

Headline:

How typical that the summer term started for pupils on Tuesday morning with drizzle in the air!

It is the final term of the school year and as always it will be a busy one.

Sports Day is a real challenge for us because of the limited outdoor space we have on site. Last year seemed to work well so we have kept with this format.

Children in Years 3-6 will have their sports day at the Medway Park Athletics Track on the afternoon on Thursday 21st June.

Children in Year 1 and 2 will have theirs at school on Wednesday 27th June in the afternoon.

Children in Year R will have theirs at school during the afternoon of Tuesday 26th June.

Further details will be given next week.

All three of these events are subject to weather conditions. If we need to change our plans we will communicate this via text message, our website homepage and Twitter.

We have a new member of staff starting with us on Monday. Miss Gladstone will join our administrative team and will be based in the front office. She is delighted to be joining us and I know that you will give her a warm welcome.

Thank you to those of you who took the time to speak to one of the phase leaders ahead of us sorting classes for September. We have now begun the mammoth task of organising them. There is plenty of work going on for next year, even though we have not finished this one.

I was delighted this week to see some of the children who will be joining us in Year R visit the school. Once again we have filled all places available in Year R for September.

At the other end of school, Year 5 parents are reminded that there is a

briefing in the school hall at 6pm on Monday about the process of transfer to secondary school in September 2019. If you have attended one of the Medway Council events this week, you do not need to attend ours as well. If you have not, I strongly urge you to come to ours.

Mr Carthy

News

Bottle and Chocolate Tag Day

On Friday 15th June, we are collecting for the Summer Fayre. Please could Foundation Stage and Key Stage One bring in chocolate as their donation, and could Key Stage Two bring in bottles (no glass or alcohol).

These will be collected on the morning of the Tag Day, instead of the usual pound donation.

Bake sale

Our UNICEF steering group have decided to host a Byron Bake Sale to raise money for charity as part of supporting the community and wider world.

The sale will take place on Friday 22nd June during Friday clubs. It will be run by the steering group children along with Mrs Bates, as a mobile sale, with the cakes being taken to each club during the afternoon for children to buy.

We will need your generous donations of shop bought or home baked cakes and goodies to be sent in to school on the morning of Friday 22nd (not before please, due to freshness and lack of storage space) and children to bring in a small amount of money to buy. **Due to allergies in school, please can you ensure all contributions are nut free.**

Cakes will cost between 20p and 50p each, depending on size. The steering group have chosen two charities to share the money raised – The British Heart Foundation and UNICEF Water Aid. Thank you for your support. We hope it will be a great success!

Coming Soon

Tag Day for Summer Fayre
Friday 15th June

KS2 Sports Day at Medway Park
Thursday 21st June

Foundation Stage Sports Day
Tuesday 26th June

KS1 Sports Day
Wednesday 27th June

Summer Fayre
Thursday 12th July

Year Six Production to Parents
Wednesday 18th July (09:15 and 14:15)

Year Six to Marlowe Theatre (Shrek)
Thursday 19th July

Tag Day (Holiday Theme)
Friday 20th July

Last Day of Term
Wednesday 25th July

Term Dates 2017/18

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

Term 5
Tuesday 23rd April 2019
Until
Friday 24th May 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

School Climbing Frame

Please note that the climbing frame in the infant playground, is not to be used before school, or after school, as there are no teachers around to supervise it.

Our Neighbours

Please remind your children to be respectful when coming to and from school, by not climbing on the walls, or going in to the front gardens of any of the houses surrounding the school. It's important that we retain a good relationship with our neighbours!

Health and Wellbeing

Scarlet Fever

We've had a couple more instances of Scarlet Fever, and although easily spotted, it's important that it's caught early, because it's very infectious.

The first signs of Scarlet Fever can be flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature of 38 degrees or above, and swollen neck glands (this will feel like a large lump on the side of the neck).

A rash will appear a few days later, and this will be pink-red, and will feel like sandpaper. It looks similar to a sunburn, but will start on the chest and the tummy. The rash does not appear on the face, but the cheeks can become flushed. Following the rash, a white coating will appear on the tongue. This peels, and leaves the tongue red and swollen ("strawberry tongue").

You should go and see a GP if your child has Scarlet Fever symptoms, but due to the infectious nature of the illness, it is worth checking with the GP before you go in. Sometimes they will suggest a phone consultation.

In terms of the treatment of Scarlet Fever, GPs will prescribe antibiotics. These don't cure the illness, but they will help your child get better quickly.

To keep your child comfortable, you need to ensure they drink plenty of cool fluids, eat softer foods where possible (to ease a sore throat), and possibly use antihistamine tablets to stop the itching (double check this with your GP before using).

Scarlet Fever lasts for around a week, and your child will be infectious from up to seven days before the symptoms start, and until 24 hours after you take the first antibiotic tablet.

For more information on Scarlet Fever, please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever>

Sun Protection

As the weather remains warm (hopefully), we ask that you keep an eye on your children when out in the sun.

- During the hotter hours (11:00 – 15:00), perhaps encourage your children to play in the shade.

- Cover any exposed parts of your children's skin with sun cream, even on cloudy days. Reapply often throughout the day.
- Protect your child's shoulders and the back of their neck whilst they're playing, because these are the most common areas for sunburn.
- Provide your child with a sun hat, and sun glasses, to protect their eyes from the sun as well.
- If your child is swimming, use a waterproof sun cream, and make sure to reapply after drying off!

In the Community

Medway Armed Forces Day

This year, Medway's Armed Forces Day is on Saturday 30th June, at 38 Sally Port Gardens, Gillingham, ME7 5DH.

This a free entry event, with twenty acres of displays and activities for the whole family. There will be an obstacle course, choir, helicopters, a funfair, concert and plenty of displays to keep everyone entertained!

The venue is within walking distance of the Royal Engineers Museum and the Chatham Naval Memorial, and is wheelchair accessible at all points. Buses stop at the main entrance on Brompton Road, and Gillingham Train Station is only a ten minute walk away. Park and ride details will be announced nearer the event.

Pat on the Back

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning the 21st May 2018 was 2S, with an amazing 100%! FS2M, 1/2S, 2BK and 2S only had two late pupils each during this week, and a fantastic 98.21% of children arrived on time. Well done to everybody!

Inclusions This Week

- Year 5 - Literacy Lessons
- Year 6 - Bikeability Successful letter (select pupils)
- Year 6 - Film and Pizza Party
- All In Award attendees - Go Ape letter
- Premier Football School Leaflet
- Year 5 Girls - Rochester Grammar School for Girls Invitation
- Year 5 - Residential Trip Letter
- Medway Sports Booklet
- Chartwells 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