



Borden News

January 6th 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,

A huge thank you to all parents who very kindly brought in gifts for the staff at the end of term. We appreciate your kind thoughts when it is a very busy time for everyone.

I'm sure that all the staff would like to express their best wishes for a Happy New Year to everyone even though it is a few days late.

It certainly looks like term three has started with a bang– or is that a chop– with Beech and Chestnut being visited by and dressing up like Tudors on the very first day back. What a way to dispel the January gloom. I'm glad we haven't replaced the carpets yet in Chestnut– beheadings can be messy.

Maple and Cherry remain in the grip of the icy blasts with their theme of Poles Apart. Let's hope we don't get too much of the real white stuff this year.

Visitors/trips etc add a great deal to the enjoyment and the understanding of curriculum areas and we are including more within the planning to enliven and engage the children with their learning. I wonder what is being planned for "Road trip USA" – a meeting with Elvis perhaps?

Finally, at the last governors meeting Mrs Miranda Reece stepped down as Chair and Mrs Helen Stewart was elected to the post. My thanks goes to Mrs Reece for all the support she has given to the school and pupils helping to keep a firm hand on all the many changes that have occurred over the last year and a term .

Governors play a vital part in the life of the school and it is a demanding and very responsible task as they ask the difficult questions and hold the leadership team –including me– to account. At the moment we have no spaces for parent governors but if you know of someone who might be interested in being a governor then please talk to them and ask them to contact either myself or Mrs Stewart through the school office.

Please don't forget the meeting re the consultation about the process of becoming an academy. Full details are in the next column.

Now where did I put that mop and bucket..... Did I just see a penguin?

Sheila Dunk Head of School

Existing Clubs will start next week

New for 2017

Change for life Club Thursday years 5 and 6 fitness fun with Mrs Dunk 3:15 – 4:15 Please sign up at the office 15 spaces only .

In the hall until we can see outside!

Attendance Winners of the Week!

Cherry & Beech Class

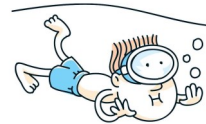


Wanted!

Like deconstruction? We have just the challenge for you!

Do you have a Saturday morning to help move the Wendy house from the Willow outside area onto the field? If so please contact the Office, Mrs Dunk or one of the Willow staff. We are aiming for a date before the end of January.

Coffee and biscuits provided– bring your own tools!



Swimming

Beech Class swimming lessons will commence next Friday. Please look out for the letter coming home today.

Our **Christingle** appeal raised £273.90 for The Children's Society, excluding what was raised in Church during the service. This is a fantastic amount, so thank you everyone.

Academy Consultation

Parents/Carers will be given the opportunity to attend a consultation meeting on **10th January** 2017 at **Minterne School**, between **7.00 and 8.00** pm to ask any questions they may have re the academisation process. Please attend if there is anything you would like to find out more about. Further information and a consultation response form will be sent home on Monday.

Thought for the week:...

Praised be Jesus Christ now and forever.

Tues 10th Jan, Parent Consultation, Minterne Sch

6th–10th Feb, Travelling Book Fair week

13th–17th Feb, Half Term

Fri 10th Mar, Reports issued

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

Fri 24th Mar, Red Nose Day

Fri 31st March End of Term