

## Headline:

### Sporting Club Byron

At Byron Primary School we have an elite sporting club for those children who excel at sports. The club meets on Thursdays and Fridays after school from 3.30 to 4.30pm, and is run by experienced coaches from the Medway Sports Team who are based at Medway Park Leisure Centre.

During the sessions, we aim to enrich the children with an assortment of different sports from Hockey, Basketball, Table Tennis, Kwik Cricket and Football to name but a few. At certain times during the academic year we are invited to participate in Mini Youth Games events against other schools in the Medway area and the aim is to win as many games during the day to finish up in the top ten schools.

Children are nominated by their class teacher by showing that they have a flair when taking part in PE lessons. When children are accepted into the Club they are supplied with a Sporting Club Byron polo shirt, a gym bag and a water bottle. The club runs after school on our KS2 playground. We also try to organise trips to watch a variety of sports, some of these are the activities that we are coaching the children to play but others are non-related. The first trip of this school year was last weekend, when the children went to watch the England team competing in the Wheelchair Rugby League Grand Final at Medway Park. Our children acted as mascots for the event. Hopefully further trips will occur as the academic years continues. We are proud of our children's achievements and wanted to share it with the whole school community.

If you would like to know more about Sporting Club Byron, please have a chat with Mrs Sullivan our PE Leader.

Mr Carthy  
Head Teacher

## News

### Reception Open Meeting for Prospective Parents 2018/ 19

We will be holding an open morning on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October between 09:30 – 12:00 and an open evening on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 18:00 for parents/ carers of children starting school in September 2018. Parents/ carers will be able to book a half hour slot on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October where they can come into school for a tour of our unit and a chat with practitioners. On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November this will take place at 18:00. Parents/ carers may book to visit us by phoning the school office (01634 852981) or popping in to make an appointment. If, however, you cannot make either of these sessions or have any further questions following one of them, please do not hesitate to contact us to make further arrangements to discuss questions or make an alternative appointment to visit.

### Late Meetings

We are very aware that many parents work and as a result are unable to have a conversation with a member of staff during the school day. To help avoid this, we have scheduled a number of evenings (5.30pm to 7pm) throughout the year where you may book at appointment to come and speak with our senior leadership team about something specific.

If you would like to make an appointment, please complete the request form which can be found on the communication page of the school website.

### Harvest Festival

Our Junior Harvest Festival celebration will be held at St Augustine's Church, Rock Avenue on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Coming Soon

First Photos – Year R  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Junior Harvest Festival  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Parent Consultation Appointments confirmed  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Grandparents Event  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 3pm

School Nurse Drop in Session  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am – 12.15pm

FS2 Parents invited to visit the classrooms  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2.55pm to 3.20pm

Parents Consultation Evenings  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30pm – 7pm

Blue Tag Day  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

## Term Dates 2017/18

**Term 1**  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
until  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Term 2**  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017  
until  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Term 3**  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
until  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**Term 4**  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
until  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Term 5**  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
until  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Term 6**  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
until  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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).  
[www.tesco.com/ues](http://www.tesco.com/ues)



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## **Foundation Stage End of First Term Open session for Parents**

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **School Nurse Drop-in Session**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October parents who wish to have a conversation with the School Nurse about any health issues affecting their child are invited to make an appointment – just give the School Office a call.

## **Reminders**

### **Pound Coins**

The 'old' style pound coins will no longer be legal tender after Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Due to banking schedules we will only be able to accept them in school up until MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER.

### **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.

## **Health & Wellbeing**

### **Healthy Way Programme**

More than 4 million people in the UK are diagnosed with diabetes – approximately 850,000 people in the UK have undiagnosed type 2 diabetes, which is largely preventable and due to lifestyle choices.

For more information about the Healthy Way Programme visit [medway.gov.uk/healthyway](http://medway.gov.uk/healthyway) or phone 01634 957579.

## **In The Community**

### **Capstone Festival**

This will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September between 11am and 4pm in Capstone Farm Country Park.

There will be something for all ages to enjoy. New this year is land zorbing, plus there will be line dancing, pony rides, scouting activities, a craft tent, land hovercraft rides and a climbing wall.

Have a look at [medway.gov.uk/capstonefestival](http://medway.gov.uk/capstonefestival) for more information.

### **Co-Op**

The Co-Op on Canterbury Street will be closed from 11<sup>th</sup> October for a refit. It will reopen again on 27<sup>th</sup> 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 last week was 6C with a 99.3%. 5/6A, 3/4T, FS2D and FS2M had one late pupil each and 98.4% of children arrived on time.

### **Inclusions this week**

- Environmental walk to FS Parents
- Year 4 Residential Trip 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*