Borden News

13th Jan 2017

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,

I'd like to begin this weeks letter by saying thank you to parents who attended the Phonics fun meeting last Friday and those who showed their interest in the academy meeting.

Phonics fun was designed for anyone who was interested in being able to help their child and gave an insight into how phonics is taught in school. Mrs Clark will be sending out information packs to those parents who attended giving ideas of games that could be used. If there are any parents who were unable to attend please let Mrs Clark, myself or the office staff know so that we can repeat the session.

We hope to hold other meetings during the year covering other subjects so that parents have a better idea of how subjects are taught, some of the terminology and new methods.

I hope that the parents who attended the parents consultation meeting at Minterne School on Tuesday found the information interesting. It gave parents the opportunity to raise any concerns that they had. Earlier in the week the governors sent out information re the academy process. There was also a comments sheet attached. If you have misplaced these letters/ forms they are available from the web site under the "News" button. There is still time to submit a question if there is something that occurs to you. Either mail the office or fill in the form from the web site and hand it into the office and it will be passed on for an answer.

Thank you too to Mr Doherty and Mr and Mrs Thwaite for volunteering to move the wendy house on to the field. If there is another parent or two who could help it would make the job easier and quicker. The date is yet to be set.

It has been just over a year since Father John retired and left Borden Parish. On Thursday we were very pleased to be able to play host to the two priests who were being interviewed for the post. Both of the candidates were given a tour of the school by some of the children from the school council. We then met in my office for coffee, squash and biscuits. I know the children concerned were keen to give the candidates a flavour of the school and both were impressed by the school and the children. They both commented on the excellent behaviour and politeness of all of the children they met as well as the friendly way they were greeted and welcomed. I will let you know the outcome of the interviews as soon as I can as it is an exciting time, not only for the parish but also for the school, as we are keen to build upon our already strong links to the church.

Finally, we would like to welcome four new faces to the school. Maple and Cherry class have School Direct students working in their classes until the end of January. Beech and Chestnut classes have final year students working there from Canterbury Christ Church University and will be in school a little longer. It is very important that we host students—it's an important two way process—we share our expertise while gaining the opportunity to be refreshed by new and different ideas. So if you see them around please say hello—I'm sure you will get to meet them at the end of the day when they are out on the playground seeing children home.

Sheila Dunk Head of School

Thought for the week…

Praised be Jesus Christ now and forever.

Attendance Winners of the Week!

Beech Class

Off with her head!

January 5th saw the Tudors brought back to life for Beech and Chestnut Class.

Stephen gave a very interactive presentation with plenty for everyone to join in with- reading, acting, looking at objects. It was a fun and a different way to learn but one that made it easier to understand and remember lots of new information. Not only did everyone learn a great deal about the Tudors and especially Henry and his wives but it was interesting looking at everyone's ideas for costumes and the designs that they had used. Everyone agreed that the Tudors were a blood thirsty lot especially Henry VIII. We much prefer to be living now!

Stephen thought everyone behaved exceptionally well and were very enthusiastic.

Thank you to Luc, Leo, Eva, Harry, Jacob and Josie for sharing their ideas about the day.

Harry Potter Party

Thursday 2nd February 2017Start: 4.30pmFinish: 6pm Ages 7 –11 Sittingbourne Library.

Join in with magical activities to celebrate Harry Potter. Find out your House at the Sorting Ceremony and collect House points in the activities.

Which House will win? **Book your place now!**

Help Required

We have been very fortunate in being given a large amount of paper. However it is in VERY LARGE sheets .

Is there anyone or two out there who could become the trimmer king or queen and cut the sheets into more useable A4 size. We would appreciate it. It is a very time consuming job as Madame Lees and Mrs Jackson discovered. We will provide coffee and biscuits.

Severe weather—I am sure you will all agree that the texting system worked well this morning. Thank you to all those parents who managed to get their children in to school, whether on time or not! In the event of further spells of severe weather the same system will apply. Thank you to Mrs Rawlinson who acted as chaperone this morning ensuring the children made it safely from car to gate!

Thurs 19th Jan, Fairytale Lunch

6th—10th Feb, Travelling Book Fair week

7th Feb, Safer Internet Day

13th—17th Feb, Half Term

Fri 10th Mar, Reports issued

22nd & 23rd Mar, Parent/teacher talks (Willow class 22nd only)