

Key Dates

12th Mar – Y6 SATS Parent Briefing
13th Mar – 2S Class assembly
15th Mar – Red Nose Day Tag Day (Red Theme)
21st Mar – Byron's Got Talent
27th Mar – 2K Class Assembly
3rd Apr – Year 3 and 4 production to Parents
5th Apr – Mad Hair Tag Day

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

As I write this headline we are celebrating World Book Day. I hope that everyone enjoyed the day's activities; it helps us appreciate how the skill of reading and taking pleasure from it enables us to transport ourselves into the minds, times and places the writer creates for us. In addition it is the key which opens many other doors.

This week the Governors spent a day in school and we would like to thank Mr Carthy and all the staff and pupils for allowing us to do this and for making it a very useful and productive day. We focused on issues that are related to maintaining and improving our performance and will ensure that pupils gain the maximum benefit from their time at Byron.

We were introduced to Mrs Langridge from School Home Support and heard about her role, we had a learning walk with Miss Masters to see Early Years in action and were impressed by their focus and enthusiasm – we hope to do this for other year groups in the future.

Hearing from the SENCO about the actions being taken to implement the SEND improvement plan was very encouraging; the ways in which refining the information being recorded made it more easily accessible and will enhance the whole school approach.

The School's Pupil Premium Strategy statement was reviewed and Governors

were updated on the ways this can help improve outcomes. Both these areas were highlighted by OFSTED last year. The afternoon session was about looking at our own organisation and the need for successful planning and we will be discussing this further at a future board meeting.

Being close to World book Day several Governors had the pleasure, at the end of the afternoon, of reading a story or two to a Year R class – their enjoyment, involvement and enthusiasm, even in our high tech world, emphasised that this is an activity for any age!

Lillian Gould
Chair of Governors

News

Staffing

Miss Keen returns from maternity leave next week and will be working across the juniors.

As you are aware, Mrs Parsons is expecting a baby in May. She will be leaving us at the end of April. Mrs Rosamond has been appointed to lead the Breakfast and After School Club and will begin work on Monday 18th March. Mrs Parsons and Mrs Rosamond will work together until Mrs Parsons leaves.

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.

E-Safety

Last week we sent home a factsheet for parents about the 'Momo Challenge' with the newsletter. A few parents raised concern that it was possible for children to read this communication and felt as though it would have been better for it to have been put into an envelope first. As a result of this, we will be reviewing how we send such communications in the future.

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.



Red Nose Day Tag Day

On Friday 15th March, we will be holding Red Themed Tag Day in order to raise money for Comic Relief. Children who pay £1 will be able to wear their own clothes for the day. We have chosen Red as the theme in support of Red Nose Day.

In The Community

Blood Doner Sessions

The NHS will be holding doner sessions

at Priestfield Stadium, Gillingham on Thursday 14th March and Friday 22nd March from 13:30 – 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 26th February 2019 was 5S with an amazing 100%! 1D had only 1 late pupil during this week, and a fantastic 98% of children arrived on time.

Also Coming Home

- World Book Day Vouchers
- Y6 Post SATS Activities
- Byron's Got Talent Letters for Participants