

Newsletter

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Issue 5



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2020! This year has truly been a rollercoaster of a year yet our amazing children have individually and collectively continued to impress us all. It has been extremely busy, challenging and 'different' as we have all had to adjust to a new way of working this term. Who would have thought that words like social distancing, pandemic, flattening the curve and self-isolation would become everyday language!

We want to thank you all again for your support and understanding during these last few months. Hopefully, as we enter the new year, things will start to improve and we can begin the journey back to some sort of normality without restrictions. We would also like to say a massive thank you to all of the staff at Byron for their hard work and dedication this term. They have been committed to coming to school despite the Covid risk to their own health or those of their families.

Our countdown to the festive season began last Friday with our combined Christmas jumper day and lunch. Both children and staff enjoyed a wonderful meal delivered by our catering team, Sodexo. The children behaved impeccably and the atmosphere in the dining hall was wonderful. In this newsletter edition we share all of the other exciting things that the children have taken part in this week. We do hope that your children have enjoyed all of the planned activities.

School closes today (Thursday 17th December 2020) and reopens on Tuesday 5th January 2021. **Monday 4th January is an INSET day designated for teacher training.**

On behalf of everyone at Oasis Academy Byron, may we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best wishes,

Clare Wingrave (Principal) James Norris (Deputy Principal)

Whole School Attendance

96.8%

Well done Byron!



PLEASE DO REACH OUT!

We know that during these difficult times, many families throughout the country will be struggling and needing financial support. Please do reach out to us at school if you need any help in terms of food or advice. We would hate for a family in our Byron community to be experiencing hardship and not be able to offer help. We work with many organisations who are ready to help. For non judgemental support, please do call us at school or email Byron@oasisbyron.org

SCHOOL HOUSE POINTS

Ahlberg House 2369

Donaldson House 2609

Morpurgo House 2372

Wilson House 2392



Well done Donaldson House!



We say a fond farewell to class teacher Miss Sayers after serving a fantastic 22 years at Byron. On behalf of all past and present pupils and staff, we would like to thank her for years of dedicated service as an inspiring maths lead and committed class teacher. We all wish her well for the future! We hope that Miss Sayers will be back to visit in the new year.

Sadly, we also say another fond farewell to one of our office staff, Maggie. Maggie is moving on to spend more time with her family but we wish her well and know that she will stay in touch. We will miss her friendly smile every morning!



A massive thank you to Thevi and her team for producing a wonderful Christmas lunch for our pupils and staff last Friday!



Our mischievous elves have been misbehaving in school this week...



Creative Christmas at Byron



Reporting COVID-19 over the Christmas holidays

COVID-19 exists in our wider community and therefore it is important to be especially aware of how your child is and whether they have symptoms of COVID-19. The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 they must get a test and remain at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms first appeared until they receive a negative test result. Anyone with symptoms can receive a test by going to <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

Before or on 23rd December

If your child has a positive case for COVID-19 between now and the 23rd December, please inform us as soon as possible by contacting byron@oasisbyron.org, so that we can inform close contacts.

A free online safety guide on the 12 online safety tips of Christmas for children with new devices.



Christmas is almost upon us once again, and soon some lucky children will be excitedly tearing the wrapping off a new mobile phone, tablet or games console. For some of them, it will be the first time they've owned a device that connects them to the online world. Even for older children, a new device means new corners of the digital landscape to explore – and unfortunately, new risks to be aware of.

National Online Safety have put together their top tips so that you can guide your young ones in enjoying their new digital gifts safely and responsibly throughout the year to come. Merry Christmas!

In the guide, you'll find tips such as how to turn location settings off, how to discourage device dependency and how to set up parental controls.

To get your free copy, please go to...

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/12-tips-for-christmas>

Byron receive a virtual visit from Santa!

Today years R to 6 all had a virtual call from Santa where he told some funny jokes and shared a story. He even left an early present for all of the children at Byron.



We would like to say a huge thank you to Friends of Byron for everything they do to support the school. This term they have worked extremely hard behind the scenes (socially distanced) to ensure that as many activities such as the Secret Present Room have taken place.

The children enjoyed a virtual Panto of Sleeping Beauty yesterday and this was fully funded by FOB. Thank you so much!

