



Newsletter

An Academy as part of The Westbrook Trust

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Headline:

Summer's Here!

It's Summer Holiday time! I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and contribution to another successful year at Brompton-Westbrook.

We have achieved more great results this year:

- really high levels of 'GLD' (Good Level of Development) in Foundation Stage again
- our highest ever **phonics screen** results in year 1
- some good results in Year 2 with the trickiest **KS1 SATS** tests yet
- consistently high in-house **teacher assessment** and test scores in the lower juniors
- fantastic **Year 6 SATS** results, which are 24% higher than the national average combined scores!

This is not to mention the great strides our children have made in all areas of the curriculum – we are really proud of the work that Miss Staples has done with the **Forest School** and delighted that we can continue to grow (groan!) this next year and enable more pupils to access Forest school; our new behaviour policy is well embedded now and children are enjoying having WOW messages sent home, being '**zero heroes**', having their end of term rewards and, for a few, attending the Head Teacher's tea party. We've had **art competition** winners, **sports teams** playing really well against other local schools, more **musical instrument** tuition than ever before and children participating in a national Forces conference and video to name but a few highlights of the year. In addition to this we have become a **PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) Charter School**, with Mrs Marie being awarded Chartered Teacher Status and BWPS is now a **National Support School**, with Mrs Heyes being designated a National Leader of Education.

All of the above have been aided by our fabulous school community of staff, governors, trustees, community partners and wonderful parents. All in all, it's been a great year!

We have a few small changes for 2016 / 2017

Mr Allen is changing his job – he will be Director of Learning for The Westbrook Trust, which will mean he will be working with all Westbrook Trust schools to develop the quality of teaching and learning. We will still be seeing a lot of him though as at the moment, as you know, the Trust is still just 2 schools; us and Byron.

Mr Presneill will become our Assistant Head Teacher for KS2 and also for Assessment and Data. This will enable us to streamline our data tracking systems even further, as mentioned in our Ofsted report from February 2015.

Miss Sandow will become Upper Key Stage Two leader and Mrs Stewart is joining the Year 5 / 6 team.

Mr Fright is moving up into the lower juniors – as we have over 75% boys in current year 2 we thought this would be a good idea to keep the discussions going about football!

Mrs Cobley is now back from maternity leave and she will be joining the Year 2 team, along with Mrs Waterman, who will be doing her School Direct teacher training in Year 2.

Miss Webb is getting married over the summer – she will return as Mrs Howard.

Miss Brasted is also getting married – she will be Mrs Buxton, and **Ms Waterman** is getting married as well but she is keeping her name so will be Mrs Waterman in September.

We are also saying a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils and several other families who are leaving us for pastures new. We wish you all the very best of luck for your future.

Coming Soon

Children return to school on **TUESDAY 6th September**

- 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

- FS2W - 97.6%
- 3/4K and 5/6B - 97.7%
- FS2L - 98.5%



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Topics for term 1:

Foundation Stage All About Me. Children will settle in to their new classes, become aware of their new surroundings and the people in them. We will share our knowledge about ourselves and our family and friends. FS1 children will be learning to use counting for a purpose.

FS2 children will learn their sounds and numbers to 20.

Year 1 All About Me. During the term children will produce a booklet about different areas of their lives, e.g. family, friends, school, favourite things. We will also be writing about where we live and what we like and dislike about it. In addition, we will be delving into the story of Snow White and creating our own dwarf that could be included in our story.

Year 2 London's Burning. We will be learning about the great fire of London and the gunpowder plot. We will be using dance, art and poetry to explore movements of fire/flames and writing an eyewitness account of what it would have been like if we had been in the fire.

Year 3 and 4 will be investigating Ancient Civilisations. In particular our focus will be on Ancient Egypt. We will be learning about lifestyle; life of the Pharaohs; religions and customs and the legacy of Ancient Egypt. In science we will be looking at forces and in particular we will be learning about friction. In RE we will look at the importance of celebrations in Jewish life. Art will focus on drawing and painting skills and will be related to the topic work

Year 5 and 6 Children will be learning about Anglo Saxons. We will learn about the geography of Europe. In science, we will be testing materials to help us design and make a container or carrier for a mobile phone. There will be an Anglo Saxon day with a visitor in school to show some artefacts and help with our learning.



Rights Respecting Schools

All children have these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what their parents do, what language they speak, what their religion is, whether they are a boy or girl, what their culture is, whether they have a disability, whether they are rich or poor. No child should be treated unfairly on any basis.

Reminders

Bouncy Castle Event - Thank you

To everyone who made this such a success. With special thanks to Parima Paper Ashford, Just Cutts butchers of Rainham, Creams Ice Cream Parlour Dockside, R J Kingsland Grocers Maidstone and staff for their generous donations of raffle prizes. Also thank you to the dads and Royal Engineers who helped with the inflatables.

Year 2 pupils

All Y2 pupils who will be joining Y3 in September will no longer be eligible for the Government Universal Free School Meal. There is a letter explaining about eligibility for free school meals included with this newsletter. Otherwise, you will have to pay for meals from the first day of term. Please remember we operate a strict one day debt policy.

Medication

Please remember to bring any medication your child needs (such as asthma inhalers) to school on the first day of term. You will also need to complete new paperwork. Thank you.

Pat on the Back

3/4K - Samuel for his hard work and determination in maths when multiplying using column method. Shaina for being a consistent role model. She can be trusted and relied upon by all her teachers

3/4M - Summer & Oliver for supporting peers with their learning

3/4S - Kaitlin for her progress in numeracy and for being an excellent role model to others. Kathreen for consistently showing excellent behaviours for learning and being a "zero hero"

5/6B - Tyler and Edward for their co-operation during enterprise week

5/6P - Rushell and Lori for their performances in the production last week

5/6S - Harry S and Amirah for their roles in the end of year 6 production

Brompton Sunshines and Sure Start Children's Centre

The Children's Centre summer timetable is now available. Please pick up a copy from the Centre. The timetable will run from **Monday 25th July-Friday 2nd September 2016**. There are some great activities and trips scheduled for you and your children to enjoy. All families attending sessions or trips must have at least one child 5 years and under. To book or for further information please contact **Lisa, Sure Start Administrator on 01634 844152 (option 1)**.

Other events coming soon:

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)**

Inclusions:

Free school meals letter

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