



# Newsletter

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## Headline:

Welcome back!

It's great to be back and see so many smiling, attentive and motivated children showing how eager they are to learn and develop. As you know we had a really successful year last year and hope to grow on this even more this year. What is impressive about our school community, which is forever changing as new families move in and out of the area, is that we all want our children to enjoy their education, achieve and do well for their future life. We all want what is best for our children and we work well together to ensure the best outcomes. Sometimes, things inevitably go a bit 'wrong' and we need to combine our forces of school and family to quickly solve the problem and work together to put this right. The sooner we know about any concerns or worries the better and the least impact will occur. We want to hear your views and listen to your ideas. Do make sure you speak to us and let us know of any concerns – class teachers are available on the door at the end of Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and you can make an appointment via the office to speak to them for a longer meeting. We have a staffing structure that provides a wide range of support so phase leaders can also help resolve any issues or concerns. We have a robust complaints policy that is available on the website should you feel you need to follow this course of action, but generally the earlier we know about your concerns the easier they are to resolve.

As I have mentioned, the children have all arrived back in school bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. They are keen to remain 'zero heroes' in terms of our behaviour policy and earn some WOW text messages to start working towards their bronze awards again. All of the behaviour awards are re-set at the start of the year. Remember to ask your child for the specific reason why they have earned a WOW text message – they should know!

Coming up this term is Harvest Festival (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October) and parent consultations (18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October) to name a few events. We look forward to seeing you all there. We will be asking for donations for Harvest to create a food display to donate to charity after the event.

Another piece of exciting news is that we have been asked to take part in a research study with the Manchester Institute of Education (University of Manchester) which has been commissioned by the Education Endowment Fund (a really powerful research board who run long-term studies around effective learning methods) to work with an organisation called Achievement for All. Years 4 and 5 will be taking part in the research and there is a letter attached for parents to read.



(From the leavers' prom)

**Coming Soon**  
**Environment Day**  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Harvest Festival**  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Parent Consultations**  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**Autumn Term 2016**  
Tuesday 6th September - Friday 21st October  
**Christmas Term 2016**  
Tuesday 1st November - Friday 16th December  
**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

Year 2 Trip November  
Approximate cost £15 to be confirmed

**Attendance for the whole of last year was:**

**94%**

We are aiming for above 96% attendance. Each week we will celebrate the high attendance of the top 3 classes here.

## News

### Environment Day

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September is our Environment day. Please could all children come to school dressed in appropriate gardening clothing. If your child has their own gloves, tools or brooms that they could bring with them on the day, please ensure that they are labelled with their names. If you would like to donate bulbs or plants for planting we would be very grateful.

### Slimming World

Great news – Every Thursday at 7.30pm starting on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 we are pleased to welcome Slimming World into the school to start running a weekly group to help you shed those unwanted holiday pounds! Tell your friends and family and look out for the special offers available to those joining on week 1. For further information please telephone David Currie on 07729 504636 or simply turn up! Good luck.

### Secondary Schools

Many of our Year 6 pupils are already preparing for their move to secondary school. We are sharing information from local secondary schools and sending home leaflets they send us with further information for you to read. This week we are sending home information from The Robert Napier School and Rainham School for Girls.

### Junior Signing Choir

If your child is aged between 5 and 12 and would love to learn how to sign through songs, then contact Karen at The Woodlands Art Centre on 07946 291589 for more information about this exciting new choir



### Rights Respecting Schools

#### Article 3

All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.

## Reminders

### Text messages

If you have changed your phone number over the summer, please inform the office so that we have the correct number for your text messages.

### Newsletter

Every child will have been given a copy of this week's newsletter. However, in future, hard copies will ONLY be given to children whose parents request a hard copy. The newsletter will be downloaded onto our school website every Friday afternoon and you will receive a text with a link to this. However, if you would like a printed copy, please speak to Mrs Harrison in the school office.

### Dinner Money

We have a **one-day credit policy to which we will STRICTLY adhere**. This means that the catering manager will not provide a meal for your child if you owe for the previous day. Refunds will be made termly.

### Pat on the Back

**3/4F** - Karolina for the positivity and enthusiasm she has shown in her start to year 3. James for helping new children to the class to settle in

**3/4M** - Jessica for being a perfect role model. Kiera for helping new children in the class

**3/4K** - Caitlin for her participation in whole phase singing. Rares for his focus when writing and taking care with his presentation

**5/5B** - Sarah for a fantastic start in year 5. Louisa for a fantastic start in year 6

**5S** - Oliver for being kind to other children and Grace S for working hard to improve her literacy and numeracy during the holidays

**6S** - Kedar and Amy W for their impressive maths this week

## Brompton Sunshines and Sure Start Children's Centre

### You and Your New Baby Group – starts Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 12.00-1.30pm:

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 baby's 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).**

### Inclusions:

- Years 4 & 5 "Achievement for All" information
- Slimming World flier
- Year 6 The Robert Napier School workshops
- Year 6 Rainham School for Girls

***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**