

Headline:

We have reached the end of a short but busy term and I am pleased to see that attendance has risen this term, so well done to all.

It is the mid-point of the school year and are saying goodbye to a few staff. Mrs Hawkes and Mrs Brisley are leaving our cleaning team for pastures new and we wish them all the very best for the future.

Mr Selebran, who has been with us temporarily as a General Assistant has completed his contract and is going to spend some time exploring England before returning to France.

Mrs England leaves the Byron office today, although we are not really losing her. From the start of next term, she will be working full-time as an administrator at The Westbrook Trust head office, something she has been doing part-time for the past few months.

Mr Atkins (Jnr) joined our admin team this week and will work afternoons in the main office, with a lead focus on streamlining and improving our many means of communication. This will enable Mrs Parker to focus mainly on personnel and finance, and Mrs Smith on attendance and admissions. This reorganisation of the front administration team has meant some shuffling of desks this past week so thank you for bearing with us. The office opening hours will remain as 08:15 – 16:45.

At the beginning of next term, Mrs Jordan and Miss Hoynes join our cleaning team.

Following a very challenging year personally, Mrs Tudball has decided to step back from her role as Leader of Lower Key Stage 2 and focus some more of her time on her family. She will remain teaching in Year 3/4 but from the beginning of next term, Mr

Chantler will act as phase leader for Years 3 and 4 in addition to his role as Deputy Head for all of the junior year groups.

We welcome Mrs French back from maternity leave at the start of next term, and she will take over from Mrs James as class teacher for Sealions (FS2F).

On behalf of all the staff team here at Byron, we wish you all a very pleasant break. Children return to school on Monday 19th February and the fourth term of the school year will end on Thursday 29th March.

Mr Carthy

News

Medication in School

If your child is prescribed medication to be administered three times a day, this should be done at home, perhaps before school, on arrival at home from school, and then later in the evening.

Should your child need medication four times during the day, then we are able to administer a dose during school time. Parents are requested to bring the medicine to the school office where they will be asked to complete a form. We are only able to administer medicine which has been prescribed by the doctor and has the dispensing label on the box or bottle. No medicine should come into school with your child.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped at our book fair, you raised a fantastic £56 in free books for our school!!!

Reminders

Library Books

Please ensure that your child returns their library books once they have

Coming Soon

World Book Week
Monday 26th Feb – Friday 2nd March

Y6 SATs Parents Meetings
Monday 26th Feb, 3pm & 6pm

Y4 Residential Trip Parents Meeting
Tuesday 27th February, 3pm

Parent/Pupil Reading Event
Wednesday 28th February, 3pm

Y2 SATs Parents Meeting
Monday 12th March, 6pm

Sport Relief Tag Day (Sporty Theme)
Friday 16th March 2018

SLT Parent Clinic
Monday 19th March, 6pm

Byron's Got Talent
Thursday 22nd March, 6pm

Term Dates 2017/18

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 30th October 2018
Until
Tuesday 18th December 2018

Term 3
Thursday 3rd January 2019
Until
Friday 15th February 2019



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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read them. Your child will receive a returns slip for books that have been on loan for more than sixty days. On receipt of this slip, your child should return their book to their class teacher who will arrange for it to be sent to the library.

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!

Health & Wellbeing

Change4Life

Change4Life has launched a new campaign all about snacking!

Did you know half the sugar kids eat comes from unhealthy snacks and sugary drinks? Too much sugar can lead to harmful fat building up inside and serious health problems, and also painful tooth decay.

To help reduce the amount of sugar your children are consuming, remember fruit and veg are always the best snacks, and count towards your child's 5 a day. But if you are giving your children packaged snacks, stick to two a day max!

Medway Council's Public Health Team will be running three family SNACKTASTIC workshops on Friday 16th February at All Saints Children and Family Hub where you can find out all about healthy snacks with cookery, games and crafts.

Families can book places on the workshops by emailing change4life@medway.gov.uk or via our Facebook page www.facebook.com/triforyoumedway.

Remember to complete your Family Snack Challenge which was sent home last week. Can your family complete the 7-day healthier snack challenge?

Sign up on the Change4Life website to receive money-off vouchers for healthier snacks and lots of helpful tips and ideas via this link <http://po.st/C4LS MW>.

In The Community

The Trussell Trust Foodbank Network

The Trussell Trust runs a network of over 400 foodbanks, giving emergency food and support to people in need across the UK. In the UK, thirteen million people live below the poverty line. In the last year alone, The Trussell Trust gave 1,182,954 three-day emergency food supplies to people in crisis. Their aim is to end hunger and poverty in the UK.

Foodbanks provide emergency food during crisis situations, which can occur for lots of different reasons. In order to get help from a foodbank, a person will need

to get a voucher from a local community organisation, which they'll take to the foodbank, who then prepare a parcel of balanced, non-perishable foods, which provide balanced meals for individuals and families.

To help support The Trussell Trust, you can either donate, take part in fundraisers or join as a volunteer, giving out food at a foodbank centre, sorting out clothes or something similar. There are lots of ways to help support the great work that The Trussell Trust is doing. Additional information is available on their website: www.trusselltrust.org.

If you require help with food vouchers, please contact Mrs Vella via the school office. All conversations will be handled confidentially.

Blood Donor Session

The NHS are holding a blood donor session on Wednesday 28th February at 1.30pm to 4.30pm and 5.30pm to 8pm at Priestfield Stadium, Gillingham. Please call 0300 123 23 23 to make an appointment. For more information visit blood.co.uk

Pat on the Back

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning the 29th January 2018, was 4H, with a fantastic 99.3%. Well done!!! 3/4T had no late pupils, and 98.7% of children arrived on time. 3/4T have the best attendance so far for this school year, with an amazing 97.6%. Well done!

Inclusions this week

- Letter to Parents of FS2F
- Attendance Letter
- Tempo Dance Flyer
- Medway Theatre Tickets 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