

Headline:



As we near the end of term 2, I am reminded that we are therefore one third of the way through another school year.

It has been a busy few weeks in school, as December always is. Thank you for your support last week at the Christmas Fayre. We raised a whopping £965.54 for school funds. In addition, thanks to today's Christmas Jumper Day, we have also raised about £500 for MENCAP. I am delighted with the parental support for the productions our Year R and Key Stage 1 children put on. They always look so grown up when they are on stage.

On Tuesday, our Junior children will be conducting a Christmas service at St Augustine's Church from 9:30am. I hope to see many of you there to support this annual event.

Last Friday, I wrote to the parents of two classes explaining teacher changes for January. Mrs Rose will be leaving us next week and I wish to thank her for all she has done in the time that she has been here. From January, 6R will be taught by Mr Seaward, who joined us last month. There will also be a change in 5C. Mr Stone is joining us from another local school and he will take over as class teacher from Mr Chantler. This means that Mr Chantler can return to supporting staff across the whole school.

A reminder that the final day of this term is Tuesday 19th December. Staff have a training day on Wednesday 20th December. The Christmas break is particularly long this year, but children do return on Monday 8th January 2018.

From all of the staff and governors at Byron and the staff, trustees and directors at The Westbrook Trust, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr Carthy

News

Byron Primary App

Earlier this week you should have received a text message from us containing details of our new smart phone app. You can download this app via Apple's App Store or Google Play. By searching for Teachers2Parents. This app contains term dates for the remainder of this year and next, key information messages and all text messages we have sent to you. Alongside our text message system, the newsletter, our website and the Twitter account, this makes us truly multimedia in our ways of communication with you.

Christmas Fayre

What a very fantastic job all the Fayre Helpers did! Thank you to all staff and parents for your support.

Empties Please!

Thank you. You have raised £22.75 for School Funds by re-cycling your empty toner cartridges.

Lost Property

Has your child lost a pair of spectacles? We have so many pairs of un-claimed glasses it is hard to believe that they have not been missed! Please check that your child has not misplaced their glasses. You would be welcome to come along to the School Office and check the specs!

Coming Soon

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

Term 3

Fire Brigade Visit to Foundation Stage
Tuesday 9th January, 2pm

Heights, Weights and Hearing for Foundation Stage
Wednesday 10th January

Letters go home for Parent Consultation Meetings
Friday 12th January

Ambulance Visit to Foundation Stage
Wednesday 17th January, 1.30pm

Byron's Got Talent Auditions
Week beginning Monday 29th January

SLT Parent Clinic
Monday 29th January, 6pm

Parent's Consultation Meetings
Tuesday 6th February, 3.30pm

Parent's Consultation Meetings
Thursday 8th February, 3.30pm

Byron's Got Talent Finalists Announced
Friday 9th February

Mad Hair Tag Day
Friday 9th February

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

Term Dates 2018/2019

Term 1
Tuesday 4th September 2018
until
Friday 19th October 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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Reminders

Kingsquad - will resume on Wednesday 10th January.

Breakfast and After School Club

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

Breakfast Club starts at 07:40 and is £3.50 including breakfast. After School Club starts at 15.30. 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

Preventing Homelessness This Winter

Homelessness can affect anyone at any time. Medway Council have a team of staff who work throughout the year offering advice to residents at risk of losing their homes and providing support to people living on the streets. Advice is available on a range of matters, from finances to affordable housing, to help keep people in their homes or secure them a place to stay. During periods of extreme cold weather, emergency temporary accommodation is set up for people with nowhere to sleep that night. Medway Council team up with partner agencies to identify who is on the streets and tell as many rough sleepers as possible that help is available. Please make the school aware if you feel you may have housing issues which would affect your child's wellbeing/attendance at school.

Housing Options Service – weekdays 8.30am to 5.15pm (4.45pm Friday) – 333600, out-of-hours service 304400. Social Services – weekdays 9am to 5pm 334466 and out of hours 08457626777.

How to treat the common cold

You can usually manage cold symptoms yourself - drink plenty of fluids, get plenty of rest and eat healthily – a low-fat, high-fibre diet is recommended, including plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables. You'll normally start to feel better within 7 to 10 days.

To help relieve your symptoms – paracetamol, and ibuprofen can help relieve aches and reduce temperature. Decongestants may help to relieve a blocked nose. They're generally safe for older

children and adults to take, but might not be suitable for babies, young children, pregnant women, people with certain underlying health conditions, and people taking certain other medications.

Headlice

Please check your child's hair regularly - the long Christmas break would be an ideal time for you to do this. This is a problem in all schools and we need your help to reduce the re-occurrences.

In The Community

St Augustine's Christmas Services

Parish Eucharist with Nativity – 10am, Sunday 17th December and then at 6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols Service. Family Carols by candlelight – Sunday 24th December, 6pm and then at 11.30pm, Midnight Mass. Family Eucharist – Monday 25th December, 10am.

Pat on the Back

The classes with the best attendance for week beginning 27th November were 6C and 6R with 100%. Very well done. 5N, 6C and 6R had no late children and 98.5% of children arrived on time.

Class with the best attendance for week beginning 4th December was 5C with 99.3%. Classes 5/6A, 6R and 6C had two late pupils each. 98.2% pupils arrived on time.

Overall this school year so far 2S have had the best attendance with 97.9%.

Inclusions this week

- D&S Swim School Flyer
- Medway Sport Party Bookings Flyer
- Vision Screening consent forms will be going home with Year R



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