

Key Dates

6th Mar – 3F Class assembly
6th Mar – FS2BF Parents
Evening
7th Mar – World Book Day
12th Mar – Y6 SATS Parent
Briefing
13th Mar – 2S Class
assembly
15th Mar – Red Nose Day
Tag Day (Red Theme)

Term Dates 18/19

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 25th October

Term 2
Tuesday 5th November
until
Friday 20th December

Term 3
Tuesday 7th January
until
Friday 14th February

Headline

Welcome back.

I hope you were all able to enjoy the unseasonably good weather last week.

Whilst the children were off, it was a busy week in school. New Interactive Display Screens were installed into 5 of the classrooms. These will make a huge difference to teachers and pupils. Mr Cotton has continued his quest to paint the whole school too. The staircase in the main hall and the upstairs corridors are now projects well under way.

During the training day on Monday, staff worked on phonics, spelling, writing, maths and special needs teaching strategies. It was a very busy but productive day.

An addition to this week's newsletter is the Friday Club options form for terms 5 and 6. Mrs Damerell has a huge task in collecting in all the forms and then allocating clubs accordingly. It is essential that forms are returned by the deadline because she spends significant time to sorting clubs. Late forms often mean more work for her and disappointed children who do not get their preferred choices.

This is set to be another busy term. The children have new topics, there are three class assemblies (see key dates), the Year 4 residential trip, the Year 3/4 Production and Byron's Got Talent are just a few of the

highlights ahead.

Last term children and staff said goodbye to Mr Bangs who had been our site manager for 16 years. Following a period of illness he decided to retire at the end of 2018. He was also employed by Medway Council to staff the crossing patrol on Canterbury Street. For the past 11 months, Medway Council have not provided anyone to staff this crossing, but following a request by the school, they carried out a needs survey last month. I have now received notification that they feel there is a need for a crossing patrol and will be seeking approval to appoint a new one. I will keep you updated with this in the coming weeks.

Mr Carthy

News

Red Nose Day

To support this year's comic relief red nose day, we will be selling red noses before school each morning of the week beginning 11th March, from the infant and junior playgrounds at a cost of £1.25 each. They can also be purchased from the school office throughout the day during that week.



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.myclothing.com

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.

UNCRC

This term our focus United Nations Rights of the Child article is: Article 7: You have the right to a name, and this should be officially recognized by the government. You have the right to a nationality (to belong to a country).

Children will be doing work on this in school and will also be asked to do some home learning at some point during the term. We hope that you will ask your child what they have done in school to support this article and have a discussion of what this means.

Religious Education

Within Religious Education lessons the children have the opportunity to learn about the five main world religions, these being Christianity, Judaism, Sikhism, Hinduism and Islam. They also learn about a non-religious worldview, Humanism. We encourage the children to ask questions about things that they are curious about or may find puzzling and to identify similarities and differences between different religions.

At Byron School we actively promote tolerance and respect for different viewpoints and are proud to celebrate diversity within our school community. We recognise that parents and careers can make a valuable contribution to children's learning in R.E and would like to invite parents and carers to be involved in a question and answer session. In Years 5 and 6, the children have recently begun a unit of work on Islam - What does it mean to be a Muslim?

If you are a practicing Muslim, have some free time this term and would be willing to come into school to answer the children's questions about Islam please can you leave your contact details with the school office and Mr Atkins will contact you to arrange a suitable time. R.E lessons normally take place in the afternoon between 1pm and 3pm. If you have any religious artefacts that you would be willing to show the children as well, we would be extremely grateful as this will bring the learning alive. Thank you in advance for your support. Mrs Dawson (R.E subject leader)

Disco and Film Events

Huge thanks for your support with our Film and Disco events last term. Together they have raised nearly £1,500 for the school.

Pat On The Back

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning the 11th February 2019 was 2K with an amazing 98.3%! 1/2S had no late pupils during this week, and a fantastic 98.1% of children arrived on time.

Also Coming Home

- Chartwells Theme Menu
- Letter for Y5 parents meeting – Arithmetics homework
- Friday Club options letter term 5/6
- The Momo Challenge – Parent Factsheet