



# Borden News

16th September 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 time last year we were busy starting to develop Borden's Golden Rules. They are still our Golden Rules and remain as relevant today as they were last year.

Here are our Golden Rules:

Treat everyone as we would like to be treated

Always do the very best we can

Look after our school

Take responsibility for our words and actions

Look for new ways to learn and develop our whole self.

The children respect and respond in a very positive way to our rules. When they were being developed the children were very clear that they wanted rules that would be relevant in "real life" too!

There has been much discussion in UNITAS meetings with Mr. Whitehead and the other Heads of School in connection with the increasing number of incidents in school which involve parents and staff. I'm sure we have all seen reports in the local press or on the national news where parents have acted in an inappropriate manner towards staff and other parents, both on school grounds or in close proximity to them.

At Borden we have very positive relationships with the parents in our school. We believe in responding quickly to parental concerns and listening carefully because all the staff in the school want children in our care to achieve their full potential in all areas and be happy and fulfilled. We want to work together with parents as a partnership so that your children feel safe and secure.

Unfortunately, however, not all parents and staff in other schools have such positive relationships. This has led to conflicts which have left staff, parents and children, who had witnessed incidents, feeling shaken, threatened and upset.

Therefore, the UNITAS group has adopted a Code of Conduct for parents and carers which set out the expectations for behaviour. This is attached to this newsletter.

Along with the code of conduct is one addressing concerns with the use of social media.

Social media is a fantastic way of keeping in touch and sharing family events and general day to day news. It can also be used for expressing frustrations and sometimes posts are written in the heat of the moment which lead to conflict and become very difficult to resolve.

Please read both codes and consider our Golden Rule of

"Treating others as we would like to be treated", which is what we would all like to happen in real life, on a day to day basis.

*Sheila Dunk* Head of School

Please ensure your child continues to bring their water bottle in to school. We now have a new supply of bottles available for purchase from the office for £1 each.

## Attendance Winners of the Week!

### Cherry Class



### Reminders

Our PE Kit is red sports shorts, with a white t-shirt. Black or dark grey jogging bottoms or leggings are acceptable in colder months. This forms part of our school uniform and any other clothing is not acceptable. Patterned or logo'd sportswear is also unacceptable.

Please ensure that all clothing is named, particularly coats, jumpers and cardigans as we regularly accumulate a pile of unnamed clothing.



On Friday 23rd September we are asking our children to Overdo it in Denim!

1 in 25 children is born with a genetic disorder and the money raised funds a range of initiatives that improves the quality of lives of children with genetic disorders. All we ask that in return for wearing denim for the day, children make a donation of £1 or more for this valuable cause.

### Thought for the week...

**Guard me as the apple of Your eye**

### Litter Angels

On Wednesday a representative from Litter Angels came to school. All children took part in an assembly which stressed the importance of keeping our environment clean and tidy by not dropping litter. The Year 5 children completed a workshop and drew posters. The posters will be entered into a competition and the winning poster will be printed and displayed in Swale.

**FOBS—please find attached information regarding Friends of Borden School**

Fri 23rd Sept, Jeans for Genes Day

Weds 28th Sept, Individual school photos

Fri 30th Sept, Harvest Festival, 2.30pm

Mon 3rd Oct, Yr 6 Bikeability

Tues 11th Oct, Yr 4 Otterden Estate visit

Weds 19th & Thur 20th Oct, Parent/Teacher talks

Fri 21st Oct, End of Term

Mon 31st Oct, Inset Day