

Headline:

As this is the first Governor's Headline for 2018, I would like, on behalf of the Governing Body, to express the hope that you will have a happy, healthy and peaceful year.

In past Newsletters I have talked about the role of a Governor and encouraged more parental representation on the Governing Body. One of our priorities this year is to try to fill the vacancies we have, as the value of having a parental viewpoint cannot be underestimated.

Parent Governors are representative of parents in general and, along with other governors, will help decide priorities, work in partnership with the Headteacher and Senior Leaders to raise standards and improve outcomes for all our children.

Governors focus on strategic issues, for example, priorities and targets, staffing, the school's budget and, importantly, hold leaders to account by monitoring performance and asking challenging questions.

We also have an opportunity to attend regular and relevant training, and, by visiting the school, can gain a good understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses so that we can act in the best interests of our pupils.

Hopefully if you are interested, and do join us, you will find us a friendly, helpful and focused group!

Some information and a nomination form are included with this Newsletter, and I hope that you will give some thought to the possibility of volunteering.

Lillian Gould
Chair of Governors

News

Stop Fraud

Next week is 'Take Five' stop fraud

week. Here are a few top tips to make you stop and think.

A genuine bank or organisation will never contact you out of the blue to ask for your PIN, full password or to move money to another account. Only give out your personal or financial details to use a service that you have given your consent to, that you trust and that you are expecting to be contacted by.

Don't be tricked into giving a fraudster access to your personal or financial details. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text.

Always question uninvited approaches in case it's a scam. Instead, contact the company directly using a known email or phone number.

For further details and advice visit www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk

Reminders

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 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 Workshop for parents with children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6, on the 22nd January at 3pm and 6pm in the

Coming Soon

Maths Parent Workshop Y3,4,5,6
Monday 22nd January, 3pm & 6pm

Class 3/4T Assembly to Parents
Wednesday 24th January, 9am

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

SLT Parent Clinic
Monday 29th January, 6pm

Class 4L Assembly to Parents
Wednesday 31st January, 9am

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

Class 4H Assembly to Parents
Wednesday 7th February, 9am

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 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

Term 2
Tuesday 29th October 2018
Until
Tuesday 18th 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

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.

Swimming

When your child has swimming lessons on a Thursday morning, please ensure that they wear their swimming costume, under their uniform, to school that morning. They should arrive at school at 8.30am. They should bring a towel and dry underwear to change into after swimming.

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 be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly. Although this is a common issue in all schools, it is frustrating and can be upsetting.

Below is a plan of campaign that may help!

Wet combing is one of the most effective head lice treatments. It can be used without medicated lotions, but needs to be done regularly and can take a long time to do thoroughly.

- Wash the hair with ordinary shampoo. Use plenty of conditioner, (it won't drown the lice but makes them easier to remove).
- Use a wide-toothed comb to detangle the hair.
- Once the comb moves freely, switch to the detection comb. Start at the front of the scalp and comb the hair from the roots to the very end.
- After each stroke, examine the teeth of the comb for lice. Remove lice by wiping or rinsing the comb.
- Work methodically through the hair, section by section, so that the whole head of hair is

combed through.

- Rinse out the conditioner and repeat the combing procedure in the wet hair.
- Repeat the procedure on days five, nine and thirteen, so that you clear young lice as they hatch, before they have time to reach maturity.

In The Community

Rochester Cathedral

Saturday 17th February 10.30am – 2pm. Join in the fun at Rochester Cathedral, balloon crafting, stitching and embroidery, flag making, music from the Cathedral Children's Choir and much more!

Blood Doner Sessions

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

Pat on the Back

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning the 8th January 2018 was 1/2S with 99.7%. Very well done to you! FS2F, FS2M, 2BK and 5C all had only one child late, and 98.6% of children arrived on time.

Inclusions this week

- Parent Governor Election Letters
- Y4 Residential Trip Letters
- Centre Stage Theatre Academy Flyers
- The Medway Big Splash Flyers
- Family Snack Challenge Leaflets

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