

# Newsletter

11th February 2022

Term 2 Issue 1



## Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through this academic year and that next week is the second half term holiday! It has been a wonderful half term, with fantastic learning and progress happening throughout the school, which I hope your child/children share with you.

Over the half term break, we have a lot of work happening in the school, with many classrooms and corridors having a much needed redecoration. We look forward to the new look and feel this will bring to the interior of the school building. I am sure your child/children will be impressed on their return.

### FOB - UV Glow Disco

The Friends of Byron (FOB) would like to thank all those children who attended the UV Glow discos on Friday 4th February. All the children commented on how much fun they had and it was lovely to see them all enjoying themselves with their dance moves and renditions of a range of pop songs. I know that many of them went home glowing in the dark! A special thank you to the parents and staff who helped on the night as without them, these events would not be able to take place.

### SAS Academy—After school clubs:

It has been great to have after school clubs happening again this half term through SAS Academy. The clubs have been well attended and the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning the skills of different sports. These clubs will continue next half term so if you are interested in your child participating please use this link to book a place for after half term: <https://sas-academy.class4kids.co.uk/>

We wish you all a lovely break and look forward to welcoming the children back on the Tuesday 22nd February, ready to for another exciting half term.

Warm regards

**Mrs J Poplett (Principal) and Mr J Norris (Deputy Principal)**

## Half-term Free School Meals Vouchers

If your child is entitled to free school meals, you will be sent a voucher via email from Friday.



NB—Please speak to the school office staff or email [Byron@oasisbyron.org](mailto:Byron@oasisbyron.org) if you have any questions, either about the vouchers or possible eligibility for free school meals funding.

### The 9 Habit Awards

*Congratulations to the pupils listed below who display the Habits so well and for winning the following Habit Awards:*

**Reception = Nyven (Considerate); Raania (Joyful)**

**Year 1 = Eli (Patient); Layth (Humble)**

**Year 2 = Gino (Honest); Lukas (Humble)**

**Year 3 = Aaron (Self-Controlled); Aoife (Compassionate)**

**Year 4 = Seva (Joyful); Kiera (Honest)**

**Year 5 = Darcey (Joyful)**

**Year 6 = Enzo (Hopeful); Skye (Joyful)**



**Autumn First Half  
Term Whole School**

**Attendance is  
96.5%**



**Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year**

Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.

**95%: 10 days absence a year**

These pupils are likely to achieve good grades and form a habit of attending school regularly. For instance, pupils who take a 2-week holiday every year can only achieve 95% attendance.

**90%: 19 days absence a year**

The Government classes young people in this group as "Persistent Absentees", and it will be almost impossible to keep up with work. Parents of young people in this group could also face the possibility of legal action being taken by the Local Authority.



**We are now a cashless school and have moved all payments on to our ParentPay system. This is checked on a daily basis as we are not allowed to hold negative balance accounts. Therefore please make sure you monitor your child's account and top it up when needed.**

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FOOTBALL • CHEERLEADING • MULTI-SPORTS • NERF

**AGE: 5 YEARS - 12 YEARS**  
**DATE: MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEB - FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEB**  
**PRICE: £20 PER DAY OR £90 FOR FULL 5 DAY WEEK**  
**TIME: 9AM - 3PM**

**SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE**

**Venue: Atwood Primary, Limsfield Rd, South Croydon CR2 9EE**

**Bookings** <https://sas-academy.class4kids.co.uk>  
**Email** [info@sasacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@sasacademy.co.uk)

**David Gill 07843020874**  
**Ben Uzun 07545616503**  
**Richard Harris 07930047079**

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Exciting and fun classes for children and young people from 5-18yrs

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- SPEAK & MOVE CONFIDENTLY
- ANSWER IN FULL SENTENCES
- FEEL GOOD IN THEMSELVES
- IMPROVE CONFIDENCE & ENTHUSIASM
- INCREASE SELF-ESTEEM
- ACT IN PLAYS
- WORK IN GROUP SITUATIONS
- MEET NEW FRIENDS
- DISCUSS SOCIAL ISSUES
- IMPROVE LISTENING SKILLS
- ENCOURAGE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Our internationally acclaimed Drama Academy benefits tens of thousands of children around the world each week. Each class follows a curriculum designed by worldwide experts and focuses on speech, movement and improvisation skills.

**CONTACT US TO SECURE YOUR CHILD'S PLACE:**  
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Principal: Ian C. G. Brown  
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FURTHER INSET DAYS TO BE CONFIRMED FOR 2021-2022		
<b>AUTUMN TERM 2021</b>	<b>INSET—school closed</b>	Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September
	First Half Term	Monday 6th September to Thursday 21st October
	<b>INSET—school closed</b>	Friday 22nd October
	Half Term Holiday	Monday 25th to Friday 29th October
	Second Half Term	Monday 1st November to Friday 17th December
<b>SPRING TERM 2022</b>		
	First Half Term	Tuesday 4th January to Friday 11th February
	Half Term Holiday	Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February
	<b>INSET—school closed</b>	Monday 21st February
	Second Half Term	Tuesday 22nd February to Friday 8th April (last day of term finish 1.30 p.m.)
<b>SUMMER TERM 2022</b>		
	First Half Term	Monday 25th April to Friday 27th May
		<b>BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 2ND MAY</b>
	Half Term Holiday	Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June
	<b>INSET—school closed</b>	Friday 24th June
	Second Half Term	Monday 6th June to Friday 22nd July (last day of term finish 1.30 p.m.)

## Up and coming events for Spring term 2

- Parents evening: Monday 28th March 15:30—19:00; Wednesday 30th March 15:30—17:00
- FOB = Pancake Day Event 15:30 – 17:00
- FOB = Adult event (19:00 - 22:00)
- FOB = Special Adult Event (15:30 - 16:00)
- FOB = Easter Egg Hunt (15:30 - 17:00)

Look out for more information to follow shortly!