

Headline: Governor's Headline

Often, when we hear the word "training", this can be interpreted as something that is being 'done' to us, rather than being participatory and interactive.

As governors we experience all types of training, but found the day we spent in school last Autumn to be really beneficial; whilst it is not required as part of our ongoing programme, we did ask if more such days could be arranged during the rest of the academic year, without disrupting the regular day-to-day work of the school, as the experience allowed us to gain knowledge and take an active role in the day.

Mr Carthy kindly agreed to organise two more days; the first of these was held in late January. Governors were split into two teams to look at 8 individual areas. These were: Foundation Stage, Premises, Lower Key Stage 2, Pupil Premium issues, attendance, Questions and Book Look for Key Stage 1 and Upper Key Stage 2, financial issues and how the staffing of the school is structured.

It was a challenging but very informative and useful day, especially as to be effective, Governing Bodies need to hold the Head Teacher and Senior Leaders to account by asking the 'right' sort of questions. Why is this necessary? Challenging leaders will ensure that we can judge whether the school is working towards its strategic aims and that the right priorities are established. By building our skills, we hope to provide stronger governance and enhance our partnership with the School Leaders, so that searching questions are welcomed as a means of supporting and helping the governors in their core functions. Gaining knowledge directly will be invaluable in facilitating this.

We are extremely grateful to all the staff at Byron for finding the time and space to hold these days. It was very clear how much commitment there is to improving and enhancing pupils performance and experience in school – as Theodore Roosevelt said: "Believe you can, and you're halfway there"!

We are looking forward to our next session in March, I am sure that it will challenge us even further!

Lillian Gould

Chair of Governors

News

Rearranged Events

Because of the weather, several key events were postponed. The dates for these have been rearranged as follows:

Year 4 Residential Meeting for Parents – The residential meeting will now take place on Tuesday 6th March at 3pm in the main school hall.

World Book Day Dressing Up – This will take place on Wednesday 7th March.

3K's Class Assembly – This will now go ahead at 9am on Thursday 8th March.

Year 6 Briefing for SATS – The meeting that was going to take place at 6pm on Monday, will now go ahead on Tuesday 6th March.

Class Assemblies

Parents are invited to join their children for their Class Assemblies. Please allow plenty of time to sign in and take your seat – assemblies will begin promptly at 9am and access to the hall after this is disruptive for the children hosting the assembly.

These are the dates for the class assemblies this term.

3F – 7th March

3K – 8th March

1/2S – 14th March

2S – 21st March

Coming Soon

Year 4 Residential Parents Meeting
Tuesday 6th March, 3pm

Year 6 SATs Parents Meetings
Tuesday 6th March, 6pm

Dressing Up For World Book Day
Wednesday 7th March

Year 2 SATs Parents Meeting
Monday 12th March, 6pm

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

SLT Parent Clinic
Monday 19th March, 6pm

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

Year 5 Easter Assembly
Wednesday 28th March

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 29th 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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United Nations

This term our focus United Nations Rights of the Child article is "Article 24 - You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well". Children will be doing work on this in school and will also be asked to do some home learning at some point during the term. We hope that you will ask your child what they have done in school to support this article and have a discussion of what this means.

Reminders

Friday Clubs Letter Return

The return date for the letters about Friday Clubs was on Friday 2nd March, but because of the snow there are undoubtedly some parents that haven't been able to get them in to school. Please return these as soon as possible in the upcoming week.

In The Community

Blood Donor Session

The NHS are holding a blood donor session on Tuesday 13th March at 1.30pm to 4.30pm and 5.30pm to 8pm in the Main Hall of the King Charles Hotel, Gillingham (Brompton Road). 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 19th February 2018 was 6C, with an incredible 98.7%. Well done! FS2F had no late pupils during the week, and 98.7% of children arrived on time. Well done to everybody!

