

Headline: Communication

As you know, we do our very best to communicate with our parents. We issue a newsletter every Friday. This is sent home with the oldest child in the family and is also uploaded to our school website.

We include as much information as possible in the newsletter as this saves you getting multiple letters each week.

Except in an emergency, we only send letters home on a Friday. This makes it much easier for you to check bags for communication. Any letters we send home with the newsletter, are listed on the newsletter too.

We keep our website updated regularly. Indeed, during 'snowmagedon' several other local head teachers commented on how informative our Snow Watch Updates were.

Good communication only works if both parties try their best to communicate with each other. We are really grateful that you keep us up to date with new contact details and phone numbers so that we can ensure you receive all the texts you need. Please accept our apologies in advance if you sometimes receive texts twice. We can be a bit too keen at times. If any of your contact details change, please let the school office know - preferably in writing to prevent any confusion, then we can update our systems.

Our texting service, Teachers2Parents, have recently updated their system. This resulted in a reduction in the size of message. We have found this to be challenging so are currently working with them to find an acceptable solution.

We now have more than 1,400 followers on our main school Twitter feed @ByronSchool. This is a great way of finding out a little bit more about us and what we are doing. We also have a dedicated Twitter account for Sporting

Club Byron (@SportingClubBPS) and Ensemble Byron (@EnsembleByron) too.

If you can think of any ways at all that we could improve our communication, please come and speak to Mrs Smith or Mr Atkins in the main office.

Mr J Carthy
Head Teacher

News

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Miss Keen on the birth of her baby daughter Ellen on Wednesday morning!

Sport Relief

Thanks to your donations for the sporty tag day last Friday, we raised £457.24 for Sports Relief. Thank you very much.

Paramedic Chris

During World Book Week, Tim Parsons (parent governor) came into school and shared a book he has published. The book is aimed at primary aged children and is the first in a planned series of books about the life of a paramedic. We have had a number of queries about being able to purchase the book. It can be purchased via the following link: https://www.amazon.co.uk/Paramedic-Chris-Tim-Parsons/dp/1787196496/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1521565751&sr=8-1&keywords=paramedic+chris

Text Messaging System

On Monday 26th March, a text will be sent out to all parents. Please save the contact as 'Byron' for future reference. Please also be aware that it is not possible to send any messages to this number, as we will not get them.

Coming Soon

Year 3 and 4 Production
Tuesday 27th March, 9:15am and 2:15pm

Last Day of Term 4
Thursday 29th March

First Day of Term 5
Monday 16th April

Tag Day (Silly Sock Theme)
Friday 20th April

Bank Holiday
Monday 7th May

Tag Day (Film Theme)
Friday 15th May

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).
www.tesco.com/ues

Reminders

Term Dates

A reminder that Thursday 29th March is the last day of term, meaning that this is the last newsletter of this term. Children return to school on Monday 16th April.

Kingsquad

The last Kingsquad of Term 4 was on Wednesday 21st March, and the next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th April.

Health & Wellbeing

Head lice

Please check your children's hair regularly. Head lice are a problem in all schools, and we need your help to reduce the re-occurrences.

To check for head lice, use a fine-toothed comb (a detection comb), which you can buy online or in pharmacies.

Head lice should be treated as soon as they're spotted, and you should check everyone in the house and treat them on the same day.

You can use medicated lotions and sprays to kill the head lice, and they should die within the first day of treatment. Sometimes the treatment will need to be repeated a week later, to ensure any newly hatched lice are dead.

If you don't want to use chemicals and sprays, the detection comb can be used to remove the lice themselves.

Although it's impossible to prevent head lice, checking your child's hair once a week will help to stop them spreading to other children.

In The Community

Spark Free Easter Activities

Football – Tuesday 3rd and 10th April

Ages 5-10 at 5 to 6pm

Ages 11+ at 6 to 7pm

The Academy of Woodlands (ME7 2DU)

Boxing – Wednesday 4th and 11th April

Ages 5-10 at 3.30 to 4.30pm

Ages 11+ at 4.30 to 5.30pm

The Academy of Woodlands (ME7 2DU)

American Football – Thursday 5th and 12th April

Ages 5-10 at 5-6pm

Ages 11+ at 6-7pm

Hilly Fields Community Park (ME7 1UJ)

Archery Tag – Friday 6th and 13th April

Ages 5-10 at 5 to 6pm

Ages 11+ at 6 to 7pm

Hilly Fields Community Park (ME7 1UJ)

For more information or enquiries, please phone 07872 417912 or go to [facebook.com/SparkGillingham](https://www.facebook.com/SparkGillingham)

Medway Free Youth Events

Every Wednesday for 6 weeks, between 5-6pm, starting on Wednesday 18th April, Medway Youth Services and Park Sport are hosting Free Youth Events at Saunders Street Cage in Gillingham. Whether you enjoy football, boxing or other sports, there is something for everyone so please feel free to try it out!

Pat on the Back

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning the 12th March 2018 was 3/4T, with a brilliant 99.3%. Well done! 2BK had only one late pupil and 98.7% of pupils arrived on time! Well done to everybody!

Inclusions This Week

- English Festival Flyer
- Beauty and The Beast Theatre Flyer
- Multi Sports Easter Holiday Club Flyer
- Football Academy Flyer
- Head lice Letter (6C)
- Shorne Country Park Trip Letter (Reception)

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