



Dear parents and carers,

You may remember that just before the half term break we sent out a parent survey designed to gauge parental opinion about our school.

We were very pleased to receive 80 replies, which beat the 72 replies that we received in January 2016. It is important that there are as many returns as possible as it gives the results a higher statistical accuracy. So well done and thank you to all parents who returned a completed survey.

We have attached the survey results to the newsletter for you to look at. A single reply, one parent, represents 1.25% which when rounded becomes 1%. Please bear this in mind when looking at the percentages and the graph.

It is clear when making a comparison between these results and the survey from January 2016 that there are more parents who strongly agreed or agreed with the questions. There has also been a reduction in the numbers of parents who disagree or strongly disagree.

I have shared the results with both the staff and the Chair of Governors — Miranda Rees and Mr Whitehead. They are, as you can imagine, very pleased with how parents feel about Borden CEP School. I know the staff are very dedicated and work hard to support the needs of every child in our school and the results show your support for their efforts. Thank you for your strong support for all of the changes that have been implemented over the last year too.

However, we do recognise there is a very small number of parents who feel we could do better. So, please if you feel that there is an issue you would like to share with us so that we can fully support your child then let us know. All staff are available for informal conversations and more formal ones. Parents only have to ask and a mutual convenient time can be arranged. If you see me on the gate I am only too happy to listen.

We want to work with everyone to make, as the school prayer says, that:

Borden will be a happy place,

Where we all feel secure and loved during work and play.

May it be a place where we love to learn and learn to love,

A place where everyone is respected and all are valued

No matter what our differences.

Sheila Dunk Head of School

Thought for the Week

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Matthew 6 v 14-15

Attendance Winners of the Week!

Cherry Class

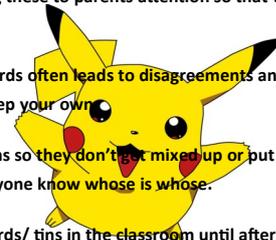


Pokemon Cards

The children really enjoy having Pokemen cards in school. We know that the children enjoy having them out at playtime and lunch time. A few problems have arisen, mainly at lunch time when there is more time to play and interact with others.

We would like to bring these to parents attention so that we can work together to solve them.

- ◇ Swopping cards often leads to disagreements and upset. Please share the cards but keep your own.
- ◇ Name the tins so they don't get mixed up or put the cards in a named bag to help everyone know whose is whose.
- ◇ Leave the cards/ tins in the classroom until after lunch is eaten so they aren't a distraction. It is very hard to manage a school meal tray and the cards which has lead to dinners on the floor.



Netball at Minterne

Netball club went to Minterne School on Tuesday and took part in a friendly netball matches. All of the teams worked very hard showing their skills and how much they have improved since September. Thank you to all the parents who took their children to Minterne and supported the teams. A huge thank you to Mrs Whiteley and Pauline for all the coaching since September. We hope to start netball club again at the start of Term 3.

Congratulations Bethany— she's a winner

Congratulations to Bethany More whose Litter Angels poster was chosen as the winner for the Swale area. Bethany and Chase were winners from Borden but Bethany went on to win the whole competition. Fantastic! Her poster will be used to publicise keeping our town litter free.

Armistice Day

The whole school took part in a two minute silence in assembly today in honour of the fallen. We thank our Year 6 children who sold our Poppy Appeal merchandise every day throughout the school, they were great sales people! Our collection box is full and extremely heavy and the majority of the items are sold out. Thank you to everyone who purchased something. Once the Royal British Legion have informed us how much we raised we will let you know.

Friday 18th Nov, BBC Children in Need Spotacular Day!

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