

Headline:

Welcome back.

This term promises to be a busy one but I would like to start by thanking you all for your attendance at parent consultations in the final week of last term. The teaching staff really appreciated the time you gave them to discuss learning as it is not always easy to have those conversations at the classroom door or in the playground. The 2nd parent consultation event of the year is scheduled for February. Booking forms will be sent out in early January.

Next week, we are holding our annual training day for the board of governors. All the governors will be in school for the whole day on Monday and will be learning about our UNICEF project, looking at pupil performance data, taking an in depth look at Maths, hearing how we work with families in crisis and exploring what school leaders look for in pupil work. I am sure that in next week's newsletter, Ms Gould will update you on how it went.

At the end of November, our Year 6 children are off to Snowdonia for a residential week of outdoor adventurous activities. I am extremely grateful to The Outward Bound Trust and Vanquis Bank who have fully funded the cost of this trip.

As we move into December we have the Christmas Fayre, Year 1/2 Christmas Production, the Year R nativity and the Junior Church service to fit in.

Keep an eye on the newsletter each week, and in particular the 'Key Dates' column on the right-hand side.

This term will go by very quickly I am sure. The last day for children before Christmas is Tuesday 19th December as we have a staff training day on Wednesday 20th December.

Mr Carthy

Head Teacher

News

Premier League Primary Stars

Pupils and staff are celebrating after being awarded a Premier League Primary Stars kit and equipment pack. The pack contains a range of equipment to support the delivery of PE lessons and clubs.

The Kit and Equipment Scheme forms part of the Premier League Primary Stars offer to primary schools in England and Wales. This is a curriculum-linked education programme that uses the appeal of the Premier League and its clubs to inspire children to learn, be active and develop important life skills.

Delivered by the Football Foundation, the Premier League Primary Stars Kit and Equipment Scheme gives teachers a range of equipment that can be used across different curriculum areas to get children active. Also available is a free downloadable suite of resources for teachers across Key Stages 1 and 2 in English, Maths, PE and PSHE. The easy-to-use materials have been developed in partnership with education organisations including the National Literacy Trust and the PSHE Association.

Mathematician Rachel Riley and children's authors Cressida Cowell and Dan Freedman also helped to create the teaching packs, which use real life sport examples to put lessons into a relevant and engaging context for children.

Richard Scudamore, Executive Chairman of the Premier League and Football Foundation Trustee, said: "Congratulations to Byron Primary School on their successful application for a Premier League Primary Stars Kit and Equipment pack. We hope this kit,

Coming Soon

Flu Vaccination FS to Year 4
Thursday 9th November

Heights, Weights and Hearing Tests for FS
Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th November

Power of the Theatre Performances Yrs 3-6
Wednesday 15th November

Children In Need Tag Day
Friday 17th November

Friday Club Options Confirmed
Friday 24th November

KS1 Production to Parents
Tuesday 5th December, 9.15am and 2.30pm

Christmas Fayre
Thursday 7th December

Foundation Stage Nativity to Parents
Tuesday 12th December, 9.15am and 2.30pm

Wednesday 13th December Christmas Dinner
and Class Parties

Christmas Jumper Tag Day for MENCAP
Friday 15th December

Church Service at St Augustine's
Tuesday 19th December 9.30am

Term Dates 2017/18

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

coupled with the free downloadable online resources, will help teachers harness the popularity of football to inspire primary school kids in everything from Maths and English to teamwork and sport.”

Reminders

Crossing Patrol

There will be no crossing patrol on Canterbury Street during week beginning Monday 6th November.

School Website

Our school website is regularly updated and lists all information relating to school events and trips, policies, curriculum, performance and clubs. 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 – www.byron.medway.sch.uk

Health & Wellbeing

Diarrhoea is where you frequently pass watery or loose poo. Some people may also have other symptoms, depending on the cause.

It affects most people from time to time and is usually nothing to worry about. However, it can be distressing and unpleasant until it passes, which normally takes a few days to a week.

The excessive loss of water in your poo can also sometimes lead to symptoms of dehydration, which can be serious if it's not recognised and treated quickly.

Contact your GP if your child has:

- had six or more episodes of diarrhoea in the past 24 hours
- diarrhoea and vomiting at the same time
- watery poo
- blood in their poo
- a severe or continuous stomach ache
- symptoms of dehydration

You should also contact your GP if your child has persistent diarrhoea. Most cases will pass in five to seven days.

There are many different causes of diarrhoea, but a bowel infection (gastroenteritis) is a common cause in both adults and children.

Gastroenteritis can be caused by:

- a virus – such as norovirus or rotavirus
- bacteria – such as campylobacter or Escherichia coli (E. coli), which are often picked up from contaminated food

- a parasite – such as the parasite that causes giardiasis, which is spread in contaminated water

These infections can sometimes be caught during travel abroad, particularly to areas with poor standards of public hygiene. This is known as travellers' diarrhoea.

Diarrhoea can also be the result of:

- anxiety
- a food allergy
- medication
- a long-term condition, such as irritable bowel syndrome (IBS)

In The Community

Save a life – give blood

Please call 0300 123 23 23 to make an appointment. Sessions will be held on Thursday 9th November between 1.30pm and 4.30pm, then 5.30pm and 8pm at The King Charles Hotel, Main Hall, Brompton Road, Gillingham.

Smokefree Medway

Medway Stop Smoking Service offers one-to-one and group support to smokers living or working in Medway. The Smokefree Advice Centre on Railway Street, Chatham, is open Monday to Friday. Tailored individual advice is offered as well as nicotine replacement therapies and prescription medication to help stop smoking. There are also evening drop-in clinics at a variety of venues in Medway. Please visit abettermedway.co.uk/smokefree or call 334800.

Pat on the Back

The class with the best attendance for week beginning 16th October was 5/6A with a 98.9%. FS2F had no late pupils that week and 98.8% of children arrived on time.

Inclusions this week

- Family First Magazine
- Howlett's Zoo Trip Letter for Years 1 and 2
- Friday Club Options 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