



# Borden News

September 30th 2016

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Primary School

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

Dear parents and carers,

A huge thank you for all the donations that were sent into school for the Harvest celebration. Fortunately the weather stayed fine and we were able to make use of the space outside to hold our service. I'm sure that the tins and packets that were donated will go a long way to making other families Christmases a happier time.

The boiler works have been continuing all week. Although nothing is visible from the outside of the boiler room I know that the old boiler has been dismantled and taken away and a new boiler delivered. So ALL that needs to happen now is the new boiler to be installed.

The children have proved very adaptable at play times, lunch times and during PE lessons at using the space on the school field rather than the playground. I know the contractors have been very impressed at how polite and well behaved the children are. What the contractors don't realise is how pleased we all are in being able to get this work completed before the colder weather comes.

Thank you to parents and collectors of children too for your patience both with the reduced space in the playground and the traffic problems caused by extra vans and lorries.

We know that parents at our school realise the importance of good attendance and punctuality—they are very important for later life too so setting a good example is excellent real life skills.

However we have received some new guidance on lateness and how it has to be recorded. With effect from the start of this term, all lateness is recorded, and the amount of minutes late is noted. Their arrival time is the time at which they pass through the school office. A pupil is considered "Late" if they arrive after 8.55am when the register is taken. Any child arriving after 9.15am is considered to be absent without authorisation. Please ensure that your child arrives in adequate time to be recorded in the register. Already this term we have clocked up a staggering 226 minutes of lateness across the whole school, so you can see how just a few minutes late a day really has an impact.

Our final total for Jeans for Genes day was £159.66. Thank you!

*Sheila Dunk* Head of School

Thought for the Week...

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*  
Proverbs 3 v5-6

We have been advised by the Police of the following burglaries in the Borden & Woodstock Wards. Please be vigilant, or if you have any information relating to these incidents please contact Kent police on 101 and quote the relevant Crime Number.  
XY/038523/16: Between 28th and 29th of September there was an attempted burglary at a stable in The Street, Borden, Sittingbourne.  
XY/038532/16: Between 28th and 29th of September 3 sheds were burgled at Tunstall C of E Primary School, Tunstall Road, Tunstall, Sittingbourne.

## Attendance Winners of the Week!



### Maple Class

#### Bikeability

If your Yr6 Child is taking part they will be able to leave they have finished the to go into the hall at the end at 8:45



in Bikeability next week their bike at school until course. The bikes will need of the day and be taken out into the playground so we can hold assembly.



#### Apples for sale

The Gardening Club have been able to pick apples from a local neighbour's orchard. They have been busy selling them at the end of the school day to raise money for gardening club. Thank you for all your support. I bought a bag and they were delicious!

#### Parent teacher talks

Our first parent teacher talks will take place on:

**Wednesday 19th of October and Thursday 20th of October.**

They will be 'traditional' parent teacher talks with timed appointments in the hall. The discussions will cover settling in, progress, targets for the year.

Please note that every child will start on 'emerging' as they only started the new age related expectations for their age group in September. However, staff will be making a prediction as to which expectation your child should reach by the end of the year.

'Expected' is the expectation for all children in Yrs 1-6 at the end of the school year.

If you would like further clarification please stop me in a morning or at the end of school and I will do my best to explain the new assessments.

#### Thank You Mr Barnes

A big thank you to Mr. Barnes from all the Mums, Dads, and children who walk to school down School Lane for trimming back the hedge and getting rid of the stinging nettles. Your kind action has made it a much more pleasant and safe walk to school.

Mon 3rd—Fri 7th Bikeability, Yr 6

Thurs 6th Oct, Tag Rugby Festival, selected Yrs 5 & 6

Tues 11th Oct, Visit to Otterden Est, Yr 4

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

Fri 21st Oct, End of Term

Mon 24th—Fri 28th Oct, Half Term

Mon 31st Oct, Inset Day

Tues 1st Nov, Term 2