

## Key Dates

- 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Byron's Got Talent
- 27<sup>th</sup> Mar – 2K Class Assembly
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr – Year 3 and 4 production to Parents
- 5<sup>th</sup> Apr – Mad Hair Tag Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> Apr – Year 6 Class photos
- 30<sup>th</sup> Apr – 1/2S Class Assembly
- 8<sup>th</sup> May – 1F Class Assembly

## Term Dates 18/19

**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

**Term 2**  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
until  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Term 3**  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
until  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

## Headline

Online safety is an important part of keeping children safe at Byron and is taught to all pupils. Our curriculum empowers children to become critical thinkers and to understand how they can to stay safe and behave appropriately online, but we can only be successful in keeping children safe online if we work with you.

Below are some top tips for Online Safety at Home.

### Talk to your child

- We would not recommend sharing potentially frightening images specifically with children as this can cause them upset and distress.
- It's important that parents find out and learn about what children are doing online; find out what your child is looking at, and judge for yourself if it's appropriate.
  - Learning together with your child can often open opportunities to discuss safe behaviour online. By having regular and open conversations with your child, you'll provide them with an opportunity to share any concerns they may have.
  - [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com) and [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) has some useful tips and ideas for parents about starting conversations about online safety

### Do your research

- If you are made aware of a concern being shared on social media, it's a good idea to check such stories out with a known reliable and trustworthy source. Many headlines and

stories use sensationalist language with vague details; if this is the case then it's possible that it's not entirely accurate.

- Useful websites that can help determine if an online story is true include:

◦ [www.thatsnonsense.com](http://www.thatsnonsense.com)

◦ [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com)

◦ [www.truthorfiction.com](http://www.truthorfiction.com)

### Take concerns raised by children seriously

- If your child has been exposed to such content and is scared, then it's important not to dismiss their worries. It doesn't matter if the fear is real or proportionate, if it's scaring them, it's worth listening to them to help them feel reassured and safe.
- Help provide a balanced view to such stories and talk with them about how they can deal with concerns, such as blocking and reporting on websites or apps they use and always talking to a trusted adult if they see something upsetting online.

### Understand technology

- Discuss together as a family how the internet will be used in your house and set clear boundaries regarding time-limits, supervision and what they can access.
- Visit sites like [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org) and [www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/a-parents-guide](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/a-parents-guide) for advice about parental controls on consoles and devices.
- Make sure you read any parental guidance and safety recommendations (including age requirements – most popular social networking sites and apps are only

## 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](http://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.

for users aged 13+, 16+ or 18+); visit [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk) to find out information about some of the most popular apps.

### Report any serious risk of harm

- The School Designated Safeguarding Leads are available to discuss any help you may need or concerns that you may have.
- If you are worried that a criminal offence has been committed, then you can report your concerns to the Police. You can contact Kent Police via 101 or 999 if there is immediate risk or you can report online abuse to CEOP by visiting [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk) and using the "Click CEOP" report button.

It's important that we all remember that the internet is an essential part of young people's lives and provides them with tremendous opportunities. The vast majority use it without coming to any harm so it's essential to be realistic: banning the internet or web sites often will not work and it can make a child feel less able to report a problem or concern, so education around safe use is essential.

Mr Carthy

## News

### Mothers Day Keyrings

1/2S are fundraising by making Mother's Day photo key rings. Children can come along to 1/2S classroom all next week at playtimes. Photos can be taken with brothers and sisters and cost £2 per key ring.

## In The Community

### Concert at Gillingham Baptist Church

The building work at Gillingham Baptist Church, Green Street, Gillingham is now complete and the Church is going to be hosting a concert for Dave Bilbrough as it's first major event in the new building.

Dave is an international singer and songwriter, drawing on folk roots and world music influences. The concert is being held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 6:45pm. Tickets are £5 on the night.

### Blood Doner Sessions

The NHS will be holding a doner session at Priestfield Stadium, Gillingham on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 13:30 – 20:00. For more information please visit: [blood.co.uk](http://blood.co.uk) or call 0300 123 23 23.

## Pat On The Back

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 was 2K with an amazing 99.7%! 1F, 3/4T and 6C had only 2 late pupils each during this week, and a fantastic 98.2% of children arrived on time.

## Also Coming Home

- Year 3 and 4 Production letter
- Sealife London Family Voucher