

Headline:

A very warm welcome back to the start of a new school year from all the staff and governors here at Byron and across The Westbrook Trust. A special welcome to those parents who are new to the school.

Each Friday we publish a newsletter to parents and carers. This is sent home in paper form with the eldest child in the family. It is also put onto the school website.

Each week I write a short headline article for parents. This is usually related to a school policy or to give information from a national perspective. The second Friday each term, this headline is written by a governor. The penultimate newsletter each term is written by the children.

Two new staff have joined our team at the start of this year. Mr Davison is teaching in Year 1, and Miss Horne in Year 4. We are delighted to have them onboard.

Each week the newsletter will contain upcoming key dates, messages from staff and the term dates for the coming year. We hope that you find this information useful.

Except in an emergency, all other written communication will be sent home on a Friday too. This avoids you having to check the bottom of bags each night and reduces the chance of missing something. Any letters additional to the newsletter are listed at the bottom of the second page each week.

This year the children are beginning working on a UNICEF world-wide project about the Rights of the Child. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (**UNCRC**) is a legally-binding international agreement setting out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of every child, regardless of their race, religion or abilities.

It is a binding agreement signed by the Government, it helps us accept and celebrate difference and diversity, but also underlines that we are all *one race and must share the planet together*.

It sets out what children need to have a happy and safe life, ensuring respect, so they grow to become tomorrow's citizens.

In class, the children will be discussing the Convention and what are our rights and responsibilities. They will look at different Articles each term and share our work with each other. It will eventually involve everyone connected with the school, including the local and global community.

Part of the work we all do will hopefully lead us to achieving the UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools award. We will keep you updated with how we are getting on.

Mr Carthy

News

Dinner money

The price of a school meal has increased to £1.85 per day. This will mean that a week's meals will be £9.25. Thank you to all parents who send money into school clearly named.

Breakfast and After School Club

If you are interested in sending your child to the clubs, please ask for details at the school office.

Breakfast Club starts at 7:30am and is £3.50 including breakfast. After School Club starts at 3.30pm. Children may be booked in for either one or two hours after school at a cost of £3.50 per hour – this includes a drink, a 'packet' snack and fruit.

Coming Soon

Swimming at Medway Park for Year 6
Thursday 14th September

Year R Begin Full-time
Monday 18th September

First Photos – Year R
Wednesday 27th September

Junior Harvest Festival
Tuesday 3rd October

Parent Consultation Appointments confirmed
Friday 6th October

Grandparents Event
Tuesday 10th October, 3pm

Term Dates 2017/18

Term 1

Tuesday 5th September 2017
until
Friday 20th October 2017

Term 2

Tuesday 31st October 2017
until
Tuesday 19th December 2017

Term 3

Monday 8th January 2018
until
Friday 9th February 2018

Term 4

Monday 19th February 2018
until
Thursday 29th March 2018

Term 5

Monday 16th April 2018
until
Friday 25th May 2018

Term 6

Tuesday 5th June 2018
until
Wednesday 25th July 2018

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).



The Westbrook Trust
Achieve together

Reminders

Kingsquad

Kingsquad will resume on Wednesday 20th September.

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.

Look after your physical health

Looking after your body can help to keep you mentally well. Making small, gradual changes can have a positive impact on your mental wellbeing - try to start with one or two things you feel able to do.

In The Community

Will Adams Festival- Saturday 9 September - Gillingham Park, 11am to 4.30pm

The festival celebrates the life of Will Adams, who grew up in Gillingham during the Tudor period before becoming an experienced sailor in the Royal Navy. After retiring from the navy, Adams navigated a fleet of five Dutch ships from West Africa; during this hazardous voyage his ship ran aground on the island of Kyushu in Japan, where he was captured, questioned and imprisoned as a pirate. After being released he was ordered to sail to Tokyo. The Shogun was impressed with his knowledge of shipbuilding

and navigation and Adams became a trusted aide and diplomatic adviser. As a reward, he was granted the honoured title of Samurai and given a small estate in Hemi, which is now known as Yokosuka.

At the festival you will experience Tudor England and maritime history, as well as Japanese culture in the 17th and the 21st century. There's lots to see and do, including Taiko Meantime Drumming, martial arts, living history and storytelling.

Activities include: Tudor games, Living history and storytelling, living history encampment including net making and navigation, Japanese drumming. Plus much more.

This event is free entry. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on leads.

Pat on the Back

Inclusions this week

- Year 6 Swimming Letter
- Years 4 to 6 Sporting Club Byron Letter for specific children
- Year 3 and 4 Guildhall Museum Letter

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

Head Teacher: Mr Carthy

Deputy Heads: Mrs Langthorne (4-7 year olds) and Mr Chantler (7-11 year olds)

Family Liaison Officer: Mrs Vella

Inclusion Manager: Mrs Hill

This school operates a very clear whistleblowing policy for staff