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NEW TERM 2021-2022

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are now ready to settle back into the new academic year. The children have come back to school with renewed energy and readiness for learning, and it has been so lovely to see them all again and to catch up with their summer news.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Nursery and Reception children, who will begin school over the next two weeks. I know that all the older children will remember how they felt when they were that tiny and do their utmost to make our newcomers feel welcome and safe.

We would also like to welcome Miss Wilkinson and Mrs Parfitt to our school. Miss Wilkinson is our new year 3 teacher and Mrs Parfitt our new year 1 Learning Support Assistant. We are sure you will make them feel very welcome when you have the opportunity to meet them.

Lastly, we would like to thank you all for your continued support for our school. It means so much to all of our staff to know we are able to work closely together for the good of our children during difficult times.

DATES

Please note the following dates are subject to cancellation or change depending on the Government School Guidance and the Covid-19 situation at the time.

AUTUMN TERM 2021

14th Sep - Y3 swimming lessons start

24th Sept - Charity Coffee Morning - CANCELLED

30th Sept - Scooterbilty year 3

October - Diversity Month

6th Oct - Individual and Family Photos

14th Oct - Parent Evening

21st Oct - Inset Day (closed to children)

22nd Oct - Occasional Day (closed)

25th - 29th Oct Half Term (closed)

1st Nov - Children return to school

19th Nov - Year 4 Assembly 2:45pm - 3:15pm

26th Nov - Decoration Day

13th Dec - Yr 3 to Yr 6 Carol practice

14th Dec - Rec to Y2 Nativity

14th Dec - Y3 swimming last lesson of the term

15th Dec - Nursery Christmas Songs

15th Dec - Rec to Y2 Nativity

16th Dec - Panto

17th Dec - Year 3 to Year 6 Carol Service 10am

17th Dec - Christmas Dinner

17th Dec - Christmas Disco

17th Dec - Nursery last day of term

20th Dec - Class parties

20th Dec - Nursery Closed

21st Dec - Last day of term 1:30 finish

22nd Dec 2021 - Tue 4th Jan 2022

Christmas Break (closed)

For future dates for events and term dates please visit our school website: <https://broombarns.herts.sch.uk/>

COFFEE MORNING

We have always received very good support from our school community when raising funds for cancer charities. Unfortunately, due to the popularity of previous coffee mornings and the large number of adults and children that we could expect to attend, we are unable to go ahead with a 'Care for a Cuppa' Coffee Morning this month. We look forward to resuming our coffee morning next year.

Pantomime 16th December

This event is always popular and is available to every child in the school at the discounted price of £12 per ticket. Please note, the school will be closed from 9:15am on this day as all of our staff will be attending the performance to supervise the children at the Gordon Craig Theatre. Please ensure you have completed your payment of £12 per ticket by 4th Oct.

Meet the Teacher Dates - The following dates and times have been arranged for you to come into school and meet your child's teacher.

Year 3 Monday 13th September at 3:20

Year 2 Tuesday 14th September at 3pm

Year 1 Wednesday 15th September at 3:20

Year 6 Thursday 16th September at 3:20

Year 4 Monday 20th September at 3:20

Year 5 Wednesday 22nd September at 3:20





School Dinners

All Reception, year 1 and Year 2 children are eligible for Free School Meals under the Universal Infant free school meal initiative. We would expect all parents of key stage 1 children to take advantage of this scheme and book their child's meals via the school grid app (a link can be found in the school gateway app).

For children in years 3 – 6. Is your child entitled to Free School Meals? To find out go to <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Even if your child does not usually have a school dinner, you can still apply as the school receives extra funding which you could benefit from in other ways such as free afterschool sports clubs.

If you have not set up a school grid account please speak to the school office.

If you have pre-ordered a meal and send your child into school with a packed lunch, your child will be given the school meal and will bring the packed lunch home. Please also remember to cancel your child's meal if they are ill and absent from school.

CLUBS

Breakfast Club Nursery to Year 6 - Ms McKinlay, Miss Harris & Mr Martin
£3 per child per day & £2.50 per sibling per day. Please book and pay for sessions via the school gateway app.

Breakfast Booster Year 5 and Year 6 - Mr Kalaiarasu & Mrs Webb
Y5/Y6 Booster clubs run on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8am. There is no charge for this club. Please ensure you have booked your child in via the online form on our website;

<https://broombarns.herts.sch.uk/parents/forms/>

Mr Kalaiarasu and Mr Barrow are running the following sports clubs. These can be booked and paid for via the school gateway app. If your child has a free school meal entitlement please let the school office know so that the payment can be adjusted.

| Day/activity | Time | Year group | Cost | Start and end dates |
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| Monday – Y5/6 Football | 3.20-4.20 | 5/6 | £6.00 | 13.9.21-18.10.21 |
| Tuesday – Kick Boxing – run and organised by Sports Zone | | 5/6 | Please speak to Sports Zone | |
| Wednesday – Y1/2 Noodle Sports | 3.20-4.20 | 1/2 | £6.00 | 15.9.21-20.10.21 |
| Wednesday – Y3/4 Archery | 3.20-4.20 | 3/4 | £6.00 | 15.9.21-20.10.21 |
| Thursday – Y1/2 Football | 3.20-4.20 | 1/2 | £6.00 | 9.9.21-14.10.21 |
| Thursday – Y3/4 Basketball | 3.20-4.20 | 3/4 | £6.00 | 9.9.21-14.10.21 |



Kittle Photographic will be visiting the school on 6th October. The photographer will take photos of each child attending school that morning, on their own and with siblings that also attend Broom Barns. Once we have received the proofs, they will be sent home along with details on how to order. Please note, parents must order and make payments directly to Kittle (not the school). It can take a few weeks after the deadline for your orders to be processed and delivered. You can opt for deliver to the school (this is free) or directly to your home address at an additional cost.

Covid Safety This Term

To avoid returning to previous safety measures and to help keep everyone as safe as possible, if we are able to host parents in school, we will continue to ask everyone to wear masks and to socially distance where possible. Please also familiarise yourself with regards to the self-isolation/testing rules (sent on september1st) we have put in place for our school. Thank you for your continued support in helping us all stay safe. We will inform parents as and when Government guidelines for schools change.

Spelling Shed

Spelling Shed is a spelling platform designed by a team of teachers. It is built with students, teachers and parents in mind and aims to make spelling fun for students as well as simple for adults to manage. Spelling Shed will be used in years 1 to 6. Part of the homework for spelling is now set online using 'Spelling Shed'. This can be accessed using an app (at a cost) or using the website (free). Once your child has their login information and they can access our online game via <https://play.spellingshed.com>. All children will be expected to practise their spellings regularly at home.

Well done to Class 4 who made the Spelling Shed top 100 classes in the world this week placing 55th in the league table.

Book Bags and P.E Bags

Please purchase book bags and PE bag through the school gateway app.

It can take up to 10 working days for your payment to clear.



PE bags are £3



Book Bags are £4

Nursery Heating

Last term you may have noticed Heras fencing by our Nursery and workmen on site. We are pleased to tell you a new boiler has been installed in the nursery so we look forward to warm winters in the nursery.

School Attendance

Attendance and punctuality is a life skill and in school we strive to support our pupils to maintain high levels of attendance. The national average school attendance for primary schools is 96%; this is the MINIMUM attendance figure that we, as a school, are expected to achieve by the Government and Ofsted.

Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their children have an education.

Section 444 (1) of the Education Act 1996 states "if a child of compulsory school age who is a registered pupil at a school fails to attend regularly at the school, his/her parent is guilty of an offence."

For the purposes of education law, the definition of 'parental responsibility' lies with whomever the child resides with; this could be one parent, both parents or carer/s.

