



Newsletter

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Headline

Welcome back to the new school year! We have made a great start – children are settled, focused and motivated and noticeably ready for learning – it's as if the Summer Holiday never happened!

2017 / 18 is already looking like an exciting year for Brompton-Westbrook and The Westbrook Trust.

As you know, the Trust now has 3 schools – ourselves, Byron Primary and St Margaret's Infants in Rainham. We are excited about working on our Trust motto, which is 'Achieve Together' and have a series of staff training and research events to facilitate this and further improve our teaching and learning offer for your children.

We have several new members of staff joining us this year including Mrs Pugsley (Year 3/4 teacher), Miss Ackerly as a fully qualified Year 3/4 teacher, Mrs Flain (pastoral assistant – yes, you do know her! She used to be our Sure Start CLO and before that worked in our Nursery.) In addition to this some staff have changed their jobs – Mr MacDonald is now the leader of Year 5/6 and has taken Mrs Tindall with him as a year 6 teacher and maths and staff development leader; Mrs Marie is now leading Year 3/4 and Mrs Miles has joined the pastoral team, with Mrs Jeans taking her place as a Year 2 teaching assistant.

In addition to these changes we have some really good news regarding our building – we have been fortunate to be awarded some money through the Government's 'Condition improvement Fund' to finally refurbish our pupil toilets – phew! We are really looking forward to this work taking place over the course of this year and will save a fortune on air fresheners!

Over the next couple of weeks I will be sharing other new exciting

developments with you around assessment and quality marks but to learn all about them you have to read the newsletter. As you know this is our main vehicle to share information with you – and if you don't read it you really won't know what is going on in school! Children should all get the opportunity to read it together each Friday, but they already know what is happening – you really need to be an avid reader of the newsletter to keep up to date with your child's education and know what is happening on a day-by-day, week-by-week and month-by-month at Brompton Westbrook!

If you need a paper copy of the newsletter, please just ask at the front office. Otherwise you can read it via the text we send you every week, or direct from the website. We also post a copy of the newsletter near to every classroom / area entrance and there is also one on the front door. If you can think of ways to make the newsletter more interesting or if there are regular items you would like to be included please just tell us!



Coming Soon

FS2 KM photograph Wednesday 13th September 11.00am

Environment Day

Thursday 14th September

Head Teacher's Surgery

Monday 18th September (booking essential)

Medway Test (Y6)

Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th September

Harvest Festival Friday 6th October

Parents' evenings

Tuesday 17th October 15.30 - 19.00

Thursday 19th October 15.30 - 19.00

Term Dates 2017/18

Term 1

Tuesday 5th September 2017

until

Friday 20th October 2017

Term 2

Tuesday 31st October 2017

until

Tuesday 19th December 2017

Term 3

Monday 8th January 2018

until

Friday 9th February 2018

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

Uniform

A navy blue jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan. Navy, black or grey trousers, tailored shorts, skirt or dress/navy and white checked dress. A white or blue polo shirt, shirt or blouse. Flat plain black shoes or trainers (no heels or open toes).



The Westbrook Trust
Achieve together

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Behaviour Policy

As I have mentioned, the children have all arrived back in school bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. They are keen to remain 'zero heroes' in terms of our behaviour policy and earn some WOW text messages to start working towards their bronze awards again. All of the behaviour awards are re-set at the start of the year. Remember to ask your child for the specific reason why they have earned a WOW text message – they should know!

If you would like to know more about our behaviour policy, Mrs Mason is running some training for parents on Thursday 21st September. The sessions will be at 0900, 1500 and 1800. Please book a place with the school office to learn all about it.

Slimming World

Great news – Every Thursday at 7.30pm we are pleased to host Slimming World in the school to help you shed those unwanted holiday pounds! Tell your friends and family! For further information please telephone David Currie on 07729 504636 or simply turn up! Good luck.

Environment day - Thursday 14th September.

Children are invited to bring in bulbs to plant in class planters. If they have any gardening tools or gloves they are welcome to bring these in too - but please make sure they are named.

Exciting announcement!

Mrs Howard had a baby boy in August - and we would like to wish the family lots of love and congratulations.

Reminders

School Meals

We operate a one day debt policy which means that you need to pay daily, weekly or termly for your child's meals. If they are subsequently absent from school for any reason, the money will be credited to your account. Children in FS2, Years 1 and 2 are given a free school meal from the government. However, children in years 3 - 6 pay £2.00 per meal per day.

If you are in receipt of any benefits and think your child may be eligible for free school meals (in any year), please check the Medway Council website. It costs nothing to apply and you will receive an immediate response.

Newsletter

Every child will have been given a copy of this week's newsletter. However, in future, hard copies will ONLY be given to children whose parents request a hard copy. The newsletter will be downloaded onto our school website every Friday afternoon and you will receive a text with a link to this. However, if you would like a

printed copy, please speak to Mrs Harrison in the school office.

Text messages

If you have changed your phone number over the summer, please inform the office so that we have the correct number for your text messages.

In The Community

Extreme Robots

From the team that brought you the 2016's small hit Robot Wars Live Tour comes the next step in Robot fighting entertainment. This will be held at The University of Greenwich, Medway Campus on 22nd, 23rd and 24th September. Prices are £16 for children and £18 for adults. To book your tickets, please go to www.extremrobots.com

Pat on the Back

3/4A - Lee for hard work and helping year 3s settle into KS2. Kiya for her hard work and beautiful presentation in RWI, topic and maths.

3/4F - Chloe T for demonstrating confident comprehension skills during whole class reading and Hemanta for being a positive role model to the new year 3s in the class.

3/4P - Caitlin for being a good role model and Nathan for trying hard and putting effort into his art

3/4M - Thomas T and Lara for being excellent role models

5S - Kirsty-Marie for her persuasive monitor job application and Kyle for settling in so quickly to a new school

5/6B - Kacey for settling into year 5 well and Harry for being a good role for the year 5s.

6T - Antea for the excellent and mature attitude she has displayed at the start of Year 6 and Joseph who has been especially helpful around the classroom.

Inclusions this week

- Slimming world flier
- Primary Times



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