

Key Dates

23rd Jan – 4G Class assembly
30th Jan – 3/4T Class
assembly
5th Feb – Parents Evening
7th Feb – Parents Evening
13th Feb – 3CK Class
assembly
15th Feb – Blue Theme Tag
Day
26th Feb – Club Scout
Founders Day

Term Dates 18/19

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

Term Dates 19/20

Term 1

Tuesday 3rd September
until
Friday 5th October

Headline

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like (albeit a bit late) to wish everyone in the Byron Community all good things for 2019. Perhaps by the time this Newsletter is published we may have a better idea of what lies ahead after the end of March, but for the school and Governors our main important focus will not change – to do all we can to ensure that our pupils have the best possible support to achieve the best that they can. The Board will continue to challenge and work closely with Senior Leaders in order to do this.

We are now at full strength, having welcomed a new member – Mr Graham Gorvett – last term, he has experience in the areas of SEND, project management and the voluntary sector, and I am sure will be a valuable addition to the team.

We hope to attend various activities this term and to attend a School Council Meeting so that we can actively support the school in looking at the ways we can all reduce our use of single-use plastic, both at home and in the school environment.

Individually or as a member of a group, we can all make a difference to the environment around us.

I'm sure, like us, you were delighted to see Byron named as one of the Top 10 Primary Schools in Medway when the National

School League tables were published just before Christmas.

We are all very proud to be associated with Byron Primary School.

Lillian Gould

Chair of Governors

News

School Home Support

Last week we introduced you to Mrs Langridge, our new Home School Support Worker. We explained that she works for a charity called School Home Support (SHS).

School Home Support (SHS) is an independent education charity that works in partnership with schools to support children and their families to get the most from the educational opportunities on offer.

SHS can offer practical and emotional support to children and their families within the school community.

Our SHS Practitioner is there if you are feeling worried, concerned or just need some advice. As SHS is an independent service you can self-refer, or speak to a staff member, who can refer to SHS on your behalf. The service is client led so you can work with them for as long, or as little, as you need.

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.

If you are interested, speak to Mrs Vella or Mrs Green for more details

Club Scout Founders Day

In support of the Cub Scout Founders Day and the Girl Guide Thinking Day we are inviting Beavers, Rainbows, Cubs, Brownies, Scouts and Guides to wear their uniform to school on Tuesday 26th February.

Logo Uniform

Tesco, our current supplier of logo uniform will cease to supply uniform from Thursday 7th February 2019. Logo uniform can instead be purchased from our new supplier, My Clothing. There should be no change to the price or quality of the products purchased. You can purchase uniform from them commencing Wednesday 12th February 2019. Their website is www.myclothing.com

Scholastic Book Fair

For four days in December we hosted a Scholastic Book Fair after school. Thank you to everyone who attended and gave their time to help. As a result we raised £61 worth of free books for our school!

Reminders

Uniform

Please can you ensure that all uniform, PE kit, coats and shoes that come into school are clearly labelled with your child's name. The lost property is checked regularly by our general assistants and any named uniform will be found and redistributed.

Cold weather

As the temperature is dropping outside we advise that all children should come into school with a coat, a hat and some gloves. In order to keep them warm during break and lunchtime play.

In The Community

Blood Doner Sessions

The NHS will be holding doner sessions at Priestfield Stadium, Gillingham on Monday 4th February and Friday 1st March from 13:30 – 16:30 and 17:30 - 20:00. For more information please visit: blood.co.uk or call 0300 123 23 23.

Pat On The Back

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning the 7th January 2019 was FS2D with an amazing 99.5%! FS2M only had 1 late pupil during this week, and a fantastic 98.3% of children arrived on time.

Also Coming Home

- Parking Concerns Letter
- Kung Fu Leaflet