



Key Dates

Term Dates 18/19

Term 1

Tuesday 4th September
until

Friday 19th October

Term 2

Tuesday 30th October
until

Tuesday 18th December

Term 3

Thursday 3rd January
until

Friday 15th February

Term 4

Tuesday 26th February
until

Friday 5th April

Term 5

Tuesday 23rd April
until

Friday 24th May

Term 6

Tuesday 4th June
until

Tuesday 23rd July

Headline

Dear Parents / Carers

On behalf of The Westbrook Trust may I welcome you all back for the start of another exciting year in school. I would also like to take the opportunity to keep you up-to-date with the activities and successes of the Trust in the past year and our plans for 2018-19.

2017-18

St. Margaret's Infant School embarked on its first full year with the Trust. Once again, the attainment of pupils was above the Medway average and the standards achieved nationally. More children exceed national expectations and results for the Year One Phonics Check remain consistently in the 90% range. The school also received recognition for the work it does to promote high achievement in reading by being asked by The Department of Education to place a bid for funds to help other schools.

Byron Primary School joined the Trust when Ofsted had graded it 'Special Measures'. Year 6 children have made very good progress and achieved above the Medway and national average in all areas. Overall, there was a 26% rise in the number of children achieving the expected standard in all three areas of reading, writing and mathematics. The school successfully bid for funds to the value of £45,000 for school projects and achieved the Bronze UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award.

Brompton-Westbrook Primary School pupils also continued to achieve standards above both Medway and national averages. The school is a National Support School with a designation to help other schools to improve. To do this it has a number of staff with special recognition by the Department of Education such as a National Leader of Education, a Local Leader of Education and Specialist Leaders of Education.

The Trust

Overall, the Trust has secured grants in excess of £600,000 both for capital projects to improve school buildings and for school development work. The Trust staff team now includes people who can support the schools with e.g. financial and compliance matters. With help from the Trust's Director of Learning, our schools can focus on the important task of teaching and caring for your children.

2018-19

This year, the Trust will continue to ensure that schools work together to improve educational outcomes for your children. We will implement plans to strengthen governance arrangements and keep a keen eye on finances. We will look specifically at home learning and communications as well as streamlining some administration tasks and carrying out important training with staff and governors.

You can keep up-to-date with the latest activities by checking out the school and Trust websites

Regards

Jane Heyes

Chief Executive Officer



Year 3/4 learning about ancient civilisations

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.tesco.com/ues

Key Staff

Mrs Mason *Headteacher*

Mrs Price *Deputy Head FS & KS1*

Mr Presneill *Deputy Head KS2*

Mrs White *Chair of Governors*

Mrs Prentice *SENCO*

Mrs Lewis *FS Leader*

Mrs Price *Y1 Leader*

Mrs Byrne *Y2 Leader*

Mrs Marie *LKS2 Leader*

Mr MacDonald *UKS2 Leader*

Mrs Liddle *Family Liason Officer*

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This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, achieving equal opportunities and combating discrimination.

We operate a very clear whistleblowing policy for staff.

News

Phonics workshop

Parents - Do you understand how we teach phonics at school? Would you like to help your child at school improve their phonics? If the answer to either of these questions is yes then please attend a practical phonics session in the school hall with Mrs Lewis on 1st October from 08.50.

Back Stage Drama and Dance

Calling all dancing divas, budding rockstars, fairy fanatics, spirited super heroes, drama kings and queens - we want you! We are looking for talented tots ages 3-6 to join us and would love to offer you a free taster session in September. Classes in fairy ballet, funky freestyle and drama club are held here at Brompton Westbrook school hall on Fridays from 3.40pm. Classes for other age groups also available.

Please call Sally on 07847 212050 or email sally.backstage@outlook.com for more information

Gardening project

A big thank you to Asda (Gillingham Pier) and Tesco Extra (Courteney Road) for their kind donations to our gardening project. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office to find out more. Parents/grandparents with gardening skills, and complete beginners are more than welcome.

Years 3&4 trip to Museum of Kent Life

This will take place on 7th November. Please see attached letter for details.

Reminders

The school operates a breakfast club between 07:30 and the start of the school day and an after school club from the end of the school day until 18:00, 17.30 on Fridays.

The club operates on the school site with staff employed by us.

If you are interested in enrolling your child, just call into the office, phone us or download the club contract for

information.

Attendance is completely flexible and last minute bookings are usually accommodated.

The cost is £3.00 per hour, charged in blocks of 30 minutes so that parents only pay for the time they use the club. Breakfast costs £1.00 and tea costs £1.00. Childcare vouchers accepted.

In the community

The Old Williamsonian Hockey Club would like to invite you to join our club and attend our **FREE** junior training sessions from 10am - 11.30am every Sunday from 9th September at Sir Joseph Williamson Mathematical School (SJWMS). *Neil Thompson, OWHC Chairman* Mob: 07957 734 683

Pat On The Back

3/4B - Jake T for his speed in completing mindsprints and reasoning in maths and Ameerah for brilliant ideas for similes in RWI work

3/4F - Celia for her improvement in her writing and reading since the end of last year and Jeffery for his positive attitude towards his work this year
3/4M - Michaela for her Roman numerals work and Tyler-Jae for explaining Roman numerals in numeracy
3/4P - Lilly C and Romesa for being kind and looking out for their peers in times of need

5A - Hannah for her role and training in the BMX competitions and Misek for his detailed and beautiful work about adaptation in Science

5/6S - Sakinah for her ten minute challenge writing and Jack B-B – for being a role model in class

6T - Emily for the magnificent achievement of coming 12th in the British BMX Championship this week. She is now looking forward to taking part in the world championships next year. Well done! James for consistently applying himself well in class since starting Year 6. He has produced some very pleasing topic work.

Coming home....

- Year 3/4 trip letter