



Borden

Newsletter

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Dates for the Diary

Harvest Service

2.15pm Friday 29th
September

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Wednesday 18th
October

Thursday 19th October
From 3.30pm

Staff Development Day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 30th October

Remembrance Service

Friday 10th November
2.30pm

Christmas Service

Wednesday 20th
December
2.30pm

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Welcome to another exciting academic year at Borden. We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer, even if the weather was not always on our side!

It has been lovely to see everyone in their brand new uniforms, looking so smart and ready for learning. You may notice that the school looks a little smarter too! Work on the chalk face is nearing completion, we have a super new Hall floor and brand new windows across the front of the school.

There will also be a few new faces around school this term. We would like to welcome our new Year R children and their families in Willow Class. We are really looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks. As a mother of two young children myself, I know that this can be an anxious time for both children and parents, so please do come to speak with us if you have any concerns during this early period.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Tollervey, our new Senior Teacher who joins us in Chestnut Class. Mrs Tollervey is an experienced teacher with lots of great ideas to bring to Borden. We are all looking forward to working with her.

We would also like to welcome Fr Robert Lane, the new incumbent at St Peter and St Paul church. I was very pleased to meet with him this morning to discuss plans for strengthening the relationship between the church and the school and we have planned in many dates across the school year for joint events. Fr Robert visited each class today and our children gave him a very warm welcome.

As you will have been aware through correspondence from our Chair of Governors last academic year, the school has been going through the process of converting to an Academy.

I am now delighted to share with you that the school successfully converted to an Academy on 1st August and we are now part of the Potential in Everyone Academy Trust.

Mr Whitehead launched the Trust with all members of staff on 4th September at our joint development day with a presentation of his vision for the Trust.

We are all very excited to share in this child centred vision and look forward to many happy and productive years of collaborative work with our partner schools.

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Finally, as the new Headteacher here at Borden, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have been teaching for over 20 years and have experience of school leadership at all levels, including as Head of School. I have taught in a range of schools which includes both a large community primary school and a small village church school of just 89 children. I have spent time with the staff and children over the course of the week and all are keen to share what makes Borden such a special place to be. I am keen to hear your views also, so please do speak to me on the gate in the morning or make an appointment to see me through the School Office if you wish.

Mrs Karen Godsell
Headteacher

Sittingbourne Striders for Demelza House

There is a 2km family fun run in aid of Demelza House at Highstead School, Sittingbourne on Sunday 1st October. Registration is at 8am and racing from 9.30am. There will be a £2 entrance fee for all participants. Food, prizes and entertainment will also be on offer throughout the

Breakfast Club

Our new Breakfast Club starts on Monday morning. Please see the office for registration forms if you would like to make use of this excellent resource.

Can you help us?

Gardening Club would like plant some scented and decorative plants around the perimeter of the new chalk face and would appreciate any donations of passion fruit (preferably the purple fruit kind), honeysuckle, jasmine plants or packets of wild flower seeds. Thank you!

Attendance and Punctuality

As we begin a new academic year, I would like to remind you of our expectations on attendance and punctuality.

Our pupils enjoy coming to school and arriving on time. Our expectation is for all pupils to arrive at school on time every day unless they are ill or their absence has been authorised.

As you will be aware, we have strict guidelines on what we can authorise for term time absence. For further information on this please speak to the School Office.

It is worth noting that just 10 minutes lateness each day equates to almost 7 school days missed per academic year.

Well done Year 6!

Well done to all members of Year 6 who sat their Kent Test this week. You approached the tests with maturity and great spirit. We are very proud of you!

Labelling Uniform

Please remember to name all uniform and possessions, particularly cardigans and jumpers, but don't forget shoes, PE kits, pencil cases, lunch boxes and water bottles too!

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