



Borden News

October 21st 2016

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

Dear parents and carers,

Well here we are at the end of term 1 and what a busy term it has been.

I would like to share a letter sent to Mr. Whitehead and I from Patrick Leeson who is head of Kent Education. The letter recognises the outstanding results that were achieved last year across the various years and assessments. The letter recognises the hard work of both the staff and pupils in order to attain this high level of achievement. However, there is someone missing from the list and recognition has to go to the part that parents play in working with the school to support your children. Without your support in hearing reading, practicing spellings and tables, helping with homework, keeping up with school events, getting children to school on time and all the other support that happens which is part of being a parent, your children would not achieve as they do. Let us continue to work in this successful partnership to maintain the fantastic achievements that our pupils make. On that note we have had 98% parent attendance for our Parent/Teacher talks this week, thank you for your continued support. Please read the letter which is attached to this newsletter.

Whenever we have visitors in school they remark on how polite the children are. There are many pleases and thank yous. They open doors and help each other without thinking about it – it's part of the school ethos of love and hope.

I have been helping with mid-day meals over the last few weeks and the new school meals are proving popular with the children. There is a greater range of meals with real meat which always looks tasty and appetizing. This is presenting a problem for many children as they find it very difficult to cut the meat although roast potatoes prove a challenge too! Older children help out where they can, as do the mid day meals supervisors and me, but it would be great if all children could be independent and use a knife and fork for themselves. So please check that your child, however old they are, have this skill. If not, the holiday would be a great time to practice so that when they return to school the good manners we exhibit in other areas can be used at lunch time too.

Finally, a reminder about school uniform. If you are replacing uniform please remember that polo shirts are white, and jumpers, cardigans and fleeces are red. Trousers, skirts and pinafore dresses are grey. For PE white tee-shirts or polo shirts with a red school jumper is fine. Then either red shorts and grey or black jogging bottoms are what we ask to be worn. Wearing the same uniform has been shown to give a sense of community and belonging as well as looking smart. Please name clothing so that it can be returned when it gets lost.

Have a great holiday. School opens again on Tuesday November 1st

Sheila Dunk Head of School

Attendance Winners of the Week! Chestnut Class



Kent Test

Back during the first week of this term, some of our Year 6 children sat the Kent Test. The Kent Test is an elective test, entered in to by those children whose parents wish that they may pursue secondary education in a Grammar school. This year, 77% of our Year 6 children sat the test, 71% of those have been assessed as suitable for admission to a Kent Grammar school. This is fantastic result, and I am sure you will join me in congratulating our Year 6's on their achievement. Well done!

Tag Rugby

A mixed team of year 5 and 6 children took part a tag rugby festival at the Sheppey Rugby Club. The festival was organised through the Swale Sports Partnership. The team were very excited when they left school and showed good sportsmanship in the three games that they played. Thank you to Mrs Miller for organising the team and parents for providing transport and support on the day.

Mrs Ford will be holding a Bible Stories club after half term for children in Yrs 3 & 4. The club will run every Tuesday and will commence on 8th November, 3.15pm – 4.15pm. If you would like your child to join this club please complete the booking form in the school office. Also, children in Yrs 5 & 6 still need to return their forms to the school office if they wish to join the Confirmation classes.

Otterden Estate

Year 4 children visited the Otterden Estate on Tuesday 11th October. *The instructor took us into the woods and we had to collect things that had different properties, rough, smooth, shiny etc. After that the instructor showed us the safety equipment for chain-sawing and there was a safety briefing, then he cut down the tree. He told us about a time when he broke his leg in the wood and he had to crawl out and summon help. We saw many different types of wood and what they could be made into. The instructor used the machinery to move logs. We learnt that the circles in a piece of wood show us how old the tree was. We did all of this in three hours. Interesting, super trip to the woods.*

Lola Johnson and Oliver Kitchingham, Nature Correspondents



A Roman Invasion 14th October 2016

On Friday the Roman and Celtic hoards invaded Borden School. There were lots of soldiers that the day before had been Beech and Chestnut Class. They were led by a centurion who organised the drill and making a tortoise and other manoeuvres that Roman soldiers need to know.

They had lessons on weapons and warfare as well as about Roman and Celtic life. Romans had very good toilets and liked going to the bath house.

There was also mosaic making and other crafts. At the end of the day the armies came together for a dramatic story telling in the hall.

On Friday 18th November we will be supporting BBC Children in Need's



We are inviting our children to dress up in spots for the occasion, as spotty as you like! Get the children stuck in and be creative! Just donate £1 or more on the day and get involved!

Chestnut Class have swimming that day so spots on the skin are best avoided!



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

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

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

Fri 2nd Dec, Christmas Fair

Inset Days: 31st October, 3rd & 4th January 2017, 26th May 2017