



Borden News

24th February 2017

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

Dear parents and carers,

Last term on safer internet day all the children were introduced to an **Acceptable Use Policy** for the use of all types of information technology . The children looked at, discussed and gave their opinions of the guidance. Today, we are sending the same guidance home to you so that as a family you can share it together. Along with the guidance there is a covering letter explaining how important e- safety is and how we all need to work together to keep each other and the children in our care safe. Finally, there will be a parental acknowledgement form which we are asking you, as a parent to sign, and return to school after having read the policy with your child/children and discussed it.

The forms and policies have been based on recommended templates produced by Kent County Council and adopted by all the schools in the UNITAS Collaboration. We would not be sending these documents home unless we thought they were important so please read them together and return the signed form to school.

Children today are far more exposed to the exciting on-line world which opens up so many different and attractive ways to communicate with each other but exposes them-in fact all of us- to many dangers which we all need to be aware of and learn to combat so that we all stay safe no matter our age. We hope that by sharing this guidance your children will be prepared for their future life.

The 1st of March next week sees the start of the important Church season of Lent. We will all be eating pancakes in school on Shrove Tuesday which was when traditionally fat, eggs, milk and flour were used up before they were given up. Rather than giving something up for Lent we would like to encourage everyone within the school community to take part in "40 acts of Kindness". We will be sending home a sheet on Tuesday with 40 boxes and asking the children to complete an act of kindness every day in Lent. It could be helping with the washing up, picking up a coat, saying thank you, eating all the evening meal, etc. The important part is that what ever they do has to help someone else or show their appreciation of what has been done for them. The act of kindness could happen in school, at home, while the family is out and about-picking up litter perhaps. Record the act of kindness on the sheet and return it to school at the start of term 5— there will be certificates for anyone who has completed all 40 acts of kindness.

We will be encouraging acts of kindness in school too and all the staff will be busy looking out for any acts of kindness that they may see— usually there are lots! If you would like more details please look on the school web site or use this site www.stewardship.org.uk.

Sheila Dunk Head of School

Thought for the week

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever.

Attendance Winners of the Week!



Chestnut Class

The bells the bells..... For whom they toll.....



On Tuesday February 21st Chestnut Class visited St. Peter and St Paul's Church to learn about the bells and bell ringing. Some of us felt a bit nervous as we had been told that there were 106 stairs leading up into the bell tower. The spiral stair case was narrow and stone and led into a small square room which had eight ropes hanging from the ceiling. To reach the bell room we had to climb a wooden ladder, which for some was quite terrifying. However all of Chestnut class managed to negotiate the stairs into the tower and we were shown the bells by very professional and knowledgeable bell ringers. The smallest bell is called the treble and the biggest bell is the tenor. The bell ringers pulled some ropes to make the bells chime. It looked like such hard work and all the bell ringers were following each other. You need to watch very carefully and keep in time to be a good bell ringer— so lots of concentration is needed. Every now and then one of us would shout out things like "5 to 2" which would change the tune. We all had to have ear plugs in while the bells were being rung because they are very loud! We also had a go at tying the knots that show if the bells are in a safe position—it was tricky. Thank you to all the bell ringers who gave up their time and to Mrs Skinner who organised the visit for us. Everyone agreed that it was an amazing experience.

By Chestnut Class. (If you are interested in learning to ring the bells please contact Mrs Skinner).

Change 4 life

6 children from Borden, Harry, Reece, Sula, Bethany, Rubie and Eva went to Minterne to learn about running an activity club for other children at lunchtime and to help plan collective worship about it. At the beginning of the afternoon we were all given bracelets that indicated how much exercise we had done in the afternoon. We all took part in a dance routine and we also did a quiz about exercise and how much you are supposed to do each day and there were some questions on healthy eating especially sugar! There was a fun volleyball game using random objects including animal shaped bean bags, relay speed stack with words and definitions, blindfold football which was really HARD and a sort of musical chairs. All of these activities went towards our daily hour of exercise. It was also to give us some ideas of activities for when we start our own "healthy life club". We were given some time to gather together our ideas of what we would like to do in school. By Harry and Reece. (Thanks Mrs Miller for taking us).

Watch out for the posters—in the playground in the library and near the equipment box.



Green Diesel ? I've heard of red!

The Friends of Borden Church are inviting you to a fun packed evening with music from electric folk rock band Green Diesel, nothing too serious, just good fun!

March 4th 2017 Doors open 7:30pm Borden Village Hall

Tickets Adult £8 Children up to 12 years £4

Please bring your own drinks. Tickets from

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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

Sat 20th May, School Fayre