

NEWSLETTER

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**WHAT A FANTASTIC TERM WE HAVE HAD!!
ENJOY THE BREAK AND HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS.
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL ON THE 9TH JANUARY 2024.**
Mr R





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If you would like to help with fundraising or would simply like to have a chat we meet every **TUESDAY** morning in the school office straight after drop off for half an hour.

We are now utilising the notice board in the playground so please look there for details of forthcoming events and requests.



Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Christmas Fair on Tuesday, it was a fantastic event and we loved seeing how many of the children ran their own stalls and how creative they all were.

A huge well done to all the winners, we hope that you enjoy your rainbow hamper.

At this stage we do not know the exact amount of money raised at this stage, but we do know that the children donated a total of **£145.02** from their stall takings which is absolutely amazing, thank you so much.

Mrs Hargreaves

Friends would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hargreaves for all of her hard work and support over the years, it has been invaluable.

Mrs Hargreaves has always been on hand to offer advice and guidance and has contributed to Friends in so many ways, whether it has been coming up with fundraising ideas, arranging prizes or just offering support for which we are truly thankful.

We are sure her Tuesday mornings will be a lot more peaceful now she doesn't have to meet with Friends and their two noisy "helpers"!!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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The leaving memories of an emotional Brompton Family ‘mum’!!

After 14 years of being embedded within the Brompton Family – I am now **READY TO FLY!**

Being a parent of two girls here at the school was a very special time. Not only did the girls gain a fantastic education, we as a family made lifelong friends and became part of something very special. Our earliest memories of ‘adding value’ to the **Family** are of Easter Crafty Days at Sawdon Village Hall preparing our eggs to roll down Castle Hill on Easter Sunday. This then led to Trick or Treating around Sawdon for Halloween – in order to help create a safe and special environment for the families to come together on a cold and spooky night. The last one we hosted had over 50 children joining, as friends and siblings wanted a piece of the action – Sawdon residents have never created so many treats since!! Next came the Christmas Caroling around Sawdon, where families came together and we sang our hearts out around the village – ending with mulled wine and mince pies around the Hargreaves kitchen table. All of these events were for all of our families and not just ‘the girl’s friends’, as here at Brompton we have always been inclusive.

It was then time to support FRIENDS. Hannah Wallace and I ran many bake sales, craft fairs, sponsored walks (to name a few) with our best creation being the Leavers BBQ. For 10 years Darren manned the BBQ and I manned the kitchen. Many happy memories were made as children created havoc up trees, in farmers’ fields, cycling up the lane, Mrs Stroud’s Leavers cake and of course the ultimate activity of THE football match. Even after children left our school, this was the one event that they always came back to at the end of term. Mr Cooper and Darren were always determined to go back to being 10 years old again!

And then came the Governors years - and wow what a baptism of fire that one was! Two new Head Teachers, two Ofsted’s, and a language that was totally new to me. Being a Governor was a privilege but also a huge responsibility. I highly recommend anyone who wants to give back to their community to apply for these vacancies, but ensure you go to all the training and become aware of what all the terminology used means. The great thing about being a Governor is that you can use your own skill base to add value and see outside of the education bubble to help drive positive change. It was here that we created Buddies, our before & after school club. Being a full-time working mum, and also seeing that numbers were declining – it was obvious that we needed to create added value to what we could offer. This is such a crucial part of our school life now and one I have massively enjoyed being a part of.

Finally, I got to come ‘inside’ and have spent the last 4 years as your School Administrator. I have absolutely LOVED this role and am very proud of the changes and support I have been able to make. Coming into a role that had not had anyone in place for almost a year was quite a daunting task – but the support that Mr Cooper gave me was fabulous. Together we muddled through that first year with the one thing at the forefront of our mind at all times **‘FOR THE CHILDREN’**. So, let’s take a trip down memory lane and remember all the things that we have done together during my time in the seat:

- Completely revamped the School Office and Staff Room to allow for more space to gather, educate, discuss, relax, and be ill (amazing what a comfy cosy white chair can fix).
- Update of systems and processes to make them more electronic and reduce waste and paper (in line with our **Nature & Respect** value). I know many of you curse at ParentPay and the text messaging service – but trust me it works so much better than the alternative.
- FOOD Celebrations – and boy did we go to town on this (I’m definitely a feeder!!) – Parent breakfasts and lunches, Coffee & cake mornings in the office for families, bacon butties and ice-cream trips to Glaves, Buddies Breakfasts, Toast etc. at break times for Mental Health Week, and of course Childrens Choice lunches – wow we knew how to eat and have fun with everyone for any occasion. And then don’t forget all the times I cooked for the school when we had no cook – loved this!
- And then there were the events – Royal celebrations with a royal bodyguard, soldier, mayor, garden party attendees; India Day; Skateboarding Day; Charity fundraisers; music in the playground – the list is endless.



However, the things I am most proud of, and hope will have impacted the children in the best possible way to help them through life, are the wellbeing activities and giving the children a voice. Re-launching the School Council and setting up the Wellbeing Team were important ways to let the children drive change in the school that was important to them. Creating home care-packages for the children throughout Covid which included playing cards, fun activities, print outs to follow the scheme of work, delivering Christmas Day lunch to those children who couldn't be in school, and calling every family every week just to check in. Collaborating with our FRIENDS to help support the extra activities that the school cannot pay for and therefore improving our children's experiences. Achieving the Bronze Healthy Schools Award for the work that we do to support our Childrens Emotional Wellbeing. The Summer Term Walking Bus – such a special time to be had with those children as we started the day in the fresh air and nature, litter picking, flower discovering, farming discussions and insect lifesaving. All this finally culminating in the myHappyMind scheme and workshops. The outcome of this for the future I hope will be my lasting legacy and help improve the lives of our wonderful children and families that will always connect them back to being part of the [Brompton Family](#).



Week Activities w/c 8th January 2024

	Lunch	Clubs	Events
ALL WEEK	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK – WILL START W/C 15TH JANUARY 2024		
Monday	Lasagne Broccoli and Carrots Homemade Garlic Bread OR Jacket Potato with a choice of filling and salad. ***** Cornflake Crispie		*Teacher Training Day
Tuesday	Chicken Nuggets Diced Potatoes Peas & Sweetcorn OR Wholemeal Sandwich with a choice of filling and salad. ***** Jelly & Fresh Fruit		*Children Back to School *Mrs New first official day *Welcome back to Laura (cook) hopefully!!
Wednesday	Roast Pork & Stuffing Mashed Potato Medley of Vegetables Crusty Bread OR Jacket Potato with a choice of filling and salad. ***** Cheese & Crackers		
Thursday	Beef Chilli Wrap Vegetable Rice Carrots & Green Beans OR Wholemeal Sandwich with a choice of filling and salad. ***** Fruity Flapjack		
Friday	Battered Fish Chips Ketchup Peas & Sweetcorn Homemade Bread OR Jacket Potato with a choice of filling and salad. OR Ham Sandwich & Salad ***** Lemon Drizzle Muffin		



All upcoming events are now in the Dojo calendar. Please ensure you regularly look at this for both your child's class and the whole school. Thank You!

Term Dates (Academic Year 2023-24)

2023 - 2024 YEAR	Break up	Return to School
AUTUMN TERM 2023		Wednesday 6th September
OCT HALF TERM 2023	Friday 27th October	Monday 6th November
CHRISTMAS 2023	Friday 22nd December	Tuesday 9th January
FEB HALF TERM 2024	Friday 9th February	Monday 19th February
EASTER 2024	Friday 22nd March	Tuesday 9th April
MAY BANK HOLIDAY 2024	Friday 3rd May	Tuesday 7th May
MAY HALF TERM 2024	Friday 24th May	Monday 3rd June
SUMMER 2024	Friday 19th July	Wednesday 4th September 2024
Teacher Training Days 2023/2024: 4th & 5th September, 8th January, 8th April 2023 and 22nd July. Please avoid booking holidays and other non-essential term-time absence during these term dates		

ANNUAL BUDGETING HELP 2023/2024

In order to be aware of what costs are on the horizon, it has been requested by parents that we publish an annual snapshot of what we are planning. Things could change, dates could move and costs could alter, so for requests will be added - however this is an estimation to help with family budgeting. We have taken the decision, that for National Fundraising Events, whilst we will support to order that the children feel connected, we will not be asking for voluntary contributions. Regarding school trips, where possible the fundraising that FRIENDS do so well, pay for the transport costs. Other costs will be requested as voluntary contributions from families and/or paid for by school. If enough money is not raised, please be understanding. We hope this helps. If at any time you are struggling, then please do come and talk to any of us in school, to try and find a solution, so that your child can continue to benefit from the wider opportunities we are offering.

Autumn Term 1 Sept – Oct '23	Autumn Term 2 Oct – Dec '23	Spring Term 1 Jan – Feb '24	Spring Term 2 Feb – Mar '24	Summer Term 1 Apr – May '24	Summer Term 2 Jun – Jul '24
Class 1 Trip MacMillan Coffee morning fundraiser Harvest Festival (food donations) Whole School Individual Photos (18 th Oct) YS&6 Peat Rigg residential (23 rd -25 th Oct)	Class 2 Trip Class 3 Trip Whole School RE Trip FRIENDS – Xmas Fair Whole School Panto Poppy Appeal (£ donations) Children in Need – no donation Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – no donation C1&2 Christmas performance	Class 1 & 2 Swimming Class 1 Trip Class 3 Young Voices (8 th Feb)	Class 2 Trip Class 3 Trip	Yr. 3 & 4 East Barnby Residential (22 nd -24 th May) Whole School Photos (20 th May) Class 3 Swimming Class 2 Trip Class 3 Trip	Y10 Trip fundraiser FRIENDS – Summer Fair Class 1 Trip Whole School Trip

*NEW THIS WEEK

- 25th Jan – Children's University Passport Checks
- 8th Feb '24 Class 3 to Young Voices in Sheffield.
- 7th Mar – World Book Day
- 22nd Mar – Black Education Day with African drumming
- w/c 10th May – Mental Health Awareness Week
- 23rd Apr – Science Bus (Class 2 & 3)
- 20th May '24 – Class photographs – change of date from 21st
- 23rd May '24 – Skateboarding Day - this may alter so watch this space.
- 22nd – 24th May 2024 – Yr3 & 4 to East Barnby
- 12th Jun – Tom Palmer (author) in school for workshops with all
- 19th/20th June 2024 – Lady Lumley's Transition Day
- 3rd July – Lady Lumley's Transition Day

PARENT LUNCH INVITATION – any week day

On a lunchtime, we would like to invite you to come into school and have your lunch with the children.

You are welcome to bring up to two adults and any younger siblings.

There will be a limit of two families per day.

This is a great opportunity for you to see what is happening in school that week, experience our super school lunches, and spend some time with the children and adults in school.

Please call the school office to book your place and confirm who will be coming. There will be a small charge of £3.45 per adult, siblings will be free.

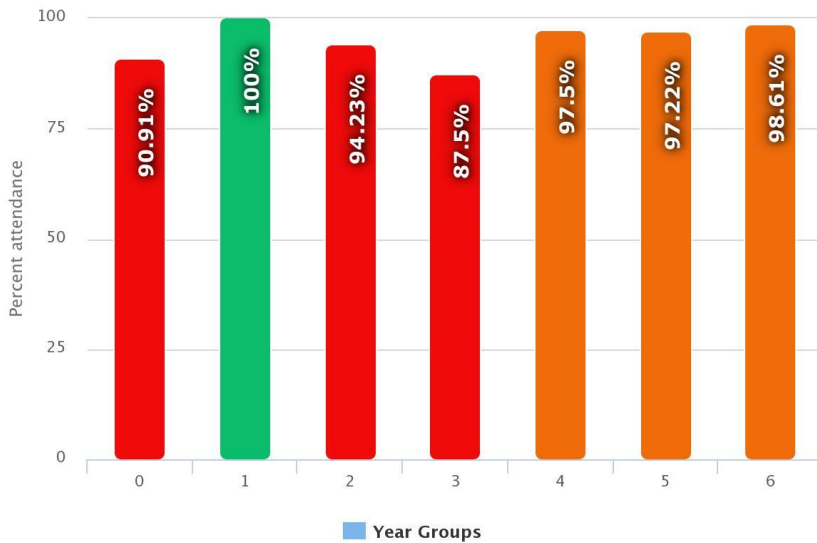
Can't wait to host you!

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EASTER 2025	Friday 4th April	Tuesday 22nd April
MAY BANK HOLIDAY 2025	Friday 2nd May	Tuesday 6th May
MAY HALF TERM 2025	Friday 23rd May	Monday 2nd June
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This week's attendance



The government expectation for all schools is **96%+** attendance.

- So far this year our overall school attendance is **96.2%**

As you can see, our attendance so far this year is in line what is expected. Thank you for supporting us by ensuring that your child attends as much as possible.

Every day missed really does impact hugely on the children's learning.

