

Headline:

At this school we have a standard number of 75 children which we can admit into each year group. This presents us with a challenge as classes are usually made up of around 30 children. Our solution to this, along with many schools across the country, is to have some split year group classes. School data shows that there is no positive or negative impact on being in a shared year group class. Each class has a 5 year spread of ability in it. This does not change by mixing year groups. Accurate assessment by staff ensures that children are taught what they need to be taught.

In 2018/19, we will run the same system as we have done in recent years.

For the last 4 school years, there have been 5 classes in each of the national curriculum phases of the school. Each of these phases has had one mixed year group class. For example, in Key Stage 1 there have been two Year 1 classes, two Year 2 classes and one mixed year group class. In addition, our youngest children (FS2) are split into 3 classes of 25.

As we must arrange classes in this way, it is not possible for children to stay together with the same group each year.

Later this term, we will be asking all children to name 5 children in their year group who they would like to be in a class with next year. We will make sure that they are with at least one of these children.

School leaders will use lots of information about the children to help create the classes. We wish to make classes with an even spread of ability and gender and where possible, avoid any serious clashes of personality. It is important we spend a lot of time doing this, as once classes are set for the year, they will not be changed.

If you have a specific request regarding classes for 2018/19 which you would like us to consider, please see the relevant phase leader (see below) before the end

of May. It will not be possible to request a specific teacher.

FS2 – Miss Masters
Y1 & Y2 – Miss Scudder
Y3 & Y4 – Mr Chantler
Y5 – Mr Atkins

Transition work to new year groups will begin in the summer term. Your child's class teacher and phase team will be confirmed in their end of year report. This is scheduled to be published on Friday 13th July.

Mr Carthy

News SATS

This term is a very important one, with statutory testing in both Years 2 and 6. These tests are commonly known as SATS.

In Year 6, children are tested in reading, maths and grammar during the week beginning 14th May. These are formal tests completed in 'test' conditions. The papers are sent away to be marked, and the results are compared with all other Year 6 children in England. Children will receive their results in July. We are obliged to report these results as a collective year group at the end of the year too. We must also inform secondary schools of the results for the children they are expecting in September. Secondary schools use these results to inform groupings and support for children entering Year 7.

The Year 6 children have worked very hard at what can be a very stressful time. Mr Atkins and his team have planned a test timetable to ensure that all children get the support and TLC they need during the test week.

In addition to these tests, teachers must submit an assessment score for writing based on independent work the children complete in class. The children have been working on

Coming Soon

Year 6 SATS Week
Week Beginning 14th May

Year 2 SATS Week
Week Beginning 21st May

Tag Day (Film Theme)
Friday 25th May

Last Day of Term 5
Friday 25th May

First Day of Term 6
Tuesday 5th June

Term Dates 2017/18

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

Term 4
Tuesday 26th February 2019
Until
Friday 5th April 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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evidence for this all year, but June is very important as this evidence is pulled together and any identified gaps are focused on.

Children in Year 2 also take SATs. Children must sit reading and maths tests in May. At Byron, we will carry these out in the week beginning 21st May. We rarely use the word 'tests' with our Year 2 children and urge you to refrain from doing so too. The tests children take in Year 2 are marked by school staff and form a piece of evidence alongside all their class work. This helps teachers come to a judgement at the end of the year. These judgements on attainment will be reported to parents in July.

During both of these testing weeks, access to school leaders and Year 2 and 6 teachers may be limited as statutory requirements must be met around the administration and timing of tests.

School Nurse

The School Nurse has been booked to come into school on Monday 11th June, between 10:45 and 12:00, for a parent drop-in session. You are invited to meet with the School Nurse to discuss issues such as behaviour, toileting, healthy eating etc.

If you would like to meet with the Nurse, please contact the school office to book a slot. Please note, the School Nurse is no longer able to offer hearing tests during this time.

Calling Parents of Year 5 Children!

On Thursday 17th May, aliens and astronauts will be taking over the hall from 3.10pm. Come and explore the astounding alien and astronaut artefacts! We look forward to seeing you.

Reminders

School Crossing Patrol

Due to the continued absence of our Site Manager, there will be no School Crossing Patrol for the foreseeable future. Please take extra care when walking to and from school.

Health and Wellbeing

Head lice

We are still having trouble with head lice in school, so please check your children's hair regularly, as it is unfair on those parents who do so, whose children are still coming home with 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

CAP – Christians Against Poverty

CAP are a charity that helps those that are struggling with debt. It's a free service, and one that is available to everybody, not just Christians.

Once you ring CAP on 0800 328 0006, a Debt Coach from a local CAP Debt Centre will visit you in your home. Trained debt counsellors will work out a realistic budget that prioritises your essential bills. They will negotiate affordable payments with each creditor and attempt to stop unfair interest and charges wherever possible. Your local Debt Coach will then explain the budget and the payments that you will need to make.

In most cases, a CAP Plan is set up for you. You will need to make one weekly or monthly payment into your CAP Plan to cover your debts and bills if appropriate. CAP will then distribute this on your behalf. You can also build up your savings through your CAP Plan.

If you are in severe debt, then CAP can talk you through insolvency options, such as petitioning for bankruptcy. They can help you fill out forms and attend court with you when necessary.

You can use your CAP Plan to pay your bills and debt repayments, until you are completely debt free!

If you have any questions, you can ask them on their webchat: capdebthelp.org, and calls to their number (0800 328 0006) are free from mobiles and landline within the UK.

Pat on the Back

A fantastic week this week, with 5N, 6C and 6R all having 100% attendance, for the week beginning the 30th April 2018. FS2F, 2BK, 2S, 3K, 4H, 4L and 6C all had no late pupils this week, which is fantastic! 98.1% of pupils arrived on time overall. Well done to everybody!

Inclusions This Week

- Shorne Country Park Den Building Letter (Year 2)
- Year 6 Bikeability Interest Letter

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