

Key Dates

24th Apr – Year 6 Class photos
 30th Apr – 1/2S Class
 Assembly
 8th May – 1F Class Assembly
 13th May – Year 6 SATS week
 20th May – Year 2 SATS week
 22nd May – 1D Class
 Assembly
 24th May – Sporty Theme Tag
 Day

Term Dates 18/19

Term 5

Tuesday 23rd April
 until
 Friday 24th May

Term 6

Tuesday 4th June
 until
 Tuesday 23rd July

Term Dates 19/20

Term 1

Tuesday 3rd September
 until
 Friday 25th October

Term 2

Tuesday 5th November
 until
 Friday 20th December

Term 3

Tuesday 7th January
 until
 Friday 14th February

Term 4

Monday 24th February
 Until
 Friday 3rd April

Headline

We have reached the end of another term.

Huge thanks to you all for supporting World Book Day, Byron's Got Talent, Class Assemblies and the Year 3/4 Production this term. It has been a very busy few weeks.

I have been delighted with the passion the children have shown in supporting the Pass On Plastic campaign. This was clear in the Children's Newsletter last week. The children have also been very concerned about safe parking. They really do want to be able to leave the school site safely at the end of the day. No one sets out to park in a position that endangers children, all that the pupils and staff ask is that you think sensibly about where you are waiting at the end of the day.

The children have continued to enjoy the new topics this year and I am pleased that you have told us that they are talking to you more about their learning at home.

Next term the Year R topic is called Investigations. In Key Stage 1 it is 'Bright Lights, Big City'. The lower juniors have 'Predator' whilst the upper juniors have 'Beast Creator'.

It is going to be a very busy Easter break on the school site. Thanks to money given to the school by Provident Financial Group we are developing the disused outbuilding near the Year 1 classrooms into a cooking space.

Work has already begun in preparing the room for this. Most of the transformational work will be completed whilst we are away from school. Next term will be spent equipping the room, testing the

facilities, preparing risk assessments and training staff. The current plan is to begin using the new cooking space from June.

The addition of the cooking room will enhance pupil lessons during the school day, transform food club on a Friday afternoon but will eventually enable us to run family cooking sessions too.

Exciting times!

The whole staff team wish you all a very pleasant Easter Break. Children return to school on Tuesday 23rd April.

Mr Carthy

News

Staffing

We are delighted to announce that Miss Masters is getting married over the Easter break. We wish her a wonderful day. Whilst officially she will be Mrs Ford from next term, she will remain known as Miss Masters until the end of the school year.

Term 5 Class Assemblies

The class assemblies for Term 5 are as follows:

30th April – 1/2S

8th May – 1F

22nd May – 1D

All of our class assemblies start at 8:55am.

Please ensure that you arrive promptly to avoid disturbances.

Uniform

A navy blue jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan. Navy, black or grey trousers, tailored shorts, skirt or dress/navy and white checked dress. A white or blue polo shirt, shirt or blouse. Flat plain black shoes or trainers (no heels or open toes). www.myclothing.com

Key Staff

Mr Carthy *Headteacher*

Mrs Langthorne *Deputy Head*

Mr Chantler *Deputy Head*

Ms Gould *Chair of Governors*

Mrs Hill & Miss Knight *SENCO*

Miss Masters *FS Leader*

Miss Scudder *KS1 Leader*

Mr Chantler *LKS2 Leader*

Mr Atkins *UKS2 Leader*

Mrs Vella *Family Liason Officer*

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, achieving equal opportunities and combating discrimination.

We operate a very clear whistleblowing policy for staff.

Health & Wellbeing

Headlice

Please be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly. Although this is a common issue in all schools, it is frustrating and can be upsetting.

Below is a plan of campaign that may help! Wet combing is one of the most effective head lice treatments. It can be used without medicated lotions, but needs to be done regularly and can take a long time to do thoroughly.

- Wash the hair with ordinary shampoo. Use plenty of conditioner, (it won't drown the lice but makes them easier to remove).
- Use a wide-toothed comb to detangle the hair.
- Once the comb moves freely, switch to the detection comb. Start at the front of the scalp and comb the hair from the roots to the very end.
- After each stroke, examine the teeth of the comb for lice. Remove lice by wiping or rinsing the comb.
- Work methodically through the hair, section by section, so that the whole head of hair is combed through.
- Rinse out the conditioner and repeat the combing procedure in the wet hair.
- Repeat the procedure on days five, nine and thirteen, so that you clear young lice as they hatch, before they have time to reach maturity.

In The Community

Places of Welcome

Places of Welcome are run by local community groups who want to make sure everyone in your area has a place to go for

conversation and a cup of tea if and when they need it. Your local Place of Welcome is at St Augustine's Church, Rock Avenue, Gillingham. It is open on Wednesdays from 9am – 11am. For more information please visit www.placesofwelcome.org.uk

Mindfulness for Children

Mindfulness for Children 4 week course at The Academy of Woodlands 4:30 – 5.30pm. Starting Thursday 18th April 2019, charges apply. For more information please contact tutor Angela Daly via email at Angela45-mindful@hotmail.co.uk

Pat On The Back

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning the 25th March 2019 was 3F with an amazing 98.7%! 1/2S, 2S and 5L had only 1 late pupil each during this week, and a fantastic 98.4% of children arrived on time.

Also Coming Home

- Easter Theme Menu
- Chartwells Spring/Summer Menu
- Year 2 SATs Meeting Letter
- Year 5/6 Homework Letter
- Year 6 Easter SATs Revision