

## Key Dates

28<sup>th</sup> Nov – 5L class  
assembly

5<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 Production  
to Parents (09:15 & 14:30)

12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year R Nativity  
to Parents (09:15 & 14:30)

13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Fayre

17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas  
Dinner

## Term Dates 18/19

### Term 2

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
until  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### Term 3

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
until  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

### Term 4

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February  
until  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

### Term 5

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
until  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

### Term 6

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
until  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

## Headline

I am delighted to announce that we are now one of 282 education establishments to have the Music Mark.

Through the work that Mr Lock has led on, we have been recognised as being leaders of music education and now form part of a national network of organisations and individuals in providing high-quality music education for all children and young people.

It means that we recognise that music has a value in and of itself. The pursuit of learning to sing/play an instrument, learning to compose, learning to listen critically and the myriad of other musical skills are valuable in their own right.

We are able to demonstrate this by:

- music enabling increased behaviours for learning
- music boosting children and young people's social development
- music fostering team work
- music building life skills
- music encouraging creativity and critical engagement
- music being fun and for everyone

The feedback we have received in gaining the Music Mark thanked us for ensuring that pupils are able to access and engage with high-quality music education. They also recognised that we are offering a broad and balanced curriculum.

Huge thanks to Mr Lock for leading on this.

Did you know that we have a dedicated twitter feed for music? If you would like to keep up with what we are doing, follow us @ensemblebyron.

Mr Carthy

## News

### Staffing

Mr Carthy, Mr Atkins, Mr Seaward, Miss Masters, Miss Sullivan and Mrs Randall will be away from school next week in Wales with Year 6.

Mrs Langthorne and Mr Chantler will be in charge of the school. Mr Atkin's Year 5 class will be taught by Mrs Cooper. Miss Masters Year R class will be taught by a combination of Mrs James, Mrs Dawson and Mr Lock.

### Admissions

We are currently consulting on our proposed admission arrangements from September 2020. To view this consultation please visit the homepage of our website. Guidance on how to respond to the consultation can also be found there. This consultation runs until 1st January 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](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.

## Reminders.

### Scholastic Book Fair

Monday 10th to Thursday 13th December 2018. This will be in the Hall Monday to Wednesday and part of the Christmas Fair on Thursday where we will be based in Miss Masters classroom. Please come and buy books for your children and help us raise some funds to buy new books for the school.

### Christmas Fayre

Santa comes to Byron on Thursday 13th December. Come and visit him in his grotto for only £1.50 per child. There will be lots of Christmas Games for the children to take part in. Christmas Face Painting. Don't miss the chance to win a Gillingham Football Shirt. Visit Santa's Gift Shop to get your Raffle Tickets, beautifully wrapped Christmas Colouring Cups & Buckets, and other festive goodies!! Please bring your money to school in a named envelope. Please contact the office if you are able to help run the Refreshment stall or Balloon Stall.

## In The Community

### Santa's Super Saturday, Chatham.

A day of festivity to welcome the start of Christmas. There will be Elf recruitment, magicians, circus acts and more. At around 5pm stars of Central Theatre's pantomime will turn on the festive lights with the Deputy Mayor of Medway.

For more information please visit [www.pentagonshoppingcentre.co.uk](http://www.pentagonshoppingcentre.co.uk)

### St Augustines's Christingle

Christingle Family Service & Christmas jumper Sunday (wear your Christmas jumper) 10.00am Sunday 9th December 2018 in support of the Children's Society. All welcome.

## Pat On The Back

The classes with the best attendance for the week beginning the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 was 6S with an amazing 99.3%! 1/2S had only 1 late pupil during this week, and a fantastic 98.2% of children arrived on time.

## Also Coming Home

- Christmas Fayre Poster
- Year R – Santa's Grotto Letter
- Year R – Christmas Production Letter
- Scholastic book Fair Flyer
- Year 6 Residential Information