



Newsletter

An Academy as part of The Westbrook Trust

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Headline:

Volunteers, Parent Helpers and Students

We love it when people from our community want to volunteer for us in school. It adds **immeasurable value, great support and brilliant opportunities** for our pupils and staff.

If you can spare any time at all and would like to help out please get in touch with us. You may be able to make a regular commitment, an occasional commitment or a one off commitment every now and then – we are grateful for any time you can share with us!

Typical support that we get from volunteers and parent helpers ranges from **hearing readers, supporting children with art and craft work, helping them with handwriting, learning tables and other activities.**

If you have a particular skill, interest or hobby we can make good use of you.

You may prefer to help out with the **Friends of Brompton**, our fantastic group of helpers who support Mrs Knight with all of our fundraising events for the children. This can include making gifts to sell at our Mother's and Father's Day markers, helping to run the Christmas market and other events such as film nights and discos.

You may prefer to help out in the office with **administration duties**, or even offer some support to Mr Andrews, our **site** manager (especially as Lewis Busby, our site apprentice, is leaving this week.)

We usually ask parent helpers to help in areas of the school that are away from their own children although we are always looking for volunteers to support on **school trips**.

If you help out regularly for at least one day a week we can even offer you a delicious **complimentary school**

lunch!

If you think you are interested in helping out in school please contact any of the following people for more details.

Foundation Stage	Mrs Lewis
Key Stage One	Miss Clarke or Miss Copping
Lower KS2	Mr MacDonald
Upper KS2	Miss Sandow
Office	Mrs Harrison
Friends of Brompton	Mrs Knight
Site	Mr Andrews

In the next few weeks we will also be advertising for a **Parent Governor** as a vacancy has arisen due to one of our Governors moving out of the area...watch this space...



Coming Soon

Harvest Festival
Thursday 6th October

Parent Consultations
Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th 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

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

FS2H - 100%

1C - 99.1%

3/4M 98.3%

Well done FS2H

News

Primary School Admission

Was your child born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013? If so, you need to apply for a primary school place. A booklet has been sent home with each eligible child.

Sad News

As you may have seen in the news, Cllr Mike O'Brien, Medway Council's portfolio holder for Education, passed away last week after a short illness.

Cllr Mike has been a loyal supporter of The Westbrook Trust and a great advocate for education in Medway. He was a lovely man, with an incredibly positive outlook and was very appreciative of the hard work and commitment provided by schools. The Westbrook Trust will be attending his funeral and making a donation in his honour to the Arethusa Old Boys Association. If you would like to make a contribution please do so via the school office.

Playground

The children, through the School Council, decided last year that they don't think that children should be allowed to play before they come into school each morning. Rather, children should wait patiently and calmly to get them ready for their learning. We would like parents and carers to help their children with this by keeping them near and not allowing them to run around the playground or play on the equipment. Many thanks.

FS2 Friday club

Begins on Friday 23rd September - there are limited places. Please see letter attached.

Go Wild Club

This is an *additional* club for Years 1,2,4, 5 & 6 - please see letter for full details. Yr 3 will access Forest School through their learning this year.



Rights Respecting Schools

Article 4

The government has a responsibility to make sure your rights are protected. They must help your family to protect your rights and create an environment where you can grow and reach your potential.

Reminders

Secondary School Admission

Your application must be submitted by 4pm on Monday 31st October 2016. The website address is

www.medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions

Pat on the Back

FS2B - Dylan for his imagination when using the construction resources. Mia for always following the school rules and being a good role model for other children

FS2H - Phillip for being a caring and helpful friend. Maria for being a good role model

FS2L - Ella and James for being a fantastic role models in our class

1B - Jasmine for settling into school quickly and being a great role model to others. Lacie for a great attitude in her learning, especially in maths where she attempts all challenges

1C - Zacharias for working hard on his writing and Annabelle for positive attitudes to her learning

2C - Devon for his SPAG work this week and successfully sorting nouns into groups. Rafael for being a good role model to the rest of his class

2R - Upile for being an amazing role model. Charlie for always trying his best at his work

Brompton Sunshines and Sure Start Children's Centre

Introducing Solid Foods & Oral Health – Tuesday 20th September 2016, 10am-11.30am: Is your baby aged 4-6 months old? Join your health visiting and children's centre teams at this one-off session on introducing solid foods, and when to visit the dentist. Topics include jars vs. homemade, baby led feeding, and more! Also pick up your FREE toothbrush and 'baby's first cup'! **Booking required. Please contact Lisa on 01634 844152 (option 1).**

Understanding Your Child - starts Friday 14th October 2016, 9.30am-11.30am: Calling all parents with children up to the age of seven. Do you sometimes feel you are at breaking point with your child's unwanted behaviour? The Centre will be running a group to help and support parents to understand their child's behaviour. Offering practical advice on understanding of how your child is feeling and why they behave the way they do. The group meets once a week for 2 hours on Fridays. **Booking required. Please contact the Centre on 01634 844152 (option 1).**

Basic Paediatric First Aid Course – Wednesday 19th October 2016, 6.30pm-8.30pm: This is an adult learning session, so children will be unable to attend. We ask for a £5 donation with all proceeds going to the British Heart Foundation. **Booking Essential. Please contact Lisa on 01634 844152 (option 1), to book your place.**

Inclusions:

- Go Wild club letter
- Admission to Primary School Booklet (selected Nursery children)

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

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

- FS2 Friday club letter