

## Headline:

We have reached the end of the first term of the year and I have been really impressed with the way our Reception children have settled into school. They are already talking confidently about their learning and friendships are establishing too. Further up the school, the children have impressed with their attitude to learning and challenges this term. This has been the case particularly in Year 6. Our oldest children are getting ready for secondary school. There have been many examples of children requesting to stay in during their break time to work on something they have been finding difficult. This is demonstrating a real sense of ownership of their learning. In Year 3/4, I have been impressed with some of the homework projects I have seen, whilst in Years 1 and 2 the children have impressed me with the way they move around the school.

On Monday, I had the great privilege of being invited to Buckingham Palace by Prince Andrew to talk with a selected number of Lords, head teachers and business leaders about outdoor education and specifically The Outward Bound Trust. Last year, The Outward Bound Trust funded 80% of the cost of our Year 6 residential to Wales, with Vanquis Bank funding the remaining 20%. Next month, with the same funding in place, our current Year 6 pupils will be off to Wales too. I am delighted to say that the funding has been confirmed for the children who will be Year 6 in November 2018, meaning that for a third year in a row, we will be able to offer this amazing experience to our Year 6 children whilst removing the cost barrier.

His Royal Highness spoke passionately and was knowledgeable about the benefits of outdoor education and his commitment to

developing The Outward Bound Trust is clear. I was delighted to represent the children, staff and families of Byron School and am very much looking forward to spending the week in Snowdonia with our Year 6 children at the end of November.

I hope that you all have a relaxing break next week. Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October is a staff training day, when we will be joining together with Brompton-Westbrook Primary School for the day with a focus on reading, writing, values, pupil progress and provision. It will be a very busy day. Children return to school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Mr Carthy  
Head Teacher

## News

### Christmas Fayre Tag Day

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November children are invited to wear their own clothes in exchange for a donation of anything chocolately – bars/boxes/biscuits etc.

**Easyfundraising** You have raised £722.31 for school funds by shopping via Easyfundraising.

To support Byron Primary school - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/byronprimary/> then simply follow the steps to shop and raise. Happy fund raising!

### Grand Parent Event

Thank you to all the Grandparents who took part in our Grandparent Event. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and it was lovely to see you all.

## Reminders

### School Website

Our school website is regularly updated and lists all information relating to school events and trips, policies, curriculum, performance and clubs.

## Coming Soon

Photographs  
Wednesday 1st November

Christmas Fayre Tag Day  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Friday Club Option Forms for T3 & T4 go home  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

## 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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There is also the option to contact us via the contact form on the Home Page.

If your child has been absent for any reason or if you would just like to check-up on forthcoming events then please take a look - [byron.medway.sch.uk](mailto:byron.medway.sch.uk)

## Health & Wellbeing

**Chickenpox** - is a common illness that mainly affects children and causes an itchy, spotty rash.

Most children will catch chickenpox at some point. It can also occur in adults who didn't have it when they were a child.

It's usually mild and clears up in a week or so, but it can be dangerous for some people, such as pregnant women, newborn babies and people with a weakened immune system

The main symptom is a rash that develops in three stages:

- spots – red raised spots develop on the face or chest before spreading to other parts of the body
- blisters – over the next few hours or the following day, very itchy fluid-filled blisters develop on top of the spots
- scabs and crusts – after a further few days, the blisters dry out and scab over to form a crust; the crusts then gradually fall off by themselves over the next week or two.

Chickenpox is contagious until all the blisters have scabbed over, which usually happens about five or six days after the rash appeared. The following can help:

- use paracetamol to relieve fever and discomfort – don't use anti-inflammatory painkillers, such as ibuprofen, as they can sometimes make people with chickenpox very ill
- use calamine lotion, moisturising creams or cooling gels to ease itching
- tap or pat the skin rather than scratching it – it's important to avoid scratching because this can lead to further problems
- drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated When to get medical advice
- Chickenpox is normally mild and gets better on its own. But some people can become more seriously ill and need to see a doctor.
- It's a good idea to contact your GP or NHS 111 for advice if:

- you're not sure if you or your child has chickenpox
- your baby is less than four weeks old and has chickenpox
- you develop chickenpox as an adult
- the symptoms haven't started to improve after six days
- you've been in contact with someone who has chickenpox (or you have symptoms) and you're pregnant or have a weakened immune system
- you or your child has signs of chickenpox complications, such as swollen and painful skin, difficulty breathing or dehydration.

## In The Community

### The Enchanted Garden – Halloween Fun this Half-term - The Historic Dockyard

Pumpkin carving, story-telling, fairy trail, enchanted crafts. For more information visit [thedockyard.co.uk](http://thedockyard.co.uk)

### The Historic Dockyard – Painting with Rainbows

29th September to 26<sup>th</sup> November – in collaboration with Michael Foreman, one of Britain's best known creators of books for children – Seven Stories' exhibition showcases original artwork alongside playful props and costumes, explores Michael's storytelling and imagines a world without conflict that cares for our environment and celebrates the importance of friendship.

### Save a Life – Give Blood

To make an appointment please call 0300 123 23 23. Sessions will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October between 1.30pm and 4.30pm, then 5.30pm and 8pm at The King Charles Hotel, Main Hall, Brompton Road, Gillingham.

## Pat on the Back

The class with the best attendance for week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> October was 1/2S with a 99.7%. 3/4T had only one late pupil that week and 98.2% of children arrived on time.

During week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 6C had the best attendance with an amazing 100%. FS2F, FS2M and 2BK all had no late pupils – also excellent. 98.6% pupils arrived on time last week.

## Inclusions this week

- Chartwells menu
- Little Voices Flyer Years 3 to 6
- Central Theatre Flyer

*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*