

## Headline:



Welcome back. I hope that you enjoyed a relaxing and peaceful festive period and that your resolutions set for the new year are still intact!

This term we welcome Mr Stone who has taken over from Mr Chantler as class teacher for 5C. Mr Seaward has taken over as teacher of 6R from Mrs Rose and Miss Jenkins joins our cleaning team.

Following an unusually long Christmas break, we now have an unusually short Term 3. There is a lot to fit into 5 weeks and we have already completed one week of this.

Today we launched Byron's Got Talent 2018 in assembly. Children who wish to, will audition to the rest of their phase at the end of January. These performances will be voted on by children and staff to select which will represent each phase of the school at the showcase event on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

There are several class assemblies this term, please check the key dates section for details.

The term ends with our second parent consultation event of the school year. Details for booking an appointment with your child's class teacher have been sent home today.

Following investment in the last couple of years on the Early Years and Infant playgrounds, I was delighted that school council agreed to spend some money donated by Clancy Docwra along with additional from our Sports

Premium Fund on outdoor gym equipment for the Junior playground. This equipment was installed last week and will be promoted as an additional way of children keeping active. This week, teachers received training by Mrs Sullivan on a new sports fitness resource. Next week, teachers are joining with their colleagues from Brompton-Westbrook Primary School for some further professional development on Outdoor Adventurous Activities.

Finally, the Department for Education is considering how to update the existing Sex and Relationship guidance which, was last updated in 2000, and is therefore now out of date. The updated guidance will support schools in delivering the new subjects of Relationships Education at primary and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) at secondary, as well as, potentially, Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE).

As a result, they are consulting with parents, pupils and staff.

I strongly urge you to take part in this consultation. You can do so via the following link:

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/life-skills/pshe-rse-call-for-evidence/>

Mr Carthy

## News

### The World We Live In

This term Key Stage 1 are studying a unit of work called The World We Live In.

Young children sometimes find it difficult to understand that squares on a map can represent buildings.

Were you, or a member of your family, lucky enough to receive a camera drone for Christmas? If so, would you be willing to come and take some photographs, or video, of

## Coming Soon

Class 5C Assembly to Parents  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 9am

Ambulance Visit to Foundation Stage  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 1.30pm

Maths Parent Workshop Y3,4,5,6  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 3pm & 6pm

Class 3/4T Assembly to Parents  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 9am

Byron's Got Talent Auditions  
Week beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January

SLT Parent Clinic  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 6pm

Class 4L Assembly to Parents  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 9am

Parent's Consultation Meetings  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 3.30pm

Parent's Consultation Meetings  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 3.30pm

Byron's Got Talent Finalists Announced  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Mad Hair Tag Day  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

## Term Dates 2017/18

**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

## Term Dates 2018/2019

**Term 1**  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
until  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Term 2**  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
Until  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 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)

the school site from the air to share with the children? If you can help, please contact Miss Scudder via the school office.

### **Maths Parent Workshop**

Miss Scudder will be holding a Maths Parent Workshop for parents with children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 3pm and 6pm in the school hall. This is a great opportunity for you to learn how we teach calculation to your child, and to enable you to get involved in their learning. Please contact the school office to reserve your place as soon as possible.

## **Reminders**

### **PE Kit**

A reminder to ensure that your child has the correct PE Kit in school. Children should wear:

Indoors: polo/t-shirt, shorts and trainers (to wear from the classroom to the hall).

Outdoors: jumper/hoodie/sweatshirt, jogging bottoms and trainers.

Please make sure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

### **Lost Property**

Has your child lost a pair of spectacles? We now have a growing collection of reading glasses in the office – please check that your child has not misplaced their glasses. You would be welcome to come along to the School Office and check.

## **Health & Wellbeing**

### **Headlice**

Please check your child's hair regularly. This is a problem in all schools and we need your help to reduce the re-occurrences.

## **In The Community**

### **EasyFundraising**

A massive thank you everyone who has registered with easyfundraising. You have raised an incredible £773.94 for school funding. To get involved, please register at:  
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/byronprimary>

### **Christians Against Poverty - Debt Help**

We all feel the financial pinch after Christmas, but if you are feeling weighed down by debt, then the Christians Against Poverty can help. Their friendly team will give you a listening ear in the privacy of your own home and provide a practical solution to your debts.

The service is completely free, confidential, and not

just for Christians, they will help anyone regardless of their religious beliefs. They are well respected by councils, utility companies and the finance industry who know that they offer fair repayments based on what you can afford.

Whatever the situation you are facing, there is a solution. Please visit their website at: [capdebthelp.org](http://capdebthelp.org) or call them free on: 0800 328 0006.

### **The Friends of Gillingham Park**

The Friends of Gillingham Park are holding an open meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm at Charing House, Canterbury Street. This is a chance to go along and have your say about the development of the park, planting activities and get involved with organising events and activities.

### **Blood Doner Sessions**

The NHS will be holding a doner session at Priestfield Stadium, Gillingham on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January from 1.30pm to 4.30pm and 5.30pm to 8pm. For more information please visit: [blood.co.uk](http://blood.co.uk) or call 0300 123 23 23.

## **Pat on the Back**

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 was 2S with 97.3%. Very well done. FS2F had three late pupils, and 98.1% of children arrived on time.

## **Inclusions this week**

- Parent Consultation Letters
- Year 1 & 2 Road Safety Letters
- Kung Fu Flyers
- Keysteps Music School Flyers
- Y5 & 6 Planet-Ice Flyers

*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*