



Key Dates

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

Traffic and Parking (again!) – Walk / Ride to School

As you know, the school is getting larger and we have more pupils than ever attending. This is a great thing but also contributes to our twice daily issue of parking and traffic around the school. In the past we have suggested a range of alternative and community-focused measures such as:

- Walking to school
- Riding to school
- Parking 5-10 minutes away and walking the last part of the journey
- Arranging shared lifts with friends and neighbours
- Parking in the nearby area but not directly outside either school gate
- No parking on the roundabout to ensure that your car is not the car that stops traffic flow around the roundabout and therefore congests the drop-off system at the front gate.

You regularly express your concerns about safe driving and parking around the school, which we often share with you through headlines and text messages.

The MOD are concerned about road safety on the estate and would consider putting driving restrictions on the road to ensure that safety improves.

The children have decided that they would like to get their message across to parents about this issue as they feel strongly about it! They were particularly concerned when they found out about a near-miss with a toddler a while back and also that a dog had been hit by a car.

Eco committee reported the following:

'We were really upset to hear that a dog had been hit by a car and very concerned that it could easily have been a child next time.

We have noticed that there seems to be a

big problem with people parking around the roundabout and by the gates to the school causing congestion. Is there some way we can encourage parents to park a distance away and walk up to the school? Can we put some signs up to make drivers more aware of the issues we are experiencing? This is a serious problem and apart from being dangerous it is also not good for the air having so many cars so close to where we wait in the mornings and come out at the end of the day.'

School Council have suggested:

- Only parking on one side of the road
- Parents not allowed to park outside school, only to drive as far as the Great Lines road
- Parents not allowed to use the school car park
- Send text reminders
- Cones outside to stop cars stopping and parking
- Lollipop person outside
- More double yellow lines to be put on the road
- Add a large sign about parking at the gates
- Parking bays (if they have to be allowed to drive down to school)
- Children to do gate duty in high vis jackets with signs on posts

The days are getting lighter and the weather is starting to feel more like Spring. What a great time to have a 'Spring clean' of your routines and habits too! We are hoping if the weather improves more children will return to walking/cycling to school again.

The 'drop-off' system works well as long as drivers keep the turning point (roundabout) and roads around clear so that other drivers can literally drop off their children, turn around and leave

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

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.

the area.

We must take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to the vast majority of you who walk, ride, scoot or make considerate and sensible decisions about your journey to school. Every day it is great to see so many happy, chatty families arriving safely and ready to learn.

News

Mothers day market

The FOBs are holding a Mothers' Day market on 27th March.

Gifts are available to buy over lunchtime and cost between £1.00 - £2.00. Please give the money to your child's teacher (NOT the office) with your child's name on the envelope, clearly marked "Mothers' Day Market".

There will also be a raffle in the playground after school on that day, with tickets just £1 a strip. The first prize is a pamper hamper. Thank you for your support.

Birdbox news

Nest building has begun in the birdbox! Please visit the website as much as possible with your children over the coming months.

Also, from next month you will be able to watch live video of the Alderney puffins who live and breed during the summer months in old rabbit burrows on the tiny island of Burhou situated just 2 miles north-east of Alderney.

<http://www.seenature.org.uk/schools/brompton-westbrook-primary-school/>

Reminders

Health checks for Year R
On April 23rd, 29th and 30th the school nursing team will be checking the children's teeth, weight and height in reception. If you have not yet returned the consent form, another one was sent home with your child last week. Please ensure you complete and return it as soon as possible as this is

an important health check for all school aged children. Thank you for your support.

In the community The English Festival

Riverside Country Park in Lower Rainham will be transformed into a trio of exciting zoned areas for the annual English festival, which will be held on Saturday, 20 April from 11am to 5pm. The English Festival is a fun-packed free day out for the whole family celebrating the most iconic of English traditions within the various zones.

Pat On The Back

FS2C - Lily Rose for her creativity during child initiated and for working hard in maths and Soli for his ideas during child initiated play, especially building

FS2L - Darsh for ALWAYS working hard in every session and trying his best and Ella for supporting others during role play

FS2S - Grace for her independent writing in RWI and De'Anton for his independent reading skills

1B - Harry K for positive learning since an improvement in his attendance and Kimberley for her descriptive writing in Pirate Petes wanted poster

1W - Amelia for supportive behaviours in our classroom and Jake for his positive attitude to his learning

2B - Ivy for her perseverance in numeracy this week even when she has found it tricky and Jack for improved stamina in writing

2M - Lylah-Jai for becoming a caring and courageous nurse in our topic lesson and Riley D, Prisha and Delohnie for representing the school fantastically at the multi-skills event

Coming home

- Nothing this week



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