



# Newsletter

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## Headline:

### Attendance

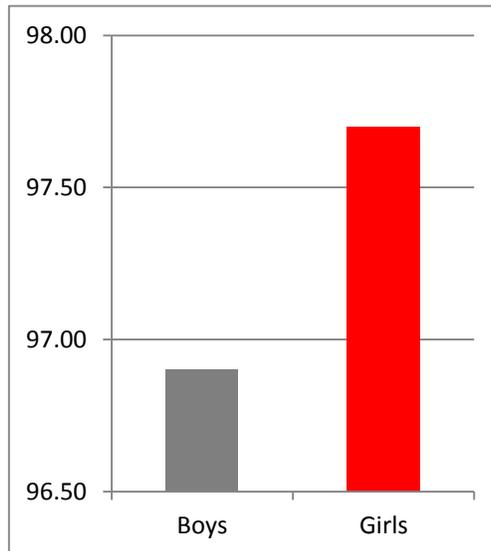
As you know we are very keen to promote good attendance at school and have robust systems and structures to monitor and support this. The children are also keen to raise our attendance rates.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know by calling the absence line. If you forget to call we will contact you to find out the reason for your child's absence. This is to help us check that your child is safe and also decide what type of absence to record. If you do not provide us with the information requested, the absence will automatically be registered as unauthorised, which will go on your child's record. If your child is feeling 'under the weather' please remember we can administer medicine in school. You simply need to complete a permission form. We are always happy to monitor a child who is feeling poorly and keep you updated during the day, and will ask you to collect them if necessary. If at all possible please arrange medical appointments for holidays or after school, and remember if you have to take your child to an appointment bring them to school first and they will receive their attendance mark for that session.

If your child struggles with their attendance we will refer you to the local authority Attendance Advisor for Schools and Academies. The 'AASA' officer will call on you to discuss your situation, and offer support. They may also ask you to provide medical evidence (such as a doctor's appointment card, a prescription or evidence of medication) to confirm your child's illness. The AASA can also issue court warning letters and fixed penalty notices as they see fit. Remember that last year the law changed regarding 'leave of absence' and now family holidays are no longer authorised at the head teacher's discretion. Family holidays over 5 days will automatically trigger a fixed

penalty notice (a fine) unless there are very exceptional circumstances.

Please encourage your child to attend school every day – so far this year our whole school attendance is 96.8%, which is in-line with national figures but we want to be better than average! Our children want to aim for over 97% attendance for the whole year so please help them achieve this. To help monitor our progress towards this target we will publish some attendance figures each week for your information.



## Coming Soon

**Year 2 - Shorne Country Park Trip**  
**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**  
**(Optional trip)**

**Year 1 – Dockyard Trip**  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**FS Sports day- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

**FS2 Howletts Trip – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

**Bouncy Castle Event – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

**Year 6 Leavers Prom- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

**Year 6 leavers Assembly – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

**Summer Term**  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

*Last week's top three highest attendance was achieved by the following classes*

**FS1 AM- 98.3%**

**FS2B- 96.9%**

**1C- 97.7%**

## News

### Sports Day Year 1- Year 6

Last Friday, children and adults alike enjoyed our annual sports day at Medway Park. A huge well done to all children for taking part. They were very well practised in the games and running races. Congratulations to the red team who were awarded the cup for their excellence during the games section and also to the blue team who won the sporting trophy. Children will be receiving their certificates during the next week for those placed first, second and third in the sprint and relay races. A huge thank you to all parents and guardians who were able to come and watch and for contributing to an atmosphere of support, encouragement and sporting achievements.

### Sponsored walk

Well done to Mr Presneill who completed his sponsored walk from London to Brighton in May. Completing it in 26 hours and 30 minutes, raising an amazing amount of £2000. Thank you to all who supported him.

## Reminders

### Free school Meals – Year 2

If your child is currently in **Year 2** and you think you may be eligible for free school Meals, you will need to apply through the Medway council website using the link below. If your child isn't eligible for free school meals as of **September 2016** you will need to pay for the lunches. Payments can be made via the school office or the class teacher. Money should be in a named envelope. If you prefer you can pay using the school BACS payment system, details are available from the school office or school website.

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/medway/>

### FS Sports day

FS Sports Day will be at the school on **Wednesday 6th July**. Everyone is welcome to come and watch! For **Nursery (am)** the activities will begin at **10.45am** and for **Nursery (pm)** the activities will begin at **1pm**. For Reception the activities will begin at **2.00pm**. Please send children into school in PE kit, with a named water bottle, wearing sun cream and a named hat. Children need to wear their coloured t-shirt on the day. We hope to see you all there!

### Pat on the Back

3/4K- Bethany for her contributions in RWInc and her hard work and determination in maths. Ellie Mai for her focus in maths.

3/4M- Keira for completing her times table race. Tyler for his constant hard work in RWI and numeracy

3/4S- Holly for her consistent focus and dedication to completing and improving her work in Read Write Inc. Damian for his work in numeracy this week including accurately reading decimals on a scale.

5/6B- Jessica G for her creative poetry work. Edward for his creative poetry writing.

5/6P-Freya for knowing what was right and sticking up for her friend in the right way. Brandon for managing the Maths Ambassadors so efficiently.

5/6S- Elsie for comprehension skills. Dylan for his fraction work in maths.

## Brompton Sunshines and Sure Start Children's Centre

### Sunshines:

#### FS1/FS2

Thank you to everyone who attended the Father's day 'Let's get physical event' it was lovely to see so many parents/carers join us.

### Events coming soon:

#### You and Your New Baby Group – starts Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016, 12pm-1.30pm:

The Centre in partnership with the Health Visiting Team run a group to support parents with young babies. The group is offered to first-time parents and those of you with a big gap between children. The sessions enable new parents to meet other parents whilst exploring and learning about relevant topics for the first year of life. The range of topics include: you and your new baby - what's it like being a new parent; child development - how to switch on your babies brain; solid foods - why you should wait until 6 months; minor ailments - when to call a doctor; and treasure baskets. There is a chance to have a chat and to ask any questions. There are also fun activities such as 'footprints' and a baby group photo. Come along - it's a great way to meet people with similar aged babies. The group meets for a five-week course, once a week on Thursdays. **Booking required. Please contact Lisa on 01634 844152 (option 1).**

#### Supporting Healthy Pregnancy Group – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 12pm-2.30pm:

This is a chance to spend time concentrating on your health and well-being in pregnancy, as well as an opportunity to meet other mums-to-be. The group will look at what a healthy, balanced diet is, and discuss physical activity during pregnancy. **Booking required. Please contact Lisa on 01634 844152 (option 1).**

## In the community

### Netball training for parents

Every Wednesday from 4.30pm until 6pm on the school playground. If you would like to join us then please check out the Facebook page 'Brompton Wives Netball' or email [judith.oj@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:judith.oj@hotmail.co.uk)

*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

