



Happy half-term!

The end of the first half term of the school year!

This half term seems to have flown by. The children have settled into their new classes well and relationships have been built with their new teachers and support staff.

We have shared our new termly Curriculum Overviews with you for each class and we have also had our first Parents' Evenings of the year to discuss how your children are settling in. After the half term break, One Plan meetings will take place for those children on the SEND register as teachers would have had the chance to get to know your children over the past seven weeks.

We will soon be introducing a Parent Forum group to further develop links between the school and families. Further details will follow. Wishing you all a fabulous half-term break!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

All absence must be reported on the first day. If we do not have a reason for absence your child will receive an unauthorised absence mark. This data is monitored by The Department for Education on a regular basis.

Attendance Percentages for this academic year:

Class 1	93.6%
Class 2	91.1%
Class 3	97.3%
Class 4	93.6%
Class 5	94.4%
Class 6	96.0%
Class 7	97.9%
Class 8	92.2%
Whole school	94.6%

KEY DATES

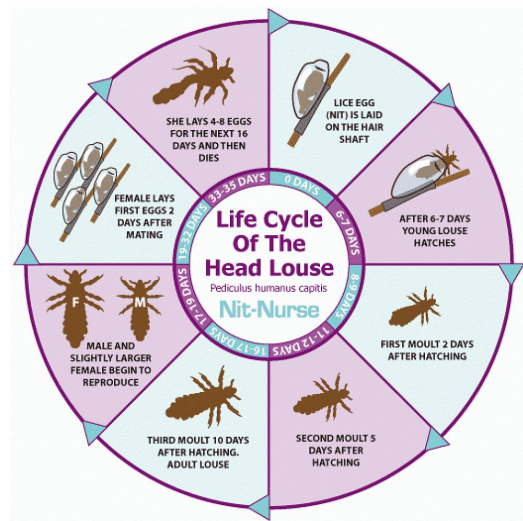
- *Fri 20th Oct: Last day of half term
- *Mon 30th Oct: First day back at school
- *Weds 1st Nov: BOOMGROVE fireworks event!
- *Fri 10th Nov: Non-uniform day (for Christmas Fayre)
- *Mon 13th - Fri 17th Nov: National Anti-Bullying Week!
- *Fri 17th Nov: BBC Children In Need Day
- *Fri 24th Feb: Non Pupil Day
- *Fri 1st Dec: Christmas Fayre
- *Thurs 7th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day
- *Weds 13th Dec: Christmas Production
- *Thurs 14th Dec: School Christmas Dinner Day
- *Thurs 14th Dec: Christmas Production
- *Weds 20th Dec: Last day of term

Headlice

We have been notified about children catching headlice in school.

We would like to politely remind you that our uniform policy states that long hair must be tied back as this can minimise the risk of lice.

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/from-insects-animals/Pages/Signs-of-Lice.aspx>



BOOMGROVE!

On Wednesday 1st November, Broomgrove Schools are hosting the BSA's **BOOMGROVE** bonfire and fireworks night. This event has not happened since before the pandemic, so everyone is very excited about it. Gates will open at 5.30pm and the event will end at 8pm. There will be: fireworks, light up toys, food and more. Mr Mayne, our caretaker, has created a sculpted bonfire to set alight, also.



Tickets can be purchased from: Wine Well, Broomgrove and Millfields Schools.

The prices are:

- Adult £6
- Child £4.50
- Family £20 (2 adults and 2 children)

The amazing, professional firework display is delivered by Dynamic Fireworks and this event is our biggest fundraiser of the year, raising funds for both schools. We would therefore welcome your support.

Prefects

We have recently introduced the role of prefects in Year 6. Pupils were invited to apply for these prestigious roles and the Year 6 class teachers announced the successful applicants last week. They have all received their badges and their responsibilities will be developed over time.



Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. The NHS has provided this guidance for parents and carers:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/#:~:text=If%20your%20child%20has%20mild,they%20can%20go%20to%20school>

Holiday Requests

The school has been receiving an increasing number of holiday requests in term time. I have included the term dates for the academic year for your information within this school newsletter.

Holidays in term time are always taken as an unauthorised leave of absence. Parents who take these periods of absence do so with the full knowledge that the school may issue a penalty notice. There is no entitlement in law for pupils to take time off during the term to go on holiday.

At Broomgrove Junior School 'exceptional circumstances' **will be interpreted as:** ... being of unique and significant emotional, educational or spiritual value to the child which outweighs the loss of teaching time (as determined by the headteacher). The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are events that are **"rare, significant, unavoidable and short"**. By **'unavoidable'** we mean an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time, outside of school term time.

Examples of 'exceptional' events that are "rare, significant, unavoidable and short" may include but are not limited to: a parent or carer being a member of the armed forces and has been on active duty so could not reasonably schedule the absence for another time, the death of a close family member, the attendance at the funeral and the attendance at the wedding of a close family member.

Furthermore, we will not consider applications for leave during term time:

- at any time in September. This is very important as your child needs to settle into their new class at the start of the academic year as quickly as possible.
- during assessment and test periods in the school's calendar affecting your child.
- when a pupil's attendance record already includes any level of unauthorised absence or they have already been granted authorised leave within that academic year.



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TICKETS ARE LIMITED TO ADULTS
ONLY DUE TO SPACE

BAR OPENS AT 6:30 PM
PERFORMANCE STARTS
7PM - 9PM

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