

Key Dates

8th Nov – Year R Favourite
Colour Dress up day
8th Nov – Flu Vaccination
Day
20th Nov – Grandparent
Event (2:45pm)
5th Dec – KS1 Production to
Parents (09:15 & 14:30)
12th Dec – Year R Nativity to
Parents (09:15 & 14:30)
13th Dec – Christmas Fayre
17th Dec – Christmas Dinner

Term Dates 18/19

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

Welcome back.

I hope that you all enjoyed the week off. The weather clearly changed during the break and I am pleased to see that the winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves have all been found.

The October break was busy for Mr Cotton here on site. All three Year R classrooms were painted (1F will follow this weekend). And new interactive display screens were installed in 3/4T and 5S. One of the outbuildings was cleared ahead of an exciting forthcoming project that I will talk more about in a few weeks' time.

This term is always a busy one, so we will keep you updated through this newsletter, the text messages and our Twitter feed.

More than 90% of children walk to and from Byron school each day. This is fantastic. The majority of the other 10% arrive by car. Towards the end of last term, there were several incidents involving cars outside the three main entrances to the school.

For the safety of the pupils and parents, I kindly request that if you are dropping off or picking up in a car, you abide by the highway code and do not park (even for a second) on the double yellow lines or the yellow zig-zag lines outside of the main entrances.

Yellow zig-zag road markings are placed outside school entrances to show that an area must be kept clear to allow an unrestricted view for approaching drivers or for children wanting to cross the road.

As many of you will have seen, at my request, there was an increased traffic warden presence in the local area in October. This will continue this term.

No-one wants there to be an accident outside of school, so I urge you to take care and think very carefully about where you are parking.

Mr Carthy

News

UNICEF

This term our focus United Nations Rights of the Child article is : Article 23 - (children with a disability) A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families.

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

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.

this article and have a discussion of what this means.

Staffing

Mrs Lincoln has been appointed as a Learning Environment Assistant and will begin this role on Monday. As a result she will vacate her position as a cleaner. This role will be filled in due course.

Reminders

Flu Immunisation

Just a reminder that the date for the flu vaccine is Thursday 8th November.

Poppy Appeal

Further to communication via our text system, we will be continuing to sell poppies and a variety of stationary items decorated with cartoon poppies, during this coming week. The stationary items are priced at 50p with rulers priced at £1. If your children would like to purchase something then please send them in with the appropriate money.

Donations for After School Club

If you have any good condition, unwanted games at home please consider donating them to our after school club. The children always appreciate having something new to play with.

Foundation Stage - Dress Up Day

Just a reminder that Thursday 8th November is Year R's Favourite colour dress up day. Children are encouraged to dress in their favourite colour to attend school.

In The Community

Bonfire and Firework night - Sat, 3 November 2018, from 7pm at Great Lines Heritage Park, Gillingham. Bursts of colour will fill the sky as flames flicker from the bonfire below. A great way to enjoy the celebrations safely. The Bonfire will be lit by the Mayor of Medway at 7pm, followed by fireworks at 7.30pm.

Pat On The Back

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning the 15th October 2018 was 1F with an amazing 99.3%! 1/2S had no late pupils during this week, and a fantastic 98.6% of children arrived on time.

Also Coming Home

- Chartwells School Menu
- Friday Club Letters
- Year R 2Build a Profile Letter
- Medway Council theatre leaflets
- Year 4 Residential Trip Letter
- Year 6 Christmas Fayre Helper Letter
- Year 5 and 6 Topic Letter