mexico

5/6B - Eddie for being really enthusiastic about this term's topic. Shaina for being a really helpful partner

6S - Emma for PSHE and Dylan for his art work

## Brompton Sunshines and Sure Start Children's Centre

You and Your New Baby 5 weeks course starts Thursday 12th January, 12pm - 1.30pm

Introducing Solids starts Tuesday 17th January, 10am - 11.30am

Baby Massage, 4 weeks course starts Wednesday 18th January, 10.30am - 11.30am

Please call the centre on 01634 844152 option 1 to book a place. Come and pick up a new timetable at the centre or on the website

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

**Head Teacher: Mrs Sue Mason**

**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 Liddle 07535 696125

**Community Liaison Officers** (for families with children aged 0-5) Mrs Julie Flain 07535 696126 & Mrs Shona Budge 07947 997295