

NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th September



WELL DONE BROMPTON-WESTBROOK!

'We love the adventure in this photo challenge. Risk taking, problem solving, and there is tons of physicality - climbing, sliding, balancing, not to mention emotional development, communication, support, trust and determination'. That's what Muddy Faces said when Miss Staples entered the photo into their recent competition. The school won a £50 voucher as a runner up prize! Muddy Faces also wanted to mention that the girls are as interactive as the boys, (girls are often under-represented in this sort of messy adventure play).



Brompton-Westbrook Primary School enjoying a Forest School session at Ranscombe Farm Nature Reserve, Kent.

KEY DATES

Autumn Term 2019

Tuesday 3rd September – Friday 25th October

Christmas Term 2019

Tuesday 5th November – Friday 20th December

Winter Term 2020

Tuesday 7th January – Friday 14th February

Easter Term 2020

Tuesday 25th February – Friday 3rd April

Spring Term 2020

Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May
(Bank Holiday Friday 8th May)

Summer Term 2020

Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July

UPCOMING EVENTS

23rd September 2019

Yr 2 Library visit

26th September 2019

Yr 5/6 trip to Wildwood

1st October 2019

PGL information meeting for years 5 & 6 only. 5.30pm

17th October 2019

Harvest Festival all welcome. (Look out for posters about food collection)

24th October 2019

School Disco Yr 4 – 6 Tuck shop will be available.
Times 3.30 - 5.00

24th October 2019

Film night Yr 1 – 3 Times 3.30 - 5.00

National Poetry Day is an annual celebration of poetry and all things poetical. It is about everybody sharing poetry, reading poetry, writing poetry and enjoying poetry.

National Poetry Day is on 3rd October and the theme is Truth. 2019 is the 25th anniversary of National Poetry Day – and we would like to be part of the celebrations.

National Poetry Day can be a day for celebrating poetry already enjoyed and experienced, or a launch pad for that experience and enjoyment. By joining in this celebration we can give children opportunities to find their own connections with poetry, and, hopefully inspiration for their imaginations and creativity. Staff will be sharing their favourite poems and we would really like children to try to write a poem about Truth but in their own time: independently. Please bring in any poems to Mr McDonald.

Read them, read them aloud, illustrate them, perform them, write them, sing them!

Key Staff

Mrs Mason Headteacher

Mrs Prentice SENCO

Mrs Marie LKS2 Leader

Mrs Price Deputy Head FS & KS1

Mrs Lewis FS Leader

Mrs Tindall UKS2 Leader

Mr Presneill Deputy Head KS2

Mrs Price Y1 Leader

Mrs White Chair of Governors

Mrs Bass Acting Y2 Leader

Mrs Liddle Family Liaison Officer - 07535 696125



Eco-Schools Silver Award

We are proud to announce that following all the Eco Committees environmental projects last year we have achieved an Eco Silver Award for our school. Over the course of the last academic year the Eco Committee have given up their lunchtimes and some afternoons to participate in meetings and activities, sharing ideas and promoting the importance of recycling and reusing materials within the school and the local community.

We have been working with Holdfast Training Ltd and Kitchener Barracks in the local area, designing competition winning posters and creating a large plastic bottle poppy installation for Remembrance Day.

Within the school the children have been monitoring recycling and actively encouraging the reduction of wasted energy and water.

Amongst many developments, they have also been planting and growing as part of their curriculum and Forest School have developed a fantastic new outdoor classroom area.

We are now looking forward to moving towards our Green Flag Award. This year the Eco committee are working on helping children separating waste during the lunch break and creating new ways to reuse and recycle plastics. So look out for further projects and if you have any ideas or would like to get involved with our Eco projects please contact Ms Bailey.

Family Volunteer Morning



Saturday 28th September

Outdoor Classroom Area

*Just drop in or stay all session,
it's up to you!*



9am – 1pm

Join us for some fresh air and practical work, helping to develop and maintain our outdoor classroom.

Plenty of jobs: planting, painting, trimming, sawing, raking, tidying, digging, weeding, cutting, mending, building...

***CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR
PARENT/CARER**



Private Fostering Awareness Raising Week 23rd-27th September 2019

Medway Fostering will be raising awareness about private fostering throughout the week beginning 23rd September 2019. They will be visiting a number of shopping venues, leisure centres, schools and partner agencies delivering leaflets, providing details and answering any questions. A Private Fostering radio advert will be aired throughout the week and Facebook will be scheduling new posts every day with Private Fostering facts and information. Keep an eye out for leaflets and booklets in the next few weeks.

Brompton Westbrook Karate Club

**Come and join our friendly karate club on a Tuesday evening - 4 years+ 6 o'clock start
Free first session for information call Kim on 0777 3477 724**

Uniform

A navy blue jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan for Years 1 - 6. Royal blue for FS1 and FS2 (Nursery and reception). 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). Uniform can be ordered from www.myclothing.com



NURSERY

Nursery are busy settling in and exploring their new environment. We are looking forward to our revamped outdoors learning area being completed and developing this further. At the start of term 2 parents will be invited in for our read together sessions. We are thinking about Autumn this term and we would love if you and your child could look for signs of Autumn on your journey to nursery. Maybe you could add to our nursery loose parts / natural resources by bringing in some signs of Autumn.

RECEPTION

Our new reception children have started school and are happy to be here. We are very proud of our children as they are already coming into school independently and have started to learn the names of the children in their class. They are enjoying our daily wake and shakes and story time. We look forward to speaking to you more about how your child has settled during parent consultations later in the term.

Family Friday is on the last day of term Friday 25th October. These sessions will run every term and will give you an opportunity to observe a session being taught and then support your child in that session or be directly involved in a session just for you. You will also have the opportunity to look at your child's work during this time.

Term 1
20th September
Phonics training for parents
Friday 25th Oct-Phonics/Read/Write Inc

YEAR 2

Monday 21st October
Road safety workshop
Monday 21st October
Year 2 parent event (2:45pm)

YEAR 1

Children in year 1 will be covering the topic 'Ourselves'. They have been asked to bring a photograph of themselves as a baby or toddler. Children will explore the theme 'pets' and will learn how to care for pets. Year 1 will learn about families and will share their own experiences.

A free trip to the local library has been arranged and parents are invited - more details to follow. Children are excited to participate in the 'Reader Achiever' scheme and are encouraged to read frequently at home. Parents have received a letter about home learning.

Next term, children will participate in Christmas events and immerse themselves in musical activities ready for the Christmas show to parents. In PE children are going to learn to play hockey.

YEARS 5 & 6

We have had a great start to the new academic year in 5/6. On the whole the children have settled well into their new classes and we are looking forward to the term ahead. We have kicked off this term's topic of The Ancient Greeks by thinking about what we already know about this ancient civilisation as well as collating question about the Greeks that we want to be able to answer at the end of our learning journey. This has linked well with the new text that we are using for our English learning which is Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief. We have only just started reading the book but already it looks really exciting! We are all looking forward to our trip to Wildwood on 26th September. All the children have received a letter outlining the trip with details of the day and the cost. We are sure that this is really going to help us with our science learning, which this term is about life cycles. Reading is a real focus for us in years 5 and 6, and we are keen to encourage children to read and explore new authors in the coming weeks. We are hoping to support this with a visit to Gillingham library and a visit from the library service to inform the children (and parents) about what local libraries have to offer. We are really excited about our learning this term and we will keep you all posted about how we are getting on. through the website . . . Watch this space!

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Here to help



Hi, I'm Marina Shaftoe your SHS Practitioner at

Brompton Westbrook Primary School

I am available from
Wednesday afternoons to Friday

About Me

I am employed by an independent education charity called School-Home Support (SHS). I work in partnership with your school to support children and their families to get the most from the educational opportunities on offer.

My role includes

- Acting as a link between home and school
- Listening to you
- Offering practical suggestions and advice
- Going to meetings with you
- Promoting regular attendance
- Arranging adult learning courses
- Facilitating a parent drop in
- Supporting you



How I can help

- Fitting in at school
- Housing and money worries
- Feeling happy and confident
- Benefits and support
- New starts, changes and settling in
- Supporting your child's learning
- Getting to school on time
- School attendance
- Mental or physical health issues
- Family problems
- Behaviour at home and school
- School grades and results
- Courses, training and volunteering
- Bereavement and family breakdown

If you're feeling worried, concerned or just need a bit of advice, you're not the only parent in the school that feels that way. I'm ready to help you find solutions; that's what I'm here for.

**For more information please contact:
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*Every family's story is different.
We will work to make sure you get the right kind of support that you need.*

About School-Home Support

School-Home Support (SHS) has been a centre for excellence in school-home work for over thirty years. Today, **SHS** is the leading independent provider of School-Home Support Services, We offer practical and emotional support for children and young people and their families across the country. For more information about SHS, please go to www.shs.org.uk.

Confidentiality

I **do not** and **will not** tell anyone anything that you tell me without your permission, *except* if I believe a child/person is at risk, or if it may have an impact on a child's learning or well-being.

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