



Borden News

16th December 2016

Church of England Primary School

We aim to provide a happy, secure and Christian learning environment for all members of our school community

Dear parents and carers,

This will be the final newsletter for 2016. It has been a busy and eventful two terms of the 2016-2017 year.

We have supported various charities, made a number of visits and had a number of visitors. The new style curriculum is proving a success giving the children a variety of new challenges including hatching "dinosaur eggs" in Maple Class. There hardly seems to have been a week without something happening.

We continue to improve the learning environment for the children by displaying children's work in attractive and imaginative ways. More practically the new boiler is making a huge difference to all of us. Gone are the thermal vests of last winter and its very nice to come into a warm school when the frost is on the ground. The library now has themed boxes of books linked to topics that the children are studying.

There is still work to do and we have plans to replace carpets in some classrooms and the library. We would like to paint the hall and replace the blinds with blackout blinds. Moving the Wendy house from the Willow outside area on to the field is also a priority as is developing a spiritual area incorporating the stage into the plan. I know that Mrs Miller and the school council are busy working towards the development of the spiritual area.

However, term 2 is not finished yet. One of the highlights of the Christmas season is always the nativity play performed by Maple Class. "The secret in the Shed" retold the story in a highly entertaining way. There is always a number of ahh moments depending upon which character you are watching at the time and who your child is. Thank you to Mrs Clark and her team for supporting the children by organising etc to make the performance such a success. Let's not forget the performers and of course parents who I know helped to supply costumes, learn and practise lines and deliver children to the Village Hall early at relatively short notice.

Party day and the Christingle service are yet to come. All parents are invited to the Christingle Service on Wednesday 21st of December starting at 2:15. There is no better way to celebrate the coming of Jesus as when the lights go out, the candles are lit and the whole school sings Away in the Manger.

Please check the dates for the start of next term. It seems that Beech and Chestnut Class have an exciting start to the term.

It only leaves me to wish everyone a very happy Christmas whatever you are planning to do or how ever you are hoping to celebrate.

Please stay safe and have a happy time from all the staff of Borden CEP School.

Sheila Dunk Head of School



Attendance Winners of the Week! Maple Class

Please be reminded that there will be **no lunches served on Tuesday**. This is party day and children will be eating their party food. If you have not yet signed up to bring in food, please see the lists in the school office. Please bring your party food directly to the school hall on Tuesday morning. Party clothes can be worn, but no sandals please.

Change to PE dates

From the start of term 3 some PE days will be changing. Please note these on the calendar as a reminder.

Off with their head!

Beech and Chestnut are having an exciting Tudor Visitor on the first Day back January 5th.

Join in the fun by dressing as a Tudor or an Elizabethan for the day.

Let's hope everyone keeps their heads!

Fun with Phonics

Do you know your pure phonic sounds ? What are Fred fingers and how do they help children to read and spell?

If you would like to know the answers to these and other questions including what alien words really are please join Mrs Clark on Friday January 7th at 2:30 in the school hall for an introduction to phonics fun. Open to everyone including grandparents or interested relatives.

Thought for the week

Where there is faith, there is love, Where there is love, there is peace.

Where there is peace there is God. Where there is God there is no need.

Leo Tolstoy

Sat 17th Dec, Carols by Candle Light, Readings and vocal music in Church followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Forge, 7.30pm. All welcome.

Mon 19th Dec, Bring an orange to school day!

Tues 20th Dec, Class Party day

Weds 21st Dec, Christingle Service, 2.15pm, Church & End of Term

3rd & 4th January 2017, Inset Day

Thurs 5th Jan, Start of Term 4

Thurs 5th Jan, Tudor Day, Beech & Chestnut Class

22nd & 23rd March, Parent/teacher talks