



Newsletter

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Headline:

End of term

We have reached the end of another term!

This term is always a bit of a strange one because we have to break with routine in order to ensure that statutory testing is completed.

During the week commencing 8th May, Year 6 completed their end of Key Stage 2 tests in reading, grammar and maths. They had to complete 6 tests over four days. We were really impressed with their attitude and resilience towards these tests and are very proud of them. They sailed through the week and enjoyed the water fight at the end of it!

Last week, our Year 2 children also took SATS tests in reading and maths. We work hard to play down these tests and steer clear of using the word 'tests' with 6 and 7 year olds as much as possible. However, the children worked so hard to complete them and again, we are very proud of them. The Year 2 tests now form part of the evidence alongside all the work they do in class to give an overall assessment judgement at the end of the year.

With Year 2 and Year 6 tests, the school has statutory responsibilities to ensure that they are taken under certain conditions and that the test papers remain secure both before and after the tests are taken. During this testing period, Maria Demou (our Vice Chair of Governors) and Mrs Heyes (CEO of The Westbrook Trust) completed monitoring to ensure that this was the case. In addition, we received a no notice compliance check from the Local Authority. During this visit, they checked that all test papers were being stored correctly and securely and how we carried out the testing. They also checked how we controlled access to the room in which the test papers were stored, how we kept children apart who were due to sit the test at a later time and how we checked the test papers off after we had sat them. All monitoring carried out was completely positive and the

Local Authority officer described our practice as 'exemplary.'

Next term we are looking forward to enjoying the good weather and making the most of our wonderful site.

In case you want to get ahead with home research, topics are as follows:

Foundation Stage: Animals

Year 1 Sea Adventures

Year 2 Victorians

Lower Key Stage 2 The Tudors

Upper Key Stage 2 The Mayans

Have a wonderful week off and don't forget you get an extra day as Monday 5th June is a staff development day so children don't come back until Tuesday 6th June.

Mrs Mason



Bird Box project

There are just three more weeks of the Bird Box project remaining for 2017. It truly does feel like the past few months have passed by ever so quickly. We hope you have enjoyed watching the amazing footage of our resident blue tits during nesting season. They worked so hard and did so well! A full brood successfully fledged, with the last little chick plucking up the courage to leave the box last weekend. Please encourage your child to visit <http://www.seenature.org.uk/> to see other school's fledglings and learn lots about nature. Also, keep an eye out for the 'bird feeder webcam' – coming soon!

School Nurse Drop in Sessions

Following the success of the first drop in session, the school nurse has arranged another session. It will be on Tuesday 6th June. You can make an appointment with Mrs Harrison in the school office. The nurse will be here from 09.15 - 12.00 noon. These appointments can help parents with any concerns regarding sleep, behaviour, healthy lifestyle, sleep and toileting as well as height, weight and hearing checks. They are available for all year groups.

Coming Soon

6th June - School nurse drop in sessions 09.15 - 12.00 noon

30th June - Sports Day for years 1 - 6

**6th July - FS1 am children sports day at 10.00am
FS1 pm children at 1.00pm and FS2 children at 2.00pm**

**7th July - Reserve Sports Day
14/15th July Y3/4 residential trip**

25th July - Leavers' Service

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:

FS2L - 98.5%

FS2B - 98.8%

2C - 99.6%

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Careers afternoon

We held a very successful careers afternoon for pupils in Years 5 and 6 last week. Thank you to all who attended and supported the event.

Sports Day Years 1 - 6

Sports day will be at Medway Park on Friday 30th June. We aim to start by 9.45am and everyone is welcome to come along and cheer the children on. Please send children into school in PE kit (including their coloured t-shirt), with a packed lunch including an extra drink, wearing sun cream and a hat. If your child is entitled to a free school meal school we will provide them with a packed lunch. Remember to pre-book your child's lunch choice through the school office. We hope to finish by 12.30pm. Afterwards we will be eating our packed lunches at Medway Park and you are welcome to join us. You may take your child home directly from Medway Park (after informing their class teacher) otherwise your child will be brought back to school to be sent home at 1.15pm or for them to participate in their club as normal. If you would like someone else to collect your child from sports day please let us know in writing.

FS Sports day

FS Sports Day will be at the School on Thursday 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, 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!

FS2 Trip to Howletts Zoo

Children in FS2 are invited to come to Howletts Zoo on Wednesday 12th July. Please see letter attached/sent home.

Safety in Action

Year 6 pupils will be attending a fun event at MKC on 14th June. Please see attached letter.

Fundraising

Mr Presneill, Mrs Price and Mr Allen are walking from London to Brighton on Sunday to raise funds for the school. If you would like to donate, their justgiving page is <https://www.justgiving.com/brompton-westbrookprimary>



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 29:

Your education should help you use your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

Reminders

Race Night

This will be on Friday 16th June at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are available from the office at £4.00 per person. Please provide your own drinks and nibbles. Please order your tickets as soon as possible to prevent disappointment!

Pat on the Back

FS2B - Scarlett B for trying hard in her phonic session.

De'Andre for his animated singing in assembly

FS2H - Rafe for his amazing maths work, counting in 2s,5s and 10s. Hollie for adding single digit numbers together and beginning recording

FS2L - Ruby K and Eghos for trying hard in their new RWI group

1B - Alice and Aksha for really good partner work, producing a textured map of the school

1C - Anna for her determination and hard work in trying to recall all of her set 2 sounds. Taylor B for really good data handling work this week

2C - Gabriela for her perseverance in maths when using language linked to properties of shape. Praveen for working hard to improve his writing in a persuasive letter

2R - Evie for making tremendous progress in maths.

Oliver for showing determination when faced with a challenge

3/4K - Charlie for his own composition in ocarinas and for performing this piece really well to an audience.

Maisie for over coming her nerves really well and performing her own composition in ocarinas

3/4M - Joshua & Lara for excellent presentation and stamina in their work this week

3/4F - Karolina for finding all the objects during our outside numeracy lesson. Amelia for working hard in our geography lesson where we explored how different mountains are formed.

5/6B - Ryan and Arnab for asking interesting questions during the careers afternoon

5S - Samuel for asking pertinent questions and courteous conduct during the Careers Fair. Oliver for volunteering to help with the Children's Newsletter

6S - Jessica and Jack for their group work in maths

Inclusions:

- Primary Times
- FS2 Howletts Zoo letter
- Safety In Action letter - Year 6

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

Head Teacher: Mrs Sue Mason

Deputy 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