



# YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN TERM 2018

### Welcome!

Welcome back to Byron. We hope you have had an amazing summer and that the children have already come home happily chatting away about what they have been up to in the first few days of the Autumn Term. This year we are very lucky to have three adults in the classroom, this includes Miss Howlett who is completing her teacher training with us in Year 1.

#### Dates for your diary:

**W/B 10<sup>th</sup> September** – Clubs start this week

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 1 class assembly – 2.45pm

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – School closes for half term

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October** – School opens

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – ‘Into film’ screening at Croydon Grants – letter to follow

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – INSET Day

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – INSET Day

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – School closes for Christmas holiday at 2.15pm

### Learning Challenge

This half term we have two learning challenges that our curriculum revolves around. They are ‘Say Cheese!’ which is an ICT based unit where we will be looking at portraits and using different devices to take a portrait of our friend. We will then attempt to edit them using the iPads and other technologies. We will also be learning about our bodies, keeping well, germs and why sleep is important in a learning challenge called ‘How are you?’.

### P.E.

PE kits need to be at school **every day**. Even though we have allocated PE days, sometimes PE days will change, due to unforeseen circumstances. We are very lucky to have our PE coach from Crystal Palace on a Monday afternoon who will be teaching us multi-sports this half term.

**Jewellery is not permitted** and any children wearing it will be asked to take it off. Any earrings must be **stud earrings**, any other designs will be covered up with plasters.

## Celebrations

Every week we hold a Golden Book Assembly where we celebrate children's achievements both in and outside school. If your child has recently done something that they are particularly proud of and would like to share their success with everyone please encourage them to bring this information in so that it can be shared in assembly.

## Attendance and Punctuality

We take the morning register at 8.55am each morning. Being on time to school is incredibly important to help a child feel settled and secure in their new classroom routines. It is also important so that they do not miss out on any learning time.

Well done to the children from last year who managed to get their reward for 100% attendance last year! This year it would be wonderful to have more children who are able to achieve this. As the weather starts to get cooler and it becomes cough and cold season, please do be assured that if your child is not well, we will call you and let you know. Sometimes, even if they aren't quite feeling 100% once they are in and around their friends they can perk up. If not, we will always call you.

## Other Information

Now the children are in Year 1 we expect them to come into the classroom **by themselves** each morning.

They need to independently hang up their coats, put their belongings in their trays and change their reading books. So far, they are doing well with this! Keep up the good work Year 1.

These are really important skills for their transition as they get older. Thank you for your support in helping your children to develop their independence.

## Home Learning

**Reading:** Every night as this will greatly help their progress. Please make sure you sign your child's yellow diary to show us that they have read and comments are greatly appreciated. We will ask your child if they have read each day and their book will be changed when they have. We see home and school as a partnership, we need your help to hear your child read at least four times a week, once a week at school and three times at home. Did you know that hearing your child read has been proven to help your child develop quicker in all areas of the curriculum? On Fridays we will text reminders if you have found it tricky to hear your child read at least three times and rewards will be given to children (and grown ups!) to those make reading a priority at home.

**Phonics:** We will give your child a list of words to practise reading. New words will be given every Monday so it is very important your child comes in with their reading diary.

**Homework Journals:** Each half term we will send home a 'home learning menu'. This will be filled with challenges, both active and written for the children to complete. We will collect the books in each Monday and mark any of the challenges you have completed. By the end of the half term you should aim to complete tasks worth 15 stars in total. We look forward to seeing what you get up to!

