



The Westbrook Trust Parent Newsletter

Term 3

Welcome to 2020 to parents and carers. It was great to see so many of you at the festive services and performances so well delivered by pupils across our schools. I am very grateful to have the opportunity to communicate with you via this newsletter and was so pleased to see that almost 600 people from across our three schools read our second newsletter last term. My aim is that this termly newsletter gives parents and carers the opportunity to find out more about our Trust and what being part of it means for all of our children and families. Although we are only three weeks into 2020, a lot has happened already this term and there have been some great examples of pupils and staff achieving together. Oliver Allen Chief Executive Officer | Director of Learning The Westbrook Trust

Achieving together the best possible outcomes for all to improve their futures.

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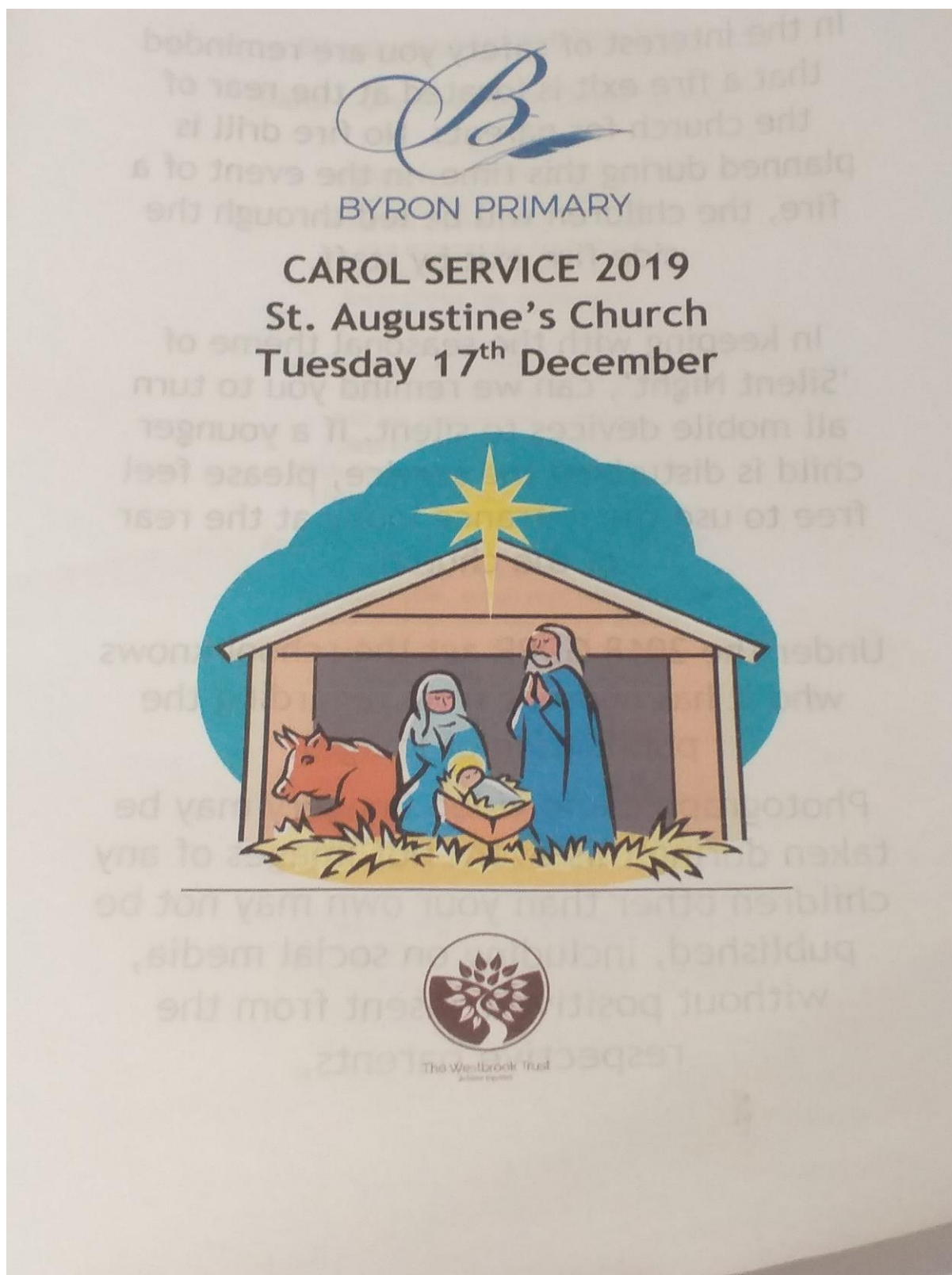
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Christmas Performances



It was a real pleasure to watch a Christmas performance at each of our schools just before we broke up for the Christmas holidays. The quality of narrating, singing and acting at each school was really high - congratulations to all of the pupils and staff involved. A huge thank you to parents and carers for their support with costumes and helping their children to learn words.



1 - Nursery children from Brompton-Westbrook performing Christmas songs.

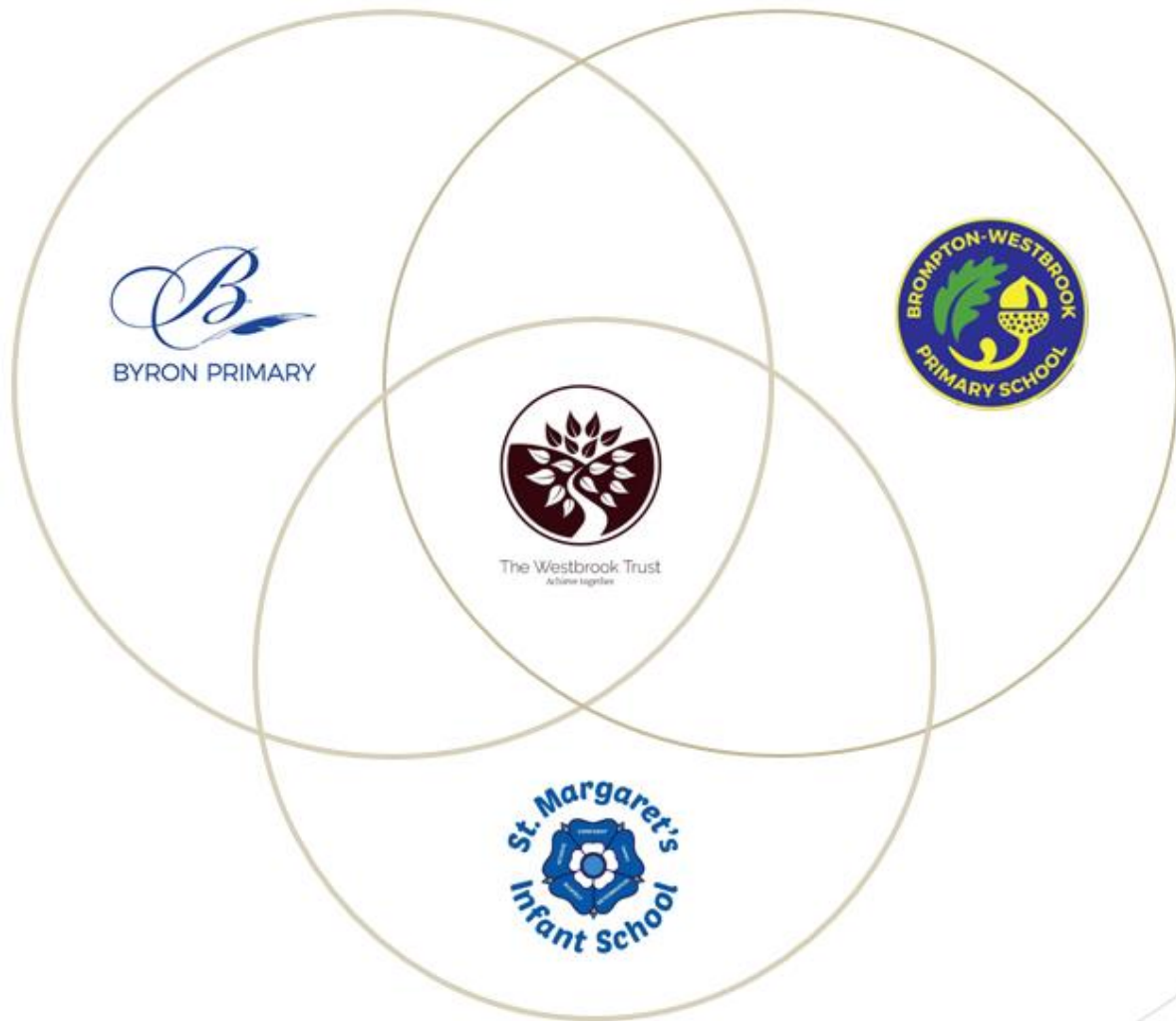


2 - Reception children from Byron Primary School performing their version of the Nativity.



3 - Children from St. Margaret's Infants enjoying their nativity.

Achieving Together



Since I last wrote to you there have been many opportunities for our staff to continue to work collaboratively to achieve together the best outcomes for our children. Particular examples include: Mr. Lock from Byron has continued to provide music support at Brompton-Westbrook and St. Margaret's Infants, with excellent feedback from pupils and staff about how much they have enjoyed the sessions and how much they have learnt. Mrs. Dawson from Byron has used her knowledge and expertise of Religious Education to support the planning and teaching at Brompton-Westbrook and Byron Primary School. The Head Teachers from Byron and Brompton-Westbrook and I supported Mrs. Fewtrell to look closely at the curriculum at St. Margaret's. Many strengths were seen including the knowledge of the children, how passionately children spoke about their learning, how focused pupils were in lessons and how carefully the curriculum has been thought out and planned. We were also very impressed at how quickly the library and reading corners were further developed. Curriculum leaders and I supported Mrs. Mason at Brompton-Westbrook to look at the science curriculum. It was great to see at first hand the work that has gone into developing an enquiry based approach to investigations. Children from all year groups spoke really confidently about what they had learned and how much they enjoyed science lessons.

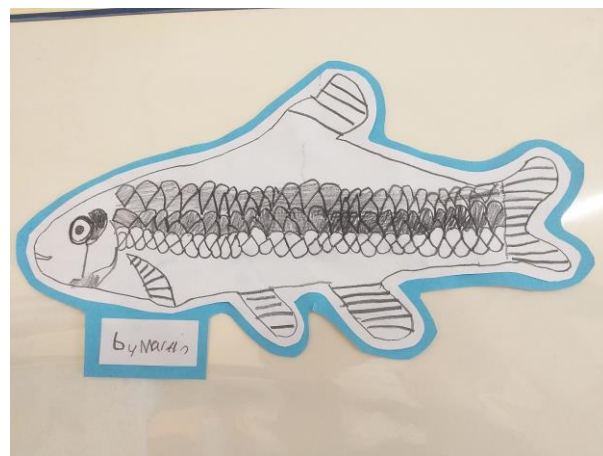
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4 - Year 5 pupils at Byron created Mayan Stelaes out of clay using their sculpting skills.

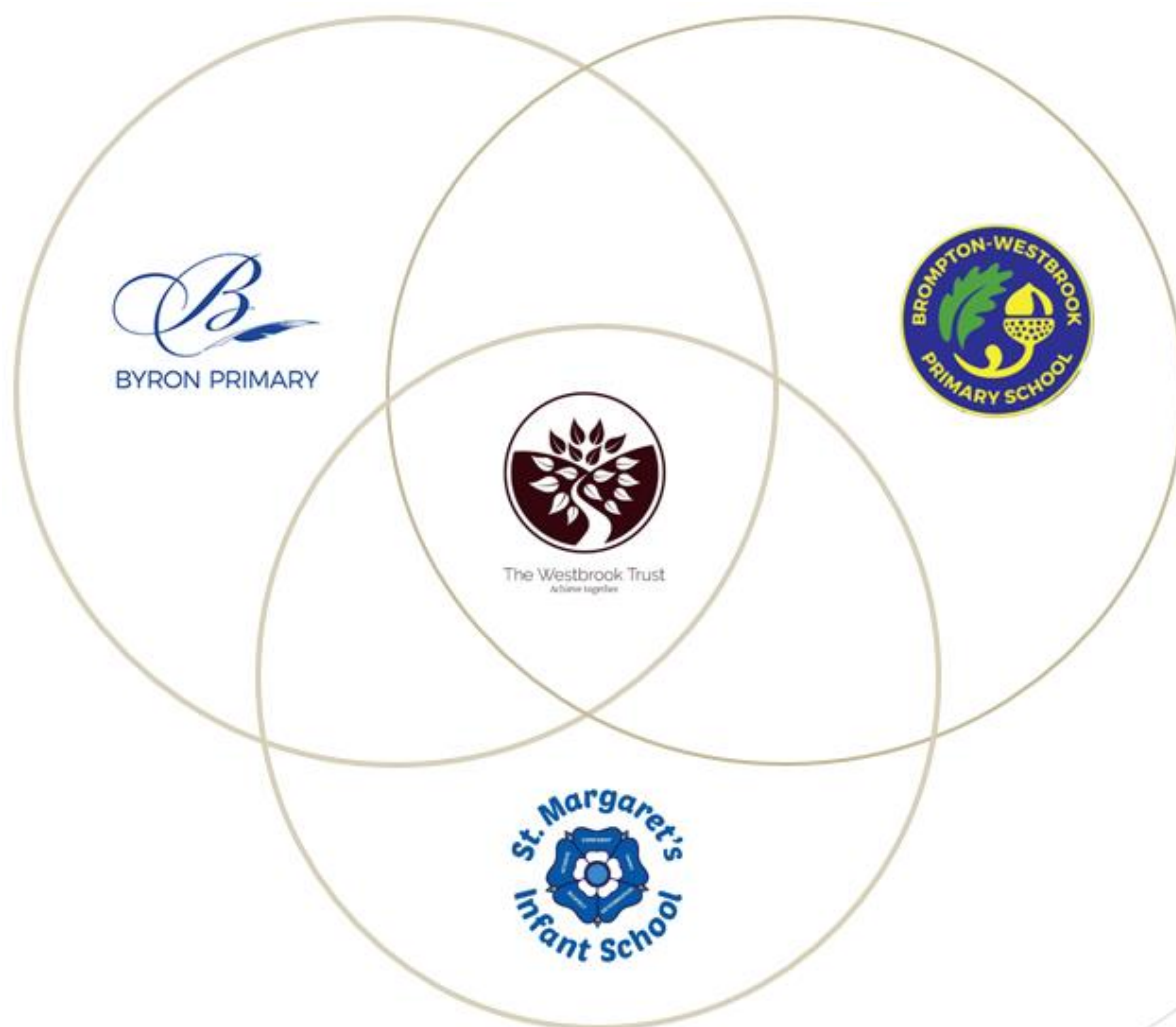


5 - Year 2 pupils at Brompton-Westbrook created their own science investigation questions about changing states.



6 - Year 2 pupils at St. Margaret's Infants used their sketching and shading skills to sketch animals linked to their topic.

Central Team



Mrs. England, Mr. Warnham and I moved offices this week and are now based at Byron Primary School. Mr. Carthy has kindly been able to accommodate us without disrupting pupil teaching spaces. This will mean that we are now based in a location that is most central to each of our three schools.

A huge thank you to the head teachers and other staff for their support with this.

Good News



Medway Moderators Congratulations to Mr. Atkins (Byron), Miss Scudder (Byron) and Mrs. Pascall (St. Margaret's Infants) who all recently successfully completed the Medway moderation process. This means that they will work on behalf of Medway Local Authority with other schools to check and agree the accurate assessment of work in Year 2 and in Year 6. We are always keen to work with others outside from our schools to share best practice and this is also extremely useful to inform and quality assure our own assessment procedures.

Celebration Huge congratulations to Mrs. Ford (Foundation Stage Leader at Brompton-Westbrook) who gave birth to baby Finley this week. Also huge congratulations to Mr. Cotton (Site Manager at Byron Primary School) whose partner gave birth to baby Teddy over the Christmas holidays.

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