

Key Dates

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

The dark nights have closed in on us and adverse weather may be just around the corner. With this in mind, I thought it wise to remind you of our Extreme Weather Policy.

In the event of extreme winter weather, we will do everything we possibly can to remain open. Communication is key in such circumstances. Should we experience any extreme winter weather, we will communicate our plans with you via text, the school website homepage and our twitter feed. In such circumstances, please do not ring the school telephone as these lines must be kept clear for school leaders to communicate with staff and other agencies.

Should it snow, it may be sensible and practical for us to focus our attention on clearing one of the three entrances onto the school site. Again, if this is the case, we will communicate it with you. Our policy states that 'if the school is open and there is heavy snow, staff will focus their attention on clearing the entrance to the school via Byron Road'.

If there is snow, pupils will only be allowed out to play during the school day if they have a warm coat and a change of socks, shoes and trousers. If there is snow, school leaders will decide whether it is safe or not for children to play outside.

If we have to close the school, we would do

so because of one of the following reasons:

- Inadequate heating
- No meals available
- No water available
- Insufficient supervision
- Whether there is likely to be a change to circumstances that will impact on the above

If the school has to close early, under no circumstances will children be allowed to leave without an adult. Only parents or a person named as an emergency contact will be allowed to collect a child.

According to forecasts, temperatures are expected to remain average for the time of year with the daily weather quite changeable throughout winter.

Mr Carthy

News

Lost Property

We have a number of pairs of glasses that have been handed into the office and not been claimed. If your child has misplaced a pair of glasses at any point please can you come into the office and have a look. Any pairs of glasses left unclaimed by the 10th December 2018 will be donated to Specsavers for their charity collection.

We also have a three-wheeled scooter that was left in our first aid room during

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.

Term 1. If you are missing this scooter please come and claim it from the office.

Children In Need

For Children In Need this year we held a tag day and had a sweepstake in the staff room to raise money. Thanks to the combined efforts and participation from Staff and Pupils we managed to raise an amazing £511.50. Well done everyone!

UNICEF Toy sale

We would like to thank you all for the donations we received for our UNICEF toy sale. As a result of the children's generosity, the sale was a great success and everything was sold! The final total raised was a fantastic £263.66!

Reminders.

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.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Monday 10th to Thursday 13th December 2018. This will be in the Hall

from Monday to Wednesday and during the Christmas Fayre on Thursday in Miss Masters classroom (FS2M). Please come and buy books for your children and help us raise some funds to buy new books for the school.

In The Community

Dickensian Christmas Festival

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd December 2018. Join us for this year's popular Dickensian Christmas Festival, where we celebrate the works and the times of the world renowned Charles Dickens, in Rochester – his home for many years and inspiration for some of his books.

Pat On The Back

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning the 19th November 2018 was 5/6A with an amazing 99.3%! 3F, 3/4T, 6C and 6S only had 2 late pupils each during this week, and a fantastic 98.2% of children arrived on time.

Also Coming Home

- Term 3 Pre Booking Forms for After School Club
- Year R Walk to Post Box Letter
- Year 5 and 6 - Health Visitor letter
- Medway Hospital Christmas Fair Flyer