



# Borden News

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

## Dear parents and carers,

Life is full of changes— they never stop and they sometimes take us by surprise. We see changes all around us—from watching children grow up and become adults to realising that what has always worked suddenly doesn't any more.

Some of us find changing a time for anxiety and worry while others of us embrace the change and accept the challenge. Most, I would imagine—including me—experience a mix of both. We can see the positive side but are also concerned about our capacity to respond to the differences.

On the final day of the summer term this year my life will undergo a huge change which is both exciting and challenging. I have decided, in consultation with Mr. Dunk and our family (including the cat), that it is time for me to retire and start a different chapter of my life. So, the year 6 children will be joined by another leaver—me— thinking about what the future may hold.

Now that our children have grown up, moved out, married and live in other areas of the country we have decided that we need to make a move to join them before we both get too old. Mr. Dunk, who retired in September, seems to have big plans, some of which involve keeping alpacas as pets and developing a map room!

I will have spent—according to my calculations—25 years working at Borden CEP School. When I first started to work here there were about 90 children, pre school used the hall every morning, the field was across the road where the car park now is and the staff room was in the Orchard learning space.

However, please be assured that I will continue to work hard for the benefit of the children within the school. There is still plenty to do from moving the Wendy house and painting toilets to the paper work that will continue to need updating and implementing new initiatives as well as covering PPA. We have plans for another whole school outing as well as moving the assessment and curriculum forward. It seems that we may all be working even harder!

Mr. Whitehead, Helen Stewart, the Chair of Governors and the Diocese are working together to find a suitable new head of school as Borden CEP School is important to them. They know that we have a special family feel at Borden and they are keen to see that it continues when the next head of school is appointed. I know that they, whoever it may be, will receive all your support because although it is a rewarding job it's very challenging and sometimes quiet lonely.

I hope you all have a great holiday and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

*Sheila Dunk* Head of School

## Attendance Winners of the Week! Cherry Class



Change 4 life experience

10 year 3 and 4 children were able to attend a change 4 life experience in Medway as the Swale representatives. There were a variety of activities to take part in including crab football, skipping, throwing a medicine ball, lunging and balancing on one leg. They learnt about how much sugar there is in drinks and food— they were very surprised as milk shakes have 26 lumps of sugar in them. The favourite activity of all of the children seems to have been an inflatable fitness trail which looks like a bouncy castle but is full of different activities.

A big thank you to Mrs Miller and Mrs B for accompanying the children and to Sian, Molly and Rachel for helping me write this!

**Wow!** The Book Fayre has been a huge success this year. Your purchases have enabled the school to buy over £400 worth of new books for the school!

Thank you to .....

Mr. Barnden for donating and delivering the slabs to use when we move the Wendy house, Mrs Varney and Sula's mum for cutting paper and Mr. Hird for cutting lots of paper at work. It all helps to cut costs and keep us going!

## Netball is back— sign up in the office NOW



Netball club for Year 5 and 6 is re starting on Tuesdays after school until 4:15. The first session will be the first Tuesday back after half term. Please wear PE kit and bring your trainers. There will be a school's netball competition at the end of term 4 so if you would like the opportunity to compete please come along. Thank you Mrs Whiteley and friends for running this club.

Teach me, O Lord, to do Your will, for You are my God.

### Dates

13th—17th Feb, Half Term

Mon 27th Feb, Growth Mindset informal mtg, school hall

2nd March, World Book Day

3rd March, School Nurse drop in session

Fri 10th Mar, Reports issued

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

Fri 24th Mar, Red Nose Day

Fri 31st Mar, end of Term 4