

## Key Dates

13<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATS week  
 20<sup>th</sup> May – Year 2 SATS week  
 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 1D Class  
 Assembly  
 24<sup>th</sup> May – Sporty Theme Tag  
 Day  
 14<sup>th</sup> June – Tag Day  
 18<sup>th</sup> June – KS2 Sports Day  
 25<sup>th</sup> June – FS2 Sports Day  
 27<sup>th</sup> June – KS1 Sports Day

## Term Dates 18/19

### Term 5

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
 until  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

### Term 6

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
 until  
 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

## Term Dates 19/20

### Term 1

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
 until  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

### Term 2

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
 until  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### Term 3

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
 until  
 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

### Term 4

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
 until  
 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

## Headline

This week I am going to answer some questions about PPA time for teachers.

### **What is PPA time?**

All teachers are entitled to time out of the classroom to prepare and mark lessons. This is called Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time. This means that every week, your child will have some of their lessons taught by another member of staff.

### **What is the point of PPA time?**

PPA time was introduced in 2005 to help ease teachers' workload by giving them time during their normal working week to plan and prepare lessons and work on assessments for the children they teach. The aim of PPA time is to reduce the number of hours that teachers need to put into planning lessons and marking during evenings and at the weekend.

### **How much PPA time do teachers get?**

All teachers are entitled to 10 per cent of their regular teaching hours as PPA time. For most full-time teachers, this works out at about 2.5 hours per week. At this school we usually give PPA time during afternoons, enabling teachers to be with their class for English and Maths in the mornings. Part-time teachers are also entitled to PPA equivalent to 10 per cent of their teaching time, so a teacher who works 15 hours a week, for example, will get 90 minutes' PPA time.

### **What can teachers do in their PPA time?**

Teachers must use their PPA time for preparation, planning or assessment. So, for example, they might use it to work out their lesson plans for the coming week, gather resources for

an upcoming topic, mark recent classwork or write school reports. We have a dedicated work space in Byron where teachers go for their PPA time, close to planning and assessment resources.

Mr Carthy

## News

### SATS

As mentioned in a recent newsletter, the next two weeks are very busy in school. Next week, children in Year 6 will sit their end of primary school tests, commonly known as SATs. The following week, children in Year 2 will sit theirs. During both of these testing weeks, access to school leaders and Year 2 and 6 teachers may be limited as statutory requirements must be met around the administration and timing of tests. I am sure you wish to join us in wishing the children all the very best at this time.

## Reminders

### Before School

A reminder that the play equipment on both playgrounds is not to be used in the mornings between when the gates are open and the bell goes for the start of the school day.

## Health & Wellbeing

### Head lice

Headlice are around again so please check your children's hair regularly. Head lice are a common problem in all schools, and we need your help to reduce the re-occurrences.

## 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](http://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.

To check for head lice, use a fine-toothed comb (a detection comb), which you can buy online or in pharmacies.

Head lice should be treated as soon as they're spotted and you should check everyone in the house and treat them on the same day.

You can use medicated lotions and sprays to kill the head lice, and they should die within the first day of treatment. Sometimes the treatment will need to be repeated a week later, to ensure any newly hatched lice are dead.

If you don't want to use chemicals and sprays, the detection comb can be used to remove the lice themselves using the wet combing method.

Although it's impossible to prevent head lice, checking your child's hair once a week will help to stop them spreading to other children.

## 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](http://www.placesofwelcome.org.uk)

## Pat On The Back

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 was

FS2BF and 1D with an amazing 100%! 1/2S had only one late pupil during this week, and a fantastic 98.2% of children arrived on time.

## Also Coming Home

- FS2 Trip Letter
- Year 1 Phonics Screening check parent's guide
- Year 6 Swimming Letter
- Year 6 Bikeability Letter
- Breakfast and Afterschool Club Booking Forms for Term 6
- Year 5 Secondary School 2020 Admissions leaflet
- Centre Stage Flyer
- Kung Fu Schools Flyer