

Governor Headline:

On behalf of the Governors, I would like to echo Mr Carthy's welcome to all our new pupils, parents and staff who have joined the Byron community this term.

Governors receive information regularly on how the children are progressing from the Senior Leadership Team and are also responsible for strategic issues, monitoring and challenging progress and attainment. Often, we have to react and think about how to manage change as the educational world is never static!

Last year's pupil performance data shows some real strengths in each year group and we met our key performance target of getting more children to the higher standards across the school.

Our aim is to stay accessible and connected to the local community and also to have a wide range of skills and experience on the governing body. One of the ways we do this is to have parent governors, who are elected. Currently we have a vacancy because of a relocation by Mrs O'Rourke, and I would like to encourage you to think about this possibility.

An addition to this newsletter is a parent governor nomination form. If you are interested in becoming a governor, I urge you to read this letter and then either speak to one of the senior leaders or request a conversation with me (via the main office)

Lillian Gould
Chair of Governors

News

Harvest Festival

Our Junior Harvest Festival celebration will be held at St Augustine's Church, Rock Avenue on Tuesday 3rd October at 9.30am. Children in Years 3-6 will be attending this service. Parents are welcome to attend, but please bear in mind that there may be limited space.

Foundation Stage End of First Term Open session for Parents

On Tuesday 17th October, between 3pm and 3.20pm, parents of Year R children are invited into school to visit the classrooms and share favourite stories.

Space is limited in live classrooms therefore we request a maximum of two persons per child to arrive at 2.55pm to sign in.

Grand Parent Event

Following its success last year, we are inviting grandparents to visit their grandchildren in school from 3pm on Tuesday 10th October.

Any grandparents interested should come to the main office via the Byron Road entrance. From here you will be escorted to your grandchild's classroom.

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.

Coming Soon

Year R Begin Full-time
Monday 18th September

Guide Dogs Visit to Years 1 and 2
Tuesday 19th September, 1pm

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

FS2 Parents invited to visit the classrooms
Tuesday 17th October, 2.55pm to 3.20pm

Parents Consultation Evenings
Tuesday 17th October and Thursday 19th October, 3.30pm – 7pm

Blue Tag Day
Friday 20th October

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).
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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.

Reminders

Kingsquad

Kingsquad will resume on Wednesday 20th September.

Health & Wellbeing

Protect Yourself Against Flu

Flu is highly contagious and while healthy people usually recover within a few days, for some it can be very serious and lead to hospitalization or even death.

People at greater risk from the virus include:

- Over 65's
- Pregnant women
- Anyone with a long-term condition including diabetes, asthma, kidney disease, a lowered immune system, chest or heart problems
- Children aged two, three and four years
- Carers and frontline health/social care workers.

If you are in anyone of these groups a free flu jab from your GP will help protect you against flu.

In The Community

Co-Op

The Co-Op on Canterbury Street will be closed from 2nd October for a refit. It will reopen again on 27th October. Prior to closure, stock levels will be kept high with full availability until closure.

The staff have invited children at Byron Primary School to enter a poster competition called 'why I like to shop at the Co-op'. Children can pop their poster into store at any time before the end of September, remembering to put their name and class on the back. Staff will select two winners, each of whom will receive goody bags and be invited to the opening of the new store.

Pat on the Back

The class with the best attendance for the first week of term was 1D with a super 100%. 5/6A had no late children and 98.6% of children arrived on time.

Inclusions this week

- Parent Governor Nomination Form
- 2Build Workshop Letter to FS2 parents
- Whole School - Parent Consultation letter
- Year 6 - Magistrates in the Community
- Year 1 and 2 – My Maths letter
- Medway Sport Open Day flyer
- Kung Fu Schools leaflet

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