



Church of England  
Primary School

# Borden News

September 9th 2016

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

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new school year.

It was a surprising first morning with lots of super heroes and a few villains. There were some interesting characters— bat men, storm troopers , knights. Amy Johnson and Florence Nightingale both came through the gates -even a Joker !

How smart everyone else looked with new shoes, lunch boxes, school uniform etc. what a great way to start the school year!

During the final terms of last year the staff were hard at work planning a different way to deliver the curriculum. We are adopting a creative curriculum that covers all of the National Curriculum expectations but allows teaching to be linked across subject areas. All classes will be taught Maths as a separate subject in the morning. Phonics will also be taught separately for children in years R to 3.

English will be closely linked to the topics that are being taught. So, children may learn about and practice using a skill in the morning and then have to use this skill within writing linked to a topic area. There will be more completed pieces of writing that show the skills our children can use. It will also allow children to apply the skills they have learnt in different contexts— just like in real life.

Because of this there will be a main writing book that will contain what would have been thought of as English and Topic. Science will be recorded in a different book although recording science needs good writing skills and it also has strong links to mathematics.

We are all working hard to deliver an exciting, engaging curriculum so that every child can show their skills and abilities while learning.

The Year 6 children sat their Kent Test yesterday. Despite it being a long day, I am sure they all worked hard and did their very best. We wish them all good luck with their results, which are released on 13th October . Test Scores are available in school from 14th October.

Finally, I am inviting parents to join our collective worship on a Monday morning. Worship starts at about 9:00 am and usually takes about 15 minutes. If you would like to join in a hymn, a prayer, a message and a short time of reflection then please do. I will be leading the worship as I always do on a Monday and although children may be involved it is not a class assembly. We all have busy lives but if you can spare or would like a quiet time to think and reflect then come and join us.

Let's hope the warm weather continues making a long autumn and a shorter winter.

*Sheila Dunk* Head of School

## Attendance Winners of the Week!

### Beech & Chestnut Class

The latest attendance release of Autumn and Spring 2015/16 indicates that our school's attendance rate is good, being very close to the first (best) quintile of Ofsted attendance performance measurement. While the attendance for that period was 96.8%, they are sure that Summer Term's attendance data, will contribute to a good or better result.

This would be a fantastic outcome. Well done and thank you to everyone!

**P**lease ensure that all of your child's clothing and possessions are named, particularly jumpers/ cardigans and jackets and coats. We no longer keep lost property longer than a few weeks as it accumulates far too quickly. Please also be reminded that only stud earrings are acceptable in school and these should either be covered or removed for PE. Hoops and any other style are not acceptable.

#### Clubs—so far

Drama Club, Mr. Abraham, Wednesday 3.15 –4.15 for Yr 3 & 4

Netball Club, Mrs Dunk and Mrs Whiteley, Tuesday 3.15– 4.15 for Yr 5 & 6

Quiet Club, Mrs Miller, Thursday lunchtime.

Tag Rugby, Mrs Miller, Tuesday lunchtime for Yr 5 & 6.

Gardening Club, Mme Lees, Tuesday lunchtime. All ages welcome, catch Madame Lees in the playground if you want to join. in.

**Swimming - This term it will be Chestnut swimming sessions. A letter has been sent home via email this week.**

**Please note that we have had to increase the cost of swimming to £2.50 per session. The cost of transport and has been steadily increasing as we have had to change the coach company .**

**If you would be able to help with the swimming sessions please contact the office or Madame Lees. I know she would welcome all help.**

Weds 28th Sept, Individual School Photos

Fri 30th Sept, Harvest Festival 2.30pm

Mon 3rd Oct, Yr 6 Bikeability week

Tues 11th Oct, Yr 4 Otterden Estate visit

Weds 19th & Thurs 20th Oct, Parent/teacher talks

Fri 21st Oct, End of Term