



Borden News

14th October 2016

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

Dear parents and carers,

Great news! The boiler has been successfully commissioned and the school now has an efficient heating system.

When I arrived at school on Tuesday morning the autumn chill had been replaced by a cosy warmth. It is very reassuring to know that this winter we will all be warm rather than wrapped up like Eskimos.

It is with regret that I have to share the news that Mrs Harvey, the TA in Willow class, will be leaving school on Wednesday 19th of October. She will be moving on to different and new employment. We are sure that all the children from year 6 to this year's year R children will miss her and her expertise. We wish her the best of luck and are sure she will be successful in her new role.

We would like to welcome Miss Clark to Borden School. She will be working in Willow class and has, in fact, already started. Miss Clark has already settled in and I'm sure she will quickly become a familiar face to all the parents at our school, but particularly the parents of Willow Class children.

This is not Miss Clark's first experience of Borden for she was a pupil here a number of years ago. Some of the staff remember Miss Clark as a pupil—including me!

Finally, attached to the newsletter is a survey to help us to know what parents are feeling about the school. It is important that we develop the communication between parents and staff and surveys are only one way to achieve this. You may recognise the survey from last January. By using the same survey we are able to compare parent's opinions then and now. We are also sending home a paper copy of the survey today to give everyone the opportunity to take part in it.

The last time we asked parents to complete a survey we received 71 completed copies. This is a very high return and makes the results statistically sound. Please take part as we need to know your opinions and how we can work together to improve Borden School. We will, of course, share the results with you early at the start of term 2.

We will be closing the survey on Friday 21st of October which is the final day of this term. If you haven't been able to return a survey there will be copies available at parent teacher talks. As usual I will be out and about with a clipboard hoping that we can beat the 71 returns that we received previously.

News of the Otterden estate trip and the Romans invasion next week.

Sheila Dunk Head of School

Thought for the week

"Into Your hands I commend my spirit"

Last week our Year 6 children took part in Bikeability, a course designed to help children be proficient with their use of bikes on the public road, road awareness and road safety. Each child spent half a day learning different cycling skills and most progressed to Level 2, whereby they spent an exhausting day cycling on the public roads. Each child learnt valuable skills for using our busy road, and should be much safer cyclists as a result.



Attendance Winners of the Week!

Maple Class



Tag Rugby

The tag rugby festival took place at the Grove on Thursday the 6th of October. For the first time we were able to take 27 pupils to take part. Our thanks goes to Mr. Browning, and Mr. Smyth who managed teams. Also a big thank you to Mrs Miller who arranged practices, letters and managed the third team. The player all showed excellent team work and sportsmanship.

From Mrs Miller-Congratulations to Borden Bears, (Callum, James, Daniel, Ollie T, Thomas, Chloe, Bonnie, Hannah and Jessica) who had a hundred per cent record in their three games against, Grove Park, Kemsley and Minterne in the local schools Tag Rugby Festival. Their team work was fantastic and I was particularly proud of the spirit in which they played their games. Well done Bears!

From Mr. Browning *Could you please pass on my thanks to the Borden Tigers rugby team for allowing me to help coach them yesterday in the Sittingbourne Tag Rugby festival. I was so very impressed by all of the children in the team, by their enthusiasm, effort and great teamwork. I know that most of the children in the team have only just started playing tag rugby and had received just a few hours training prior to the festival, bearing this in mind I was amazed by their level of skills and knowledge of the game, Mrs Miller has obviously done a fantastic job in preparing them. I can honestly say the team gave 110% effort and nobody can ask for more than that! (I know Mrs Dunk 110% does not exist!) Well Done Borden Tigers and I hope to have a chance to coach you again because it was a real pleasure.*

Mr Smyth, our other parent manager gave us his overview of the tournament: *We started our first game playing Half Way Blues. For our first outing as a team, we played well but were out played by a well-practiced team. By the time we got to our second game we had jelled as a unit. Passing was more effective and accurate and our runners started to cut swathes through the opposition, we beat Lower Halstow.*

When we stepped out for our third game (St. Georges) the team was oozing confidence. Our passing was slicker, our support play was energetic and our running was powerful and skilful. We started cutting through the opposition with three direct tries from Ayodeji, supported by some excellent tries from Billi-Grace, Sam, Charlie, Harry, Rubie, Elena and Ollie B. The highlight of the festival for us was the enjoyment that the team showed with every member of the team constantly beaming from ear to ear.

A great time was had by all exhibiting the values of respect, team work, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship.

Parent/teacher consultations are next Wednesday and Thursday. You should have by now received your appointment letter. If you have not yet submitted your slips, please see the school office a.s.a.p.

PLEASE RETURN SCHOOL PHOTOS BY MON 17TH OCTOBER

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

Mon 7th Nov, School Nurse drop in clinic 2pm—4pm

Mon 28th Nov, Yr 6 visit to Houses of Parliament.

Fri 2nd Dec, Christmas Fair