



Newsletter

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Headline:

Educational Visits, Charging and Remissions

As you will be very aware, school budgets are being squeezed very tightly at the moment and will become more restricted with Government budget changes over the next few years.

It seemed timely to share a reminder about the Charging Policy which we have in school and across the Westbrook Trust.

Schools have a delegated budget which supports the running of the school. This includes salaries, electricity, building repairs, books and pencils etc. It is important that the school looks after this money and makes the most of it. It is tax-payer's money and belongs to the children for their education. We will always look for best offers and every budget decision is carefully and thoughtfully made, with the school Governors kept informed of any changes. Because of our prudence over the last few years, the school is in quite a strong financial position to weather the financial storm that the world of education is currently experiencing and hopefully will remain so for the future but this is not to underestimate the cuts that schools are experiencing across the country.

The Charging Policy explains what charges will be levied on parents. This includes voluntary contributions for school trips. By law, schools may only ask for a voluntary contribution for education provided during the school hours. Children of parents who do not contribute are not treated differently. On occasions, when there are not enough voluntary contributions to fund the activity, we have to cancel. We do not subsidise children who do not pay with the money collected from those who do. Support for hardship cases and general subsidies for all trips come through the Pupil Premium Grant and other forms of income

Parents can be charged for activities that take place mainly outside school hours e.g. PGL Adventure Holidays. However, if a parent fails to make the full payment and incurs a debt that they cannot or do not pay, they will not be allowed to book a further trip until the previous balance has been settled. We also have a one day debt policy for school meals as dinner money debt is money that is missing from the money set aside to educate your children.

As well as asking for a contribution to the cost of school trips, we will also charge for property that is deliberately damaged. The levy depends on the replacement cost and the age/condition of the damaged item. Items on sale in school are charged at an agreed price and all pupils must pay in full if they wish to make a purchase.

We are always looking for innovative ways to raise additional funds for the school, and we thank you for your wholehearted support with this. Other lucrative income streams are lettings and our new school hall is proving to be a popular and growing venue for parties, groups and clubs. If you know of anyone who is looking out for a venue to hire please pass on our details!

The complete Charging Policy can be found on our website here:

http://www.bromptonwestbrook.medway.sch.uk/docs/Charging_and_remissions_2017.pdf



Coming Soon

HT Surgery - Monday 13th March
5.00 - 6.00pm Please make an appointment with the office

13th March - Year 5/6 recorder event in Central Hall Chatham

14th March - Springwatch sponsored walk

15th March - Library bus at school

16th March - Year 6 pupils weighed and measured

24th March - Red Nose Day - Your child can wear red if they pay £1.00

28th March - Easter Egg raffle

29th March LKS2 (Years 3 & 4) Production - to families at 10.45 and to adults only at 2.00pm

**31st March - Whole school tag day
3rd May - Class photographs**

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's top three highest attendance was achieved by the following classes:

FS2H - 100%

3/4F - 98.4%

5S - 98.1%

Well done FS2H!

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Lost Property

On Monday, our Learning Environment Team sorted the lost property cupboard and found the following **unnamed** items:

- 17 x hats
- 7 x scarves
- 4 x jumpers /cardigans
- 8 pairs of trousers
- 2 pairs of trainers
- 1 pair of shoes
- 1 pair of girl's boots
- 1 pair of football boots
- 5 x tee shirts
- 2 x water bottles
- 1 x football shirt
- 1 x pair of football socks
- 5 x jackets
- 14 x pairs of gloves
- 14 x odd gloves

If these items had been named, they would have been returned to their rightful owners.

Class competition

Next week is the launch of BWPS planter competition. Each class will be given one small planter to design and grow their own plants which will be judged later in the summer term. Children are invited to bring in outdoor seeds or small plants that can be planted at this time of year.

Clarification

Red Nose Day is Friday 24th March. We are selling red noses in the school office. If your child would like to dress in red clothes on that day, they need to pay £1.00 which will go to Comic Relief.

Separately, on Friday 31st March we have a tag day. If your child wishes to wear their own clothes to school you need to pay £1.00. You can see it is very important that these payments are clearly marked as we need to send the Red Nose Day money to Comic Relief. Neither of these are compulsory.

Thank you for your support.

BACs Payment

If you pay for anything by BACs please ensure you code it correctly - DM = dinner money; BA = breakfast and after school club etc. This will avoid any confusion. 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 22:

You have the right to special protection and help if you are a refugee (if you have been forced to leave your home and live in another country), as well as all the rights in this convention.

Reminders

Office Times

The school office is open from 08.30 - 16.30. If you need to speak to a member of the administration team, please come between those times. Thank you.

Pat on the Back

3/4K - Rares for listening well during science lesson and using his understanding to explain his learning well.

Antor for consistently producing learning that is always really well executed and presented beautifully

3/4M - Hemanta & Lara for their poetry work in RW1

3/4F - Ronnie for his improved neatness in his handwriting. Kimberlee for her hard work and improved stamina in poetry

5/6B - Lucas and Harry for leading their groups during bridge building

5S - Avyukt for sharing his knowledge of Hinduism with the class this week. Samanta for her written work comparing different celebrations as well as consistently being a role model

6S - Elsie and Ellena for volunteering to become peer mediators at short notice

Inclusions:

- None

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 Presneill (7-11 year olds)

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