



## 2016 / 2017

### School events and Important Dates

New dates added in **Red**.

5 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 6 Legoland trip
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports day
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr3 Last swimming lesson
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Move up day Yr6 children to their secondary schools
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr6 Production
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery Graduation
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery last day of term
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception end of year celebrations with parents
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Yr6 Leavers assembly
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Inset
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer holidays

**Children return on Monday 4th September 2017 for registration at 8.50am.**

**Our website has future dates and events for the next 2 years (2019) please check it regularly – [www.broombarns.herts.sch.uk](http://www.broombarns.herts.sch.uk)**

### School Gateway App

There has been an update on the School Gateway App recently. Please check you are still signed in as it may have signed you out to carry out the update.

Thank you.

twitter 

**Do you ever wonder how your child is getting on a sports festival or class trip?**

**Join us on Twitter and keep up-to-date @broombarns**

### Swimming – Year 3

Reminder that 11th July is the children's last swimming lesson for the term.

*Congratulations to Miss Gray for winning the Guess Who? at sports day.*

### 7th July Sports Day Reminder

In this hot weather, please ensure you apply sun cream on your child/children **before** they come to school and that they wear a named sun hat and have a named water bottle. Children can wear a P.E. kit all day. If weather permits, Sports Day will be as follows;

**9.30 - 10.30** Nursery and Reception

**10.30 - 12.30** Y1 to Y6

Picnic lunch on the field with children from all classes. Families and friends can sit together. This is a leisurely lunch for us all to enjoy with the children. All children must bring a packed lunch, school packed lunches can only be provided for children that pre-ordered before 29<sup>th</sup> June.

If it rains the children will still have a packed lunch, as this has been pre-ordered, in the dining room as normal.

## Volunteering in Class



Volunteers fill an important role within the school, helping the staff and pupils. Parents offer the school a little time to help in a variety of ways; reading, cooking, sewing, library, craft, music, accompanying trips etc. We value the help and support from parents/carers and always welcome additional “helping hands”.

Would you like to regularly volunteer in a class? If so please see the school office.

As part of the Governments procedure for “Safe Guarding Children” we do have to ask you to complete DBS checks before working with the children regularly, which the school will pay for and we request one reference.

## Den Day



Save the Children

The children raised £97.23 for Save the Children last month.

The children had a great day making their own dens out of recycled materials. The dens were tested in the afternoon for water resistance !!



### Important Reminder

Please ensure you child/ren have sun cream applied before school and have a hat or cap to wear outside. As you will appreciate the children spend some of the day outside and we would like to protect them as much as possible from the sun. Thank you



## Staff

Sadly, this term we have two members of staff leaving us; Mrs Griffin and Miss Ranson.

Mrs Griffin has taught in year 5 and 6 this year helping to provide extra support for the children and class cover.

Miss Ranson has been working at Broom Barns since Sept 2009 as a Learning Support Assistant. She has worked with a variety of children throughout the school in the last 7 years as well as running afterschool sports clubs.

I am sure, like us, you will all wish them well with their new futures.

Congratulations to Mrs. Evans and Mr Kalaiarasu for completing their HLTA Status recently.



## Y4 Music Concert

We would like to thank everyone that came to watch the Year 4 children music concert. In year 4 the pupils take part in a year of Wider Opportunities string lessons. Through the scheme the school have purchased violins and cellos to enable the children to have free

lessons for one year. If your child wishes to continue lessons or would like to learn another instrument please contact the music centre for prices and availability (01438 844518).



**Tesco Blue Tokens – Outdoor learning (Forest Schools)**

**During July and August Broom Barns School has been nominated for ‘Bags of Help’ to help us raise money for our outdoor learning area.**

**Please ask for tokens when buying your groceries at any of the Stevenage stores and place them in the allocated box for Broom Barns.**

**Thank you**

## **Check before you buy this summer School Uniform Expectations**

We insist on the following simple, but smart, uniform for all students at the school and rely on parents for their full support;

- White blouse / shirt / T-shirt
- Red jumper / cardigan / sweatshirt without logos (black for Y6 only)
- Grey skirt / pinafore / trousers / shorts / red & white gingham summer dress
- Suitable black shoes for outdoors
- Plimsolls for indoors
- P.E. (indoors) white T-shirt and red or black shorts
- P.E. (outdoors) grey or black tracksuit and trainers

We consider our school uniform to be a crucial part of the high expectations that we have for our school. Your support is very much appreciated and we would ask that all parents ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately, with only plain stud earrings and watches for jewellery.

Mobile phones, tablets, iPods, MP3 players and earphones should not be brought into school.

**ONLY Year 6 pupils** have the privilege of bringing in a mobile phone on the understanding;

1. They hand it to the School Office where it will be kept and will only be returned at the end of the day.
2. The school will not accept responsibility for these items so please ensure you have appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage.

## Are you or your Partner in the Armed forces?

Did you know the school can claim 'service premium'. Service premium is extra funding to support children and young people with parents in the armed forces.

Pupils attract the premium if they meet the following criteria:

- one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces
- they have been registered as a 'service child' in the [school census](#) at any point since 2011
- one of their parents died while serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) or the War Pensions Scheme (WPS)

**If you or your partner fit the criteria above please tell the school office.  
Thank you.**

## Bug Club Reading



### Using the online reading world

If you have access to an internet connection, your child can enjoy reading **Bug Club** books online as well as in print. Each child has a unique homepage and can log into it by following these steps:

1. Go to [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)
2. Enter the login details.
3. Your child's homepage will appear.

#### Login Details

Username = see recent letter

KS1 Password = cat

KS2 Password = pass

School code = rcmr

## Foundation Status Reminder – letter sent out 19.6.2017

Dear Parents/Carers

The governors and I are writing to share our plans for the future direction of Broom Barns School. As you may be aware schools have the option of converting to become a foundation school and during the past few months the Governors have been discussing the implications of this process for Broom Barns and the benefits this would give our school and the community we serve.

### Foundation Status

Foundation schools are still maintained by the local authority, in the same way as Broom Barns is at present. However, Foundation schools have a greater degree of independence than community schools. If the school obtains Foundation status, the Governing body would become the employer of school staff and would own the Freehold of the school site. We believe that this would give the school greater independence and the chance to further raise standards. The first step to achieving Foundation status would be for the Governing Body to publish formal proposals setting out its intention for the school to become a Foundation school. The publication of formal proposals would start a statutory four week consultation period for representations from all members of the school community. It would then be for the Governing Body to consider the representations received and determine whether or not to implement the proposals to become a Foundation school.

Foundation status is a separate and distinct process to academy conversion. If at a future time consideration is given to academy conversion a further consultation process would take place before a final decision to convert to an academy is made.

Further information will follow in the coming weeks setting out the time frame and how you can participate. In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries on the content of this letter the

Governing Body is happy to receive correspondence:

- By email addressed to the Chair of Governors via [admin@broombarns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@broombarns.herts.sch.uk)
- Letters marked Foundation Status conversion and addressed to Chair of Governors via the school office.
- Additionally, the Head Teacher is always happy to discuss your views informally or by appointment.

Yours faithfully

Mr Richard Hewgill  
Chair of Governors

Mrs Jayne Carrant  
Headteacher