



Newsletter

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Headline

Governor Headline

It doesn't seem possible but we are already half way through this school year – where has the time gone? Over the first half of the school year your school governors have been working hard behind the scenes. We welcomed a new parent governor, Mr Jon Farish and will hopefully be welcoming a new parent member to our governing body in time for our next meeting. Back in September, the governors had an enjoyable training day in school where we outlined our priorities for the year so that we are, alongside the leadership team, helping to raise standards and outcomes for all of our children. Throughout this day we had the opportunity to carry out a 'learning walk' to see the school in action. We also enjoyed a delicious school dinner where we had the opportunity to sit with the children and talk with them about their school.

When we attend meetings with staff members one question we always hear is "What do the governors do?" We are working on this by having a more visible presence within the school. Some of us have attended school events like harvest festival and numerous Christmas events. We have also joined the leadership team for further learning walks and recently we have attended termly target setting meetings. Some of us have also been attending additional training to support us in our role and we are now successfully putting these skills to use by holding the school to account by asking the Head Teacher challenging questions.

As the year progresses we are delighted to see the increase in the successful and innovative deployment of volunteers in the school. The governors would like to express their gratitude to all of these who offer their time to support the children in our school.

As mentioned in the previous governors' headline, we see communication as paramount in helping the school to move forward. We have a small governor working party that are working on this and later in the year will be putting ideas forward for your consultation.

We look forward to the rest of the school year being successful and seeing all of the achievements that the school community achieves.

Leigh Copping
 Staff Governor

Year 5/6 Samba event



Great news about reading!

Reading with your child now can have long-lasting benefits for their future and, because we know how busy you are, the great news is that reading together for JUST 10 MINUTES a day can make all the difference. Find 10 minutes on World Book Day and every day to read with your child. It doesn't just have to happen at bedtime – reading and sharing stories can happen anywhere at any time. For lots of ideas on how you can make story time fun as well as advice on sharing stories with your little ones and encouraging a lifelong love of reading, visit www.worldbookday.com. PLUS, our list of the top 100 stories to share is there to help you to discover new books and stories that you'll love sharing together.

Coming Soon

World book day

Thursday 1st March

Afternoon tea

FS1 - Wednesday 7th March 10.30am and 2.15pm

FS2 - Thursday 8th March at 2.00pm

Tag day (pay £1 for your child to wear their own clothes to school)

Friday 16th March

Term Dates 2017/18

Term 4

Monday 19th February 2018
until

Thursday 29th March 2018

Term 5

Monday 16th April 2018
until

Friday 25th May 2018

Term 6

Tuesday 5th June 2018
until

Wednesday 25th July 2018

Attendance:

Last week of term's top 3 :

1C - 97%

5S - 97.5%

3/4F - 97.8%



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School meals

As we are a healthy school, we only use wholemeal or 50/50 bread and wraps. If your child is not able to eat wholemeal bread or wraps, please remind them not to choose that option for their lunch. If they do not like the other 2 hot options, you are welcome to provide them with a home packed lunch.

Family Day Saturday 10th March 12pm – 4pm Brompton-Westbrook playing fields

Come and spend an afternoon in the fresh air developing an outdoor classroom area. We are looking for Forces children who would like to come along with a family member and help out by digging, painting, building and tidying. Light refreshments will be provided. You are welcome to pop in or bring a picnic lunch and stay all day. Just turn up and join in!

Homework

Homework for this term has been uploaded to the website. If you need a hard copy, please ask at the school office.

Contacting the school

As you know, we have a number of ways of contacting the school. If it is something general, you can use the email - bromptonoffice@thewestbrooktrust.org However, although this account is checked daily, if it is something that needs immediate action or a response, please telephone the school office on 01634 844152. Thank you.

Year 1 visit from The Guildhall Museum

On Monday 12th March 2018 Year 1 children will take part in a visit from the Guildhall Museum. Please see letter sent home with this newsletter for details of costs.

World Book Day - 1st March

If your child would like to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 1st March, they can dress up as their favourite book character for the day. We look forward to seeing lots of different costumes next Thursday!

Reminders

FS1 and FS2 invitation to parents

Parents of children who attend the nursery (FS1) in the morning are invited to come to a mothers' day tea at 10.30am on Wednesday 7th March. Afternoon parents are invited to attend at 2.15pm. If your child is in FS2 (Reception) you are invited to join them for mothers' day tea on Thursday 8th March at 14.00. Please come to the main office where you will be collected.

Envelopes

As stated in the school prospectus, **any money brought into school must be in a named, sealed envelope. Thank you.**

British values

British values are an important part of our education offer. Through our teaching of PSHE and our Rights Respecting Schools work, we promote British values within our curriculum.



British values are:

- democracy.
- the rule of law.
- individual liberty.
- mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

Pat on the Back

3/4A - Ruby for independent work in RWI and Natasha for settling in quickly

3/4F - Melissa for the effort she has put into learning her lines and songs for the upcoming 3/4 production.

Raffi for his positivity and hard work towards all areas of his learning

3/4M - Kyron and Tyler-Jae for excellent answers in RWI

3/4P - Kayla for being an excellent role model and Charlie for sharing ideas in Read, Write inc

5S - Malachy for working hard to make the right choices and Hannah for being kind to others

5/6B - Teddy for his explanation in RWI and Cameron for his spellings

6T - Anastacia for the effort and improvement seen in learning and applying her weekly spellings. Tyler for the effort he has put into learning his weekly spellings and the improvement in his weekly scores

Inclusions this week

- Year 1 visit letter

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: Mrs Liddle (07535 696125)

This school operates a very clear whistleblowing policy for staff