

Key Dates

14th Nov – 6C class assembly
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

Governors had the second of their three days in school this week; these days enable us to focus on specific topics and to have time outside our formal meetings to build our relationship as a team. This session looked at picking up on those areas that Ofsted report pointed out were needed to enhance our knowledge, and thereby improve our ability to challenge senior leaders effectively.

The morning session gave us more detail about the enhanced monitoring arrangements that have been put in place for SEND children and the use of the Pupil Premium Grant. This will ensure that we can interrogate information more critically.

In previous newsletters I have mentioned roles and responsibilities of Governors, so how are we evaluated?

At this meeting we conducted our annual appraisal which is something all Governors and Trustees of The Westbrook Trust are required to do in order to achieve more effective and efficient governance. We did this as a group and identified areas of strength and what needs further development. It is important that we examine our performance in a more formal way, so that we can continue to be confident and look to improvement.

Mr Lock and Miss Masters gave us an

overview of what being a Specialist Leader of Education means, and how this involves them in contacts with other schools and their staff. In turn this benefits Byron children too.

We like to enjoy our role, and visits to see the topic curriculum in action helped us to do that. We learnt about Greek gods, experienced music, play and dressing up in the Foundation Stage; appreciated the art of Andy Warhol and listened to children asking some residents of Pembroke House questions about their childhood.

Thank you to Mr Carthy and all the staff for giving us the time and space for this day and to all the children for sharing their enjoyment of learning with us.

Lillian Gould

Chair of Governors

News

UNICEF Assessment

The children and staff have been working really hard for the past year on their UNICEF Rights Respecting School work. On Monday we have a visitor from UNICEF at school who will be looking at the work we have been doing and the impact it has had. If we are able to demonstrate that we have met the

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.

requirements, we will be awarded the silver status. We will let you know how we get on in next week's newsletter.

UNICEF Toy Sale

The UNICEF Steering committee are organising a Toy Sale to raise funds for The Oliver Fisher Trust at Medway Maritime Hospital and Motor Neurone Disease. Both of these are charities with which members of the school community have links. The children have really taken on this project with enthusiasm and we hope to raise as much money as possible for these valuable causes. As we are coming up to Christmas this is a wonderful opportunity to 'declutter' and donate good quality pre-used toys that we will sell on the afternoon of Friday 23rd November. The sale will be in Mrs Darley's room (FS2D) during Friday Clubs. To donate just send in pre-loved toys in a bag to your child's class from Monday 19th. Also remind the children to bring their pocket money, to catch a bargain on the day!

Reminders.

Children in Need Day



We've all got one! Something we love doing, a sport or a hobby that we really enjoy in the evenings, at the weekends or during our holidays.

We will be having a fund raising TAG day on Friday 16th November for BBC Children in Need. For a donation of £1, come along dressed up in an outfit that proclaims what you do when you are doing your thing.

Keep your eyes open for Mr Carthy in his cycling kit and Mrs Kelly dressed ready to bake a cake ;o)

Health & Wellbeing

Tips on dealing with Norovirus

- Drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration, and even more than you usually do to replace fluids. Try something like Dioralyte to rehydrate.
- Wash your hands frequently, don't share towels and disinfect any surfaces you touch as the virus can lurk on these for several days.
- Seek medical advice if babies, small children or the elderly are affected as they may need help being rehydrated.

In The Community

Remembrance Sunday

Services are being planned across medway to mark Remembrance Sunday. There will be a parade to Rochester Cathedral that leaves the Guildhall Museum at 10:40am on Sunday 11th November. After the parade there will be a wreath-laying ceremony at Rochester War Memorial.

Pat On The Back

The classes with the best attendance for the week beginning the 29th October 2018 were 3/4T and 6C with an amazing 100%! 5/6AS had no late pupils during this week, and a fantastic 98.3% of children arrived on time.

Also Coming Home

- Year 6 Residential Trip Information Letter
- Swim Expert Leaflet