

Headline:

With just 3 days next week, this is the last newsletter of the school year.

It has been a very hard but successful year, with pupil results above the national average and a huge jump in our Year 6 SATS results.

It has also been a successful year for working with other schools, both within The Westbrook Trust and beyond.

Parental attendance at events has been strong and responses to surveys have also been very positive.

The children have worked hard, as have the staff and I am sure that all will have a wonderfully relaxing summer.

End of year reports came out last week, and I can now confirm the class line up for the start of the next school year.

Early Years

FS2BK – Mrs Baptie & Mrs French

FS2D – Mrs Darley

FS2M – Miss Masters

Key Stage 1

1D – Mr Davison

1F – Mrs Fentiman

1/2S – Miss Scudder

2K – Mrs Kelly

2S – Mrs Sullivan

Lower Key Stage 2

3CK – Mr Chantler & Miss Knight

3F – Miss Fawcett

3/4T – Mrs Tudball

4G – Mr Gullett

4N – Miss Nuttall

Upper Key Stage 2

5L – Mrs Lovell

5S – Mr Stone

5/6A – Mr Atkins

6C – Mrs Cooper

6S – Mr Seaward

As previously announced, next week we say goodbye to the following staff: Miss Horne, Mrs Jordan and Mr Atkins (Jnr) and Mrs Broadaway. We wish them all well for the future.

Mr Gullett joins our teaching team in September and has been in school a few times over the last couple of weeks.

With Mr Bangs continuing to be off long term, I have appointed a temporary site manager. Mr Cotton starts on Monday and has a long list of jobs to get through! Mrs Perry is joining our cleaning team after the summer.

It is going to be a busy summer on site. Following a successful bid for significant funds to the Department for Education, the hall floor is being replaced. This is a major piece of work and will take most of the summer holidays to complete. We look forward to seeing how it looks when we return.

A reminder that the last day of term is Wednesday 25th July and children in Years 1-6 return to school on Tuesday 4th September. Children starting in Year R in September should refer to their letters for start dates and times.

Thank you very much for your support this year, on behalf of the staff, governors and everyone at The Westbrook Trust, I wish you all a very relaxing summer – I am very sorry if it starts to rain tomorrow!

Mr Carthy

Coming Soon

Year 6 Leavers Service (10.00 – 11.00)
Wednesday 25th 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

Term 6
Tuesday 4th June 2019
Until
Tuesday 23rd July 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

News

Ensemble Byron Update Summer 2018.

Early this term we took a group of Ensemble Byron children to see a performance of the City Of Rochester Symphony Orchestra at the Central Theatre in Chatham. They witnessed a fantastic evening of music making. The children very much enjoyed Leonard Bernstein's 'Symphonic Dances' from 'Westside Story'.

Further into this term, children in Years 3 to 6 attended Dynamics/Medway Music Association Celebration Days at the Brook Theatre in Chatham, rehearsing and performing alongside children from other schools. On the String Celebration Day, we were the only school to take viola players and a double bass player – without Byron the 80 strong orchestra would have only been cellos and violins! Two children from Byron performed solos in the concert and our Ensemble Byron String Sinfonietta group performed 'Pizzicato Polka' brilliantly. The following day our Clarinet and Saxophone players performed as part of a 100 musicians Wind Band. The Ensemble Byron Single Reed Group performed their 'Funeral March' superbly. The year 5 Byron ukulele players performed Coldplay's 'The Scientist' with perfect instrumental and singing skills.

The Dynamics staff were so impressed with the musicianship of our young instrumentalists that they have obtained permission for some of our players to attend the Medway Music Association Summer Course for three more days of music making at the end of our summer term.

Ensemble Byron Orchestra and Ensemble Byron Choir have continued to rehearse each Friday afternoon throughout the term and are looking forward to performing their pieces to their parents and carers on the final Friday club of the year. Thank you to all the parents for their encouragement and support (or putting up with!) the practice.

September will of course bring new Friday Club Choir and Orchestra members and an exciting new opportunity – we are adding a brass instrument to the wind and string instruments we already offer tuition in!

You can keep up with all the latest Ensemble Byron news and wider music education stories (and the odd musical joke!) on our dedicated twitter feed @EnsembleByron .

School Uniform

All parents are still able to purchase our uniform through Tesco website the link remains the same www.tesco.com/ues

Summer Fayre

A Big Thank You to all involved with the Summer Fayre, in helping us to raise £996.36

Donations

Year 1 and 2 are after, empty clean 2L ice cream tubs, with lids or plastic washing capsule boxes with lids.

Chartwells

From September, our catering contractor has confirmed that it will supply credit on dinner money accounts for up to two days. Once more than £3.70 is owed on a child's account, they will not provide a dinner until payment has been made. It is therefore really important that if you pay for school dinners, you keep your payments up-to-date.

In the Community

Rochester Fire station

Are holding an open day at Rochester Fire Station on Saturday the 8th September from 10.30am until 16.00. Entry is free and there will be a number of exciting and engaging activities and demonstrations taking place throughout the day.

Pat on the Back

The classes with the best attendance for the week beginning the 9th July 2018 were FS2D with an amazing 100%! 2S had no late pupils during this week, and a fantastic 98.38% of children arrived on time. Well done to everybody!

Inclusions This Week

- Key term dates 2018/2019
- Friday Clubs terms 1 & 2 2018 Exit points
- Love Chatham Flyer
- Festival Flyer
- Open Top Tour Bus/ Will Adams Festival Flyer
- Chartwells School Meals 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