



# Borden News

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



## Dear parents and carers,

What a busy week it has been.

Monday started with a visit by an outside dino-expert coming into school. Read more on the column on the right about what activities the children took part in.

Two teams, a year 3/4 team and a 5/6 team attended the sports-hall athletics tournament held at the Oasis Academy. It is a very organised event run by a very enthusiastic presenter who encourages effort and fun. There is a variety of track and field events and every child is limited to competing in two track and two field events. For our school just the length of the sports hall can be a challenge especially when you have two laps to run! Our year 3/4 team came joint 4th and the year 5/6/team gained sixth place. Well done everyone who took part.

This week has been anti bullying week across the country. All the children have taken part in PSHE lessons exploring bullying and discussing how bullying affects others and strategies that will allow children to cope with bullying IF it occurs. We always stress that, as in our 5 Golden Rules :

**"We treat others as we would like to be treated"**

which is a basic Christian premise.

Beech Class planned and delivered a collective worship about bullying, giving great examples of strategies to deal with bullies.

In school we have a worry box into which children can write and place their worries. We open this regularly and treat the contents confidentially. We also encourage children to share their worries and feelings with trusted adults. We have a wide number of adults who all care for the children in school and would listen to any concerns in a sympathetic but positive way.

In this technological age we also have to be aware of on line bullying which is often harder to detect and monitor because using electronic devices can be very private. Equally posting hurtful comments seems easier and may seem fun because they are at a distance and there is no emotional immediate response.

Attached to the newsletter is a guide for parents about bullying. It deals with bullying in a variety of places including on line. The staff feel it gives sensible, easy to follow guidance and although some of the guidance refers to on-line safety it has ideas for helping your child to deal with bullying in a number of situations.

Finally Spotastic day and what a lot of spots there were on clothes, in hair and on faces. Thank you to everyone who supported this event in what ever way you did it. We raised £137.16, thank you!

And so on to another busy week- I think I even saw a nativity play script being copied and sent out for words to be learnt.

*Sheila Dunk* Head of School

Thought for the week- Matthew 7 v12

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Drama Club has opened up for Year 2. If your Year 2 child would like to join the club on a Wednesday evening, please put their name down in the office.

## Attendance Winners of the Week!

### Cherry Class



### Remembrance Sunday

The School council and other children from school attended the Remembrance Service at Church on Sunday. They laid wreaths that all the children had contributed towards by making a poppy. If you walk through the church yard please stop and look at the wreaths perhaps pausing for a moment to reflect on the sacrifices of others to defend and protect the life we take for granted today.

### Christmas Fair



The weeks are swiftly speeding past and the Christmas Fair will soon be upon us. Raffle tickets will be sent home today and next Friday 25th, FOBS are also requesting your gift donations on this day too. Bookings to see Father Christmas will be opening on Monday 21st November.

If you are not joining your child at the fair, please send in small change in a named purse or envelope—Infants should hand this to their class teacher.

The fair will open at 2pm, with the children arriving at approximately 2.15pm, and are not permitted to leave until after 3pm.

If you are able to help out on the day, please contact Tara Tant via the



### Mad Science Saturday

FREE EVENT for girls and boys in Year 5 Date: Saturday 21 January 2017 Time: 10am till 12.00pm If your daughter or son is interested in participating in Mad Science Saturday please contact Highsted Grammar School on KS3@highsted.kent.sch.uk for an application form. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

### Dinotastic Day

Mr. Aers came to visit maple and Cherry Class. he is a dinosaur expert and he brought his friend, Trixie the Triceratops. We learnt all about the different types of dinosaurs and how the fossils were formed. The children studied fossils using magnifying glasses and created dinosaur models with clay. We all had a fantastic time and learned so much.



Friday 25th Nov, Donations day for Christmas Fair

Mon 28th Nov, Yr 6 visit to Houses of Parliament

Fri 2nd Dec, Christmas Fair, Village Hall

Weds 14th Dec, Christmas Lunch

Fri 16th Dec, Nativity, Village Hall

Tues 20th Dec, Class Party day

Weds 21st Dec, Christingle Service, 2.15pm, Church

Weds 21st Dec, End of Term

Inset Days: 3rd & 4th January 2017, 26th May 2017