



2016 / 2017

School events and Important Dates

New dates added in **Red**.

28 th March	Yr3 last swimming lesson of this term
31 st March	Reports
31 st March	End of term – 1.30pm
1 st – 17 th Apr	Easter Break
Summer Term	
18 th April	Primary School Allocation Day
21 st April	Yr 3 & 4 British Museum trip
25 th April	Yr3 Swimming Lessons start
1 st May	BANK HOLIDAY - school closed
2 nd May	Primary acceptance deadline
4 th May	Nursery closed
4th May	INSET
8 th – 11 th May	KS2 SATs
22 nd May	NCPCC Non uniform GREEN Day £1 per child (Assemblies and Workshops)
25 th May	R & N trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park
29 th May -2 nd Jun	Half term
8th June	SCHOOL Closed General Election
22 nd June	Parent Consultations
26 th June	Yr 6 Paradise wildlife park trip
29 th June	Yr 1 & 2 Cuffley camp trip
27th June	Y4 Music concert 11.30am
30th June	Yr6 Toby Carvery
5 th July	Yr 6 Legoland trip
7 th July	Sports day
11 th July	Yr3 Last swimming lesson
13 th July	Move up day
	Yr6 children to their secondary schools
19 th July	Yr6 Production
20 th July	Nursery Graduation
20 th July	Nursery last day of term
20 th July	Reception end of year celebrations with parents
21 st July	Yr6 Leavers assembly
24 th July	Summer holidays

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

School Meals Price Increase Reminder

As of 1st April School meals will cost £2.40 per child, per day (£12 per child per week)

Please note

We ask that you pay for school meals in advance. If in the event that a debt has built up, we will have no choice but to stop providing a school meal until this has been cleared. It is your parental duty to ensure that your child's basic need for food is met, not the school's.

The menu will change from the first day back. New menus will be sent home with the children who regularly have a school meal. Copies will be displayed in your child's class window and published on the school website.

Don't forget you can pay for meals online through the Schoolgateway app.

Reception Assembly on 19th May has been cancelled. This assembly to parents took place earlier on in the year.

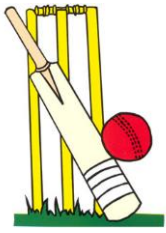
NEW SCHOOL CLOSURE DATE

Due to the recent announcement of the snap general election the school will be closed on **Thursday 8th June.**

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

The above website has some useful information about Government help with **childcare** costs, including 15 to 30 hours free **childcare**.

Greet your child with a smile, not a mobile.



KWIK Cricket

Congratulations to the Girls Kwik Cricket team who came 4th at Thursday's Festival at Stevenage Cricket Club.



Kadoma, Zimbabwe twinned town with Stevenage

The children enjoyed a visit from the Mayor of Kadoma, this week. After the morning assembly the mayor took a tour of the school with the Head Girl, Head Boy and Chair of Governors.

The Mayor was very impressed with our pupils learning and behaviour.

NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

**REMINDER - Non-uniform GREEN Day 22nd May.
Suggested donation £1 per child for the NSPCC**

Please help us raise money for NSPCC and ChildLine. Children can come to school in **green clothes** for the day for a suggested donation of £1 per child



**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**

Important – Please read the attached about Internet safety in the home and at school



IMPORTANT MESSAGE: POSSIBLE BLUE WHALE SOCIAL MEDIA SITE

We received a notification from the Education and Skills Team at County Hall this week and feel it very important that we share some of its contents below:

Blue Whale Challenge –is a social media site that is reportedly (not confirmed as yet) leading some young people to hurting themselves and it has been brought to our attention by the police.

There is growing awareness of a social media site called, 'Blue Whale'. Intelligence would indicate that young people are approached in a chat room and then asked to take part in private chats before being given a list of tasks to complete.

Some other areas of the UK are also raising awareness of this social media site which appears to have originated in Russia. The following links have more information.

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/777933/blue-whale-challenge-british-police-vulnerable-teenage-suicides-russia-britain>

<http://www.devonlive.com/blue-whale-suicide-challenge-in-devon-what-parents-and-children-need-to-know-now/story-30199306-detail/story.html>

eSafety at Home and School



LEGO Life

Lego has launched a 'safe' social network for under 13s through a new app called 'LEGO Life'. It allows children to put photographs of their creations on the site. There are protections in place to help ensure the site is child friendly. Users can use the predetermined text comments or customised Lego emoji's to respond to posts. Children have to use parents' details to sign up. The app prohibits the sharing of personal information or photos that could be used to identify a user or give away their location. Children can only comment on posts rather than have a continuous chat.

Do you talk to your child openly, and regularly about ways they can keep safe online?

Why not use the NSPCC parent resources to help you start a conversation.

<http://bit.ly/2nqlvu3>

Try these conversation starters from the Childnet website

<http://bit.ly/2nHQk0v>

Take a look at the O2 and NSPCC 'A parents' guide to being Share Aware'.

<http://bit.ly/2nqlzKj>

And finally...Need help setting parental controls? Take a look at the guidance from the NSPCC on how parental controls can be used to block upsetting or harmful content, to control in-app purchases or to manage how long your child spends online.

<http://bit.ly/2nHwvGj>

Cyberbullying 'Letter X' game on Snapchat

The 'Letter X' game is a new craze and involves targeting one person that several people know and posting mean and nasty comments about them. It starts by one member of a group chat sending the letter X to another member in a message. The recipient then has to send back the name of someone known to the whole group for all of the group to write mean comments about. The comments although made anonymously can be posted publically for all to read! Snapchat is an app age rated 13+. If your child is on Snapchat check this is not a game they are involved in. Encourage them to come and tell you if they are invited to join in and post inappropriate comments about anybody.

"I have found a website that holds illegal content. How do I report it?"

Report illegal website content here:
<https://www.iwf.org.uk>

For further eSafety advice visit:
<http://bit.ly/eSafetyAdviceforParents>

"I want to make it less likely that my children will get into trouble at home when online"

Find out how to make internet access safer at home on the Internet Matters website:
<http://bit.ly/ParentCont>

"I don't want people to see that when they search on the internet"

Find out how to ask Google to remove information from their search results here
<http://bit.ly/RemInfo>



Are you entitled?

Renewal of Free School Meals applications (for September 2017)

What are the key messages from County?

- parents/carers do not need to reapply for a school meal for September 17
- any child receiving a free meal as well as 100% music remission will be renewed for both
- letters will only be sent to families whose children are no longer entitled to receive a meal
- during August, schools will receive confirmation of who is entitled to receive a free meal and 100% music remission
- anyone currently receiving 50% music remission will still need to reapply at:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals from the 7th June 2017

If you have any queries please contact them by email: howcanwehelp@hertfordshire.gov.uk