

## Key Dates

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> September  
Grammar Selection Tests  
for Year 6

2<sup>nd</sup> October  
KS2 Harvest Church  
Service at 09:30

9<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> October  
Parent's Evenings

19<sup>th</sup> 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

As this is the first Governor headline of the new academic year, I would like, on behalf of the Governors, to welcome all those who are new to the school. We hope that the Year R pupils are enjoying what must be an exciting time and that the new topic curriculum will make learning stimulating and rewarding for all the pupils across the school.

Although Autumn is approaching, we can look back at one of those rarities, a Summer (in the main) of brilliant weather. I hope that you and your family were able to make the most of it.

Looking back to the last term, at our meeting in July, Mr Carthy gave us detailed information about the (then) provisional SATS results, Governors were pleased to hear of such positive outcomes.

We were aware, however, that the progress data might mean that the total picture would have to be reviewed. This information is now available and as a result we know that pupils in Byron, on average, do better at Key Stage 2 than those with similar prior attainment nationally.

Alongside the leadership team, we are keen to ensure that the percentage of

pupils achieving the expected level in writing and the greater depth level in maths continues to improve across the school and will regularly review progress across both Key Stages in order that these positive moves forward continue.

We look forward to visiting various events and activities throughout the year so that we can see first hand some of the progress being made.

Lillian Gould  
Chair of Governors

## News

### Email

We sincerely apologise to anyone who sent an email to our office address between Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. We were unable to access emails to this account on these dates for technical reasons. The admin team have worked hard and have now cleared the backlog.

### Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who returned their parent consultation booking forms this week. We will now allocate times and will let you know on Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

## 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](http://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.

September your exact time. Any late requests for times will be dealt with after those which arrived by the deadline.

## Reminders

### Jewellery

Children are allowed to wear a watch and small studded earrings in pierced ears. We do not allow children to wear any other jewellery. We ask children to remove jewellery during PE and games. They must be able to remove earrings themselves and the school will not take responsibility for items which are lost.

### Make-Up

Make-up, nail varnish and temporary tattoos are not permitted on days and occasions when pupils are expected to wear their school uniform unless otherwise stipulated (e.g. for fundraising purposes).

### Medway Grammar Selection Test

Pupils in Year 6 who have been registered for the Medway Grammar Selection Tests will sit these on Tuesday and Wednesday next week here at school. It is vital that these children arrive on time. If your child is going to be absent on one of these days and is registered to take the tests, please call us.

### Absence Requests

If you need to request time away from

school for your child, this must be done by completing an absence request form. These are available from the Communication section of the school website. You can also pick up a paper copy from the main office. This form is required even if the request is for a single day.

## Health & Wellbeing

### What drinks should I give my Kids?

Water and lower-fat milks are always the best choices when it comes to drinks for your kids. Water is a no-sugar thirst quencher. Milk has calcium, which helps keep your child's body strong and forms part of a healthy, balanced diet.

*From Change4Life*

## Pat On The Back

The classes with the best attendance for the week beginning the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were 1D with an amazing 99.1%! 1/2S and 4B had no late pupils during this week.

## Also Coming Home

- Breakfast & After School Club Job Advert
- Y6 Magistrates in the Community