

## Key Dates

16<sup>th</sup> Jan – 4N Class Assembly  
16<sup>th</sup> Jan – FS Screening  
23<sup>rd</sup> Jan – 4G Class assembly  
30<sup>th</sup> Jan – 3/4T Class  
assembly  
5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parents Evening  
7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parents Evening  
13<sup>th</sup> Feb – 3CK Class  
assembly  
15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Blue Theme Tag  
Day  
15<sup>th</sup> Feb – End of Term  
26<sup>th</sup> Feb – Return to School

## Term Dates 18/19

### 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

## Term Dates 19/20

### Term 1

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
until  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

## Headline

Happy New Year to you all.

2019 promises to be a really exciting year at Byron. It begins with further new topics for the children. Year R are learning about People Who Help Us. Years 1 and 2 are doing Dinosaurs. The Year 3 and 4 Topic is called Mighty Metals, whilst children in Years 5 and 6 will be learning about Stargazers. We have already seen some fantastic home learning linked to the topics this term, so very well done if you have been supporting with these.



Last term we introduced some posters in school as part of Sky's Ocean Rescue campaign. This term began with an assembly about single use plastics and the devastating effect they can have on our oceans and wildlife.

The children were shocked to learn that each minute, the equivalent of a rubbish truck load of plastic is dumped into the ocean and that more than 1,200 animal species are in danger from eating plastic or becoming tangled in it.

School Council have accepted my challenge to look at ways in which we as a school community can do our bit to support the #passonplastic campaign. In the coming

weeks, children are going to discuss ways in which they believe we can all reduce our use of single-use plastics such as plastic bags, cling film, straws and bottles. These will then be shared with you.

We have two new members of staff who have joined us this term.

Mrs Langridge is a Home School Support Worker. She is joining Mrs Vella's team and will share her time between ourselves and our sister school, Brompton-Westbrook Primary. Mrs Langridge works for a charity called School Home Support and is being fully-funded to work within The Westbrook Trust thanks to the generosity of Provident Financial Group. Her focus will be mainly linked to improving attendance at school for those children who are not attending regularly enough.

We also welcome Mrs Lowrie who has joined our Cleaning Team.

We have a busy end to the term with parent consultations in week 6 and two exciting events in the last week of this term. Following requests from the children, we will be hosting a Film event for Infants and a Disco for Juniors. Again, please see attached letters for more details.

Mr Garthy

## 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.

## News

### FS Screening Check

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 a team from Medway Community Healthcare will be in school visiting Foundation Stage. They will be carrying out checks on height, weight, hearing and sight.

### Term 3 Class assemblies

The class assemblies for Term 3 are as follows:

16<sup>th</sup> Jan – 4N

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan – 4G

30<sup>th</sup> Jan – 3/4T

13<sup>th</sup> Feb – 3CK

All of our class assemblies start at 8:55am. Please ensure that you arrive promptly to avoid disturbances.

## Reminders

### PE Kit

A reminder to ensure that your child has the correct PE Kit in school. Children should wear:

**Indoors:** polo/t-shirt, shorts and trainers (to wear from classroom to the hall)

**Outdoors:** jumper/sweatshirt, jogging bottoms and trainers.

Please make sure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

## Health & Wellbeing

### Headlice

Please be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly. Although this is a common issue in all schools, it is frustrating and

can be upsetting.

Wet combing is one of the most effective headlice treatments. It can be used without medicated lotions, but needs to be done regularly and can take a long time to do thoroughly.

## Also Coming Home

- Infant Film Event letter (Year R, 1 and 2)
- Junior Disco Letter (Years 3-6)
- Year R Book order form
- CEO Announcement to Parents
- Chartwells theme day menu
- Dance 2 Enhance leaflet