

Headline:

Governor's Headline

It hardly seems possible that we are fast approaching the end of another school year. These last two terms have been very busy ones for staff and pupils, and lots of energy, time and organisation have had to go into things from SATS to Summer Fayres, school trips to sports days, Tag Days to Bake Sales. I would therefore like, on behalf of the Governors, to thank the whole school community for the commitment they have shown to Byron, without which these activities would not be able to take place.

Also, as this is the last Governor's Headline for 2017/18, I must mention the Year 6 pupils. We will be saying our "goodbye" to them at the end of term as they move on to the next stage of their education at various other schools. For them this will be a time of apprehension, excitement, challenge and new opportunities. The Governing Body would like to wish them well for the future; they will always be welcome visitors should they want to come back and see us.

Governors do try to come to events at school, and I hope that we can be represented at some of the activities that are coming up – let's hope the weather is kind to us for the outdoor ones.

Whatever you may be planning for the Summer break, I hope it will be an enjoyable and relaxing time for you and your families – one thing is certain however, the weeks will slip by more quickly than we think.

Have a good Summer.

Lillian Gould

Chair of Governors

News

Sports Day

Foundation Stage

The Foundation Stage Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 26th June 2018. This will happen on the Junior Playground at 2:00pm. Please can you make sure that your child has a full PE kit available in school, including appropriate footwear. The uniform policy is on the

school website, in case you need reminding!

Please can you ensure that you apply sun cream to your child before they come into school in the morning, and also remember to send your child in with a sun hat and a water bottle in school, ready to take onto the Junior Playground.

It's important that children with earrings have them taken out on the morning of Sports Day. Any child with earrings in on the day, will not be able to take part. Long hair also needs to be tied back.

KS1

We will be holding the Key Stage 1 Sports Day on Wednesday 27th June. (Weather permitting).

We will start proceedings at 1.45 and you have been given information about which playground your child's class will be starting on. The classes will move around in a "round robin" so that every child partakes in each activity. Parents will be allowed to walk around with the classes to support and cheer on the children.

A note has already been sent home explaining what house your child is in and what they will need for the afternoon. This will consist of a coloured article of clothing, a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream in case the afternoon is hot.

We hope to see you in school that afternoon and would like to thank you for your continued support.

KS2

The KS2 Sports Day will be held at Medway Park on Thursday 21st June 2018. The children will be taken to Medway Park by bus after an early lunch at school, with an aim to start the Sports Day at 12:15pm, and to be finished by 2:30pm. The lunch for KS2 will be a baguette bar or jacket potatoes and fillings.

Children will move around with their class teacher, between the different

Coming Soon

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).
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activities that we've set up, earning points for their teams along the way. These points will be combined, and once all Key Stages have completed their Sports Days, an overall winning team will be announced in Assembly.

Your child will have been allocated a team to represent, and, if they can, will wear their team colour.

The teams are:

- Shakespeare: Red
- Chaucer: Blue
- Milton: Yellow
- Longfellow: Green

Please remember to provide your child with water, a sun hat and sun cream, as well as a snack to take with them.

United Nations

This term our focus United Nations Rights of the Child article is: **Article 14: (freedom of thought, belief and religion) - Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practice their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.**

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.

Games and Puzzles

If you have any old games and/or puzzles that you no longer need, Mrs Damerell would love them for Friday Clubs! If you have any spares, please could you bring them to the office, and we'll make great use out of them!

Reminders

Sickness

Please remember that your child is not allowed in school during the 24 hours after the last time that they were sick.

Parking Outside School

You MUST NOT wait or park on yellow lines during the times of operation shown on nearby time plates. For the Zig Zag lines outside of the school gates, this is between 08:30am - 09:30am and 15:30pm – 16:00pm. Double yellow lines indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs, at all times of the day.

Health and Wellbeing

Medway Healthy Way Programme

If you are concerned about developing Type 2 Diabetes, being overweight, or making changes to your lifestyle, then the Medway Healthy Way may be of interest to you.

This is a free 12-week lifestyle programme, which will help

you to make small lifestyle changes in order to improve your health. Classes are run by friendly, fully-trained facilitators, and are informal and welcoming.

Visit medway.gov.uk/healthyway, or call 01634 957579 for more information, or to sign up for one of the courses.

In the Community

NHS Summer Fair

We're celebrating 70 years of the NHS, and so Medway Maritime Hospital are holding a Summer Fair on Saturday 7th July 2018, between 11:00am and 15:00pm.

There will be stalls, face painting, a cake sale, games, entertainment, a raffle, refreshments, and much more!

There is free parking on site, and you'll have the opportunity to chat to members of the Hospital staff about some of the fantastic services that they offer.

For more information, contact 01634 825398, or visit Medway NHS on Facebook.

Pat on the Back

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning the 4th June 2018 was 2S, with an amazing 97.9%! 5C had no late pupils during this week, and a fantastic 98.59% of children arrived on time. Well done to everybody!

Inclusions This Week

- Year 1 Den Building
- Gillingham Scouts Flyer (KS2)
- World Cup Flag Competition
- Job Advertisement

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