

Key Dates

18th/19th September
Grammar Selection Tests
for Year 6

2nd October
KS2 Harvest Church
Service at 09:30

9th/11th October
Parent's Evenings

19th October
Tag Day

Term Dates 18/19

Term 1

Tuesday 4th September
until
Friday 19th October

Term 2

Tuesday 30th October
until
Tuesday 18th December

Term 3

Thursday 3rd January
until
Friday 15th February

Term 4

Tuesday 26th February
until
Friday 5th April

Term 5

Tuesday 23rd April
until
Friday 24th May

Term 6

Tuesday 4th June
until
Tuesday 23rd July

Headline

A warm hello from all the staff and governors at the start of another school year.

On the last day of the summer term we said goodbye to 72 Year 6 pupils as we celebrated their time at Byron and wished them well at their new secondary schools.

This week we have welcomed their replacements, 75 Year R children. It has been a busy week for them and whilst many of the families are known to the school, there are plenty of new ones. We welcome you to Byron and look forward to working with you in the coming years.

Communication is a key part of what we do. A newsletter is sent home each Friday. As much as possible, any other paper-based communication is sent home on Friday as well.

We work hard to keep the website up-to-date and we try to have a bit of fun whilst being informative via our twitter feed too. We have more than 1,400 followers, so why not join them @byrionschool.

We have a couple of new staff who have joined us this term. Mr Gullett has joined the Year 3/4 teaching team and Miss Perry has joined the cleaning team.

A reminder from last term, that Miss

Knight is now part of the leadership team and is sharing responsibility for Special Needs alongside Mrs Hill who has reduced her hours.

In the absence of Mr Bangs, Mr Cotton joined us right at the end of the summer term in the site manager role. He has had an extremely busy summer and whilst much of the work he has completed is hidden from sight, those of you who have arrived via the Byron Road entrance this week will have experienced a cleaner, fresher and more welcoming part of the school. Freshly painted and the addition of colourful flower pots have really brightened up this area.

For those of you who know the building, the hall really is the focal point of the school. The main project this summer was the replacement of the very old hall floor. I am delighted with the newly refurbished hall which has also been painted. The corridors leading into the hall have also had a lick of paint and fresh flooring.

Everyone now has the responsibility to ensure it lasts as long as the last floor!

Mr Carthy

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

Key Staff

Mr Carthy *Headteacher*

Mrs Langthorne *Deputy Head*

Mr Chantler *Deputy Head*

Ms Gould *Chair of Governors*

Mrs Hill & Miss Knight *SENCO*

Miss Masters *FS Leader*

Miss Scudder *KS1 Leader*

Mr Chantler *LKS2 Leader*

Mr Atkins *UKS2 Leader*

Mrs Vella *Family Liason Officer*

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, achieving equal opportunities and combating discrimination.

We operate a very clear whistleblowing policy for staff.

News

Postcards

Following our summer holiday challenge we have received a huge number of postcards. They have continued to come in this week too. We will wait another week to see if any more arrive before creating a display of all the interesting places the children have visited this summer.

Junior Sports Day 2019

In a change to the date previously advertised, KS2 Sports Day will now be at Medway Park Athletics Track on Tuesday 18th June 2019.

Reminders

Hair

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Pupils must not wear extreme hair fashions, these include dyed, streaked or 'Mohican' hair. The head teacher will have the final say on whether a haircut is deemed to be a distraction. Children with hair which is shoulder length or longer must have this neatly tied back at all times. If your child attends school with their hair loose, they will be given a temporary band to tie their hair up with. Hair must be tied back for P.E. If a child comes to school with a style that is not permitted within the letter or the spirit of this guidance, parents will be contacted and advised

that the style must be rectified.

P.E. Kit

A reminder to ensure that your child has the correct PE Kit in school. Children should wear:

- Indoors: Polo/T-shirt, shorts and trainers (to wear from the classroom to the hall).
- Outdoors: Jumper/hoodie/sweatshirt, jogging bottoms and trainers.

Please make sure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Donations

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

Health & Wellbeing

A gentle reminder that children must not be playing on the climbing equipment on the Infant playground at the beginning or end of the school day. This equipment is designed for supervised use during the school day only.

Also Coming Home

- Parents Consultation Letter
- Year 1 and 2 Superhero Topic Leaflet
- Year 5 and 6 Letter (Visit to Chatham Grammar School for Girls)
- Year 6 Swimming Letter
- Year 6 Admission to Secondary School Flyer
- Year 3 Kingsquad Flyer