



2017 / 2018

School events and Important Dates

New dates added in **Red**.

Spring term January 2018

15 th Jan	Primary applications close
18 th Jan	1pm – 3pm Rapid Fire Cricket
6 th Feb	E-Safety Day
7 th Feb	12pm – 3pm KS1 Gymnastics
9 th Feb	Love in a box day
12 th – 16 th Feb	Half term holiday
19 th Feb	Yr 6 Knex Challenge
21 st Feb	Sports hall athletics
12 th March	Zoo Lab workshop Nur, Rec & Yr1
13 th March	Science week – Airbus for Yr 1 & 2
14 th March	Science week – Airbus for Yr 3 & 4
15 th March	Science week – Airbus for Yr 5 & 6
16 th March	Nursery Applications close
27 th March	Yr 1 & 2 Mad Hatter's Tea Party
27 th March	Last swimming of term for Yr 3
28 th March	Dance Festival
28 th March	Nursery last day of term
29 th March	Report Day
29 th March	End of term – children finish at 1:30pm

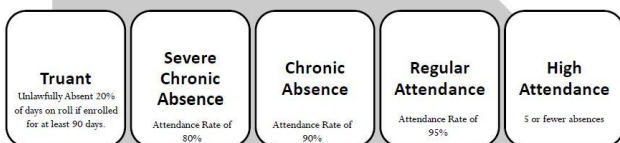
Summer Term April 2018

16 th April	Term starts for all children
20 th April	Offers of Nursery places made to parents

Registration is at 8.50am –
NOT 9.00am.

Our website has all future dates and events please check it regularly as we cannot put all of them on newsletters –

www.broombarns.herts.sch.uk



Happy New Year & Welcome Back

May I wish everyone a very Happy New Year! Although the Christmas Holiday is one in which we can relax, meet up with family and friends – or even fly off somewhere to enjoy a holiday –we are now back and ready to enjoy all the learning opportunities we are busy planning.

Nursery Admissions

APPLY NOW

The nursery admissions process has now changed. Parents of children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 can apply directly to the school of their choice for a Nursery place starting in September 2018.

The application process is as follows:

- Parents/Carers apply directly to the school from the 1st January 2018.
- Closing date for applications is 16th March 2018.
- Date offers made to parents/carers is 20th April 2018.

Nursery applications forms can be found on the school website:-

<http://broombarns.herts.sch.uk/our-school/nursery-admissions/>

Please share this information with any friends or colleagues of preschool children that are not already associated with the school.

New Types of Payments - Online

We try to help parents and carers by offering a variety of ways to pay e.g. cheque, cash and instalments. Over the last year, we have also been able to offer online payments for dinner money. We are happy to inform you are now able to offer this option for trips, swimming WRAP and dinner money.

Benefits of the App

- You will receive confirmation of all payments.
- You will see balances outstanding and extra information for trips etc.
- You will receive confirmation messages about clubs.
- If you have children in different schools you will see each school on one School Gateway.
- Messaging the school is free – absences etc.
- You will be able to make these payments via the School Gateway App via Instant Bank Transfer.
- Please ensure you have downloaded the App (see below for further details).



What you need to do now

Download the app: If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone). The app shows the same information as the website PLUS you can send app messages to the school for FREE – this will also save the school money when we send text messages.

OR

Visit the website: www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New User'. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to login to School Gateway.

We'll notify you by text or email when new items are available for payment.

Can't activate your account?

If you're having trouble logging in, it may be because the school doesn't have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please call the school and we'll update the details on our system.

We hope that you will find School Gateway to be a fast and easy way to pay for school items.



Please note we cannot accept the old style £10 note after February half term 2018, as we have to allow time for banking.



WRAP CLUB



It is a legal requirement for every child to be signed in by an adult.



There are an increasing number of children being dropped off on Homestead Moat or in the car park. Please ensure you park correctly and take your child/ren into breakfast club and **sign them in every day**. We are not responsible for the children unless an adult has signed them in. This is part of the WRAP breakfast and after school 'Terms and Conditions' that you agreed to when you signed the registration form.

Attending School Regularly

Every Lesson Counts

A good education will help give your child the best possible start in life so please help them make the most of the education available to them by...

The following are all **UNACCEPTABLE** reasons for absence from school:

Holidays during term time

Getting up late

Shopping

Looking after family or home

Parents/Carers are responsible by law for ensuring their children attend school

We are doing our best to ensure your children succeed

REMINDER



**WRAP Breakfast and Y 5/6 Booster
breakfast Club - No Cars on Site**

WRAP Afterschool Club - Parking Continuing
at Present.



**The drive gates will be open from 4.30pm
for parents collecting children from WRAP**

School Emergency Closures



**1st - For the most up-to-date information please
check our website home page.**

**2nd - Please sign up for Everbridge message
alerts from County**

**3rd - Please ensure we have up-to-date mobile numbers and
email addresses so we can inform you of any emergency
closures. Please be aware messages may take longer than
usual due to the amount of messages being sent and the
weather conditions.**

Monday - Boys football Y 5/6

Monday from 3.20-4.20pm from 8th January until 5th February 2018.

Monday - Team and Target games Y 1/2

Monday from 3.20-4.20pm from 8th January until 5th February 2018.

Tuesday - Football Y 3/4

Tuesday from 3:20-4:20pm from 9th January until 6th February 2018.

Tuesday - Archery (rubber tipped) Y 5/6

Tuesday from 3.20-4.20pm from 9th January until 6th February 2018.

Wednesday - Tennis Y 3/4

Wednesday from 3:20- 4:20pm **from 17th January** until 7th February 2018.

Please note this club starts later in the term due to other commitments.

Broom Barns Primary School - Polite Reminder

Our staff have the right to work in a happy and safe environment. They are committed to dealing with any concern or difficulty which may arise and would hope to resolve them effectively. However, we do not expect them to tolerate violent, aggressive, abusive or threatening behaviour.

Please treat our staff with respect

Trips and Swimming Payments

Cash / Cheque at the office

If you have a query about any recent trip or swimming payments, please check your emails. Payment confirmation emails will usually be sent the day or day after you have made payments from Schoolcomms.

Online

If you pay via the School Gateway App you will receive instant confirmation.



The Credit Union saving accounts have been a success with the children. It is nice to see so many popping in to see Mrs Taylor every Friday morning, receiving their certificates and savings awards.

If you haven't opened an account yet please come into the office for forms and more details.

A polite reminder to parents of children in both Key Stages

Please pick up your KS1 child before your KS2 child. Finishing times for both key stages are staggered to enable you to be at the class door in time.

Key Stage 1 – Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 finish at 3:15pm

Key Stage 2 – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 finish at 3:20pm

Nursery hours are 8.55am to 11.55am.