



Borden News

10th March 2017

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

Dear parents and carers,

As I walk around the school, in and out of classrooms, I see and hear many examples of acts of kindness. It is not just something the children in our school do for Lent it is part of their way of being.

Here are some of the acts that I have noticed over the last week.

- Helping to pick things up that they haven't dropped.
- Clearing up after each other at the end of the day.
- Helping when someone is injured.
- Looking for and sometimes finding something that's lost.
- Holding doors open.
- Saying "excuse me".
- Picking up rubbish in the playground.
- Inviting children in to play games.
- Saying thank you when someone does something for them.
- Having a kind word for each other if someone is looking glum or unhappy.

The list is endless. It is one of the things that visitors notice when they arrive—how friendly we all are and how calm the school seems.

I wonder how everyone is getting on with their 40 Acts of Kindness at home? Perhaps it could be a family affair with everyone contributing an act a day— you could use different colours to record them. If everyone was kinder to each other the world would be a much nicer and happier place to be. Please return your completed forms after Easter so we can celebrate all the acts of kindness.

Recently we have been highlighting the importance of e-safety to parents and children by sending out information via the newsletter re. Internet Safety day, the Acceptable Use policy for children and for parents to read together and agree to. The staff have a strict code that we adhere to in school both as an individual and as a paid member of staff. We are very aware of the dangers of the internet but also realise that children use lap tops and I pads with supervision. We are aware that although we have a filtering system it doesn't stop everything that may be inappropriate for children to see and so direct them to safe sites and search engines.

However, we can inform, send magazines, organise presentations and speakers for the children, but as adults we need to take some action and change some of our ways to in order to keep children as safe on line as we can.

Last week we had a number of incidents in school where children have seen inappropriate content online and then spoken about this with their friends. These incidents were what they had seen at home when their internet use had not been supervised by an adult. So, do you know what your child is watching on line? Do they use their various devices in a place where an adult cannot see? Do you check your child's browsing history? Please let's work together to keep ALL children safe where ever they are!

Sheila Dunk Head of School

Thought for the day...

Into Your hands I commend my spirit

Attendance Winners of the Week!

Cherry Class



Please find attached a flyer with regard to the **Highsted Activity Day** for Year 5 girls only.

Thanks.....

Thank you to the "Move the wendy house team" of Mr. Doherty, Mr Dunk and Mr. Williams who moved the wendy house from the EYFS area and on to the field. A huge thanks also to Mr Doherty for building a new mud kitchen for Willow to use -it's an excellent job. I'm sure that Mrs Williams will have other jobs to do if you would like to get involved.

If you have any skills that you would be happy to donate to the school please let us know. There are rumours that the governors are painting the outside toilets at Easter..... !

Reports

Reports are being sent home today. If you have any issues or concerns please discuss these with your child's teacher during Parent/Teacher talks. You may note some unauthorised absence. As a reminder, if your child is late after registration closes (9.15am) , this is automatically registered as an unauthorised absence as per our Attendance Policy. I would also like to remind you that lateness is recorded in minutes against every child who arrives after 8.55am.



We seek them here, we seek them there.....

There have been a number of cases of lice and nits in various classes this term. Please can you check your child's hair very carefully.

If you find any please treat as appropriate. Nit combs are available in the chemists.

The best remedy I found, from personal experience, is to wash hair every night, condition with the cheapest conditioner and run the nit comb through very thoroughly. It seemed to work for short hair and long.

Tues 14th Mar, Modern Slavery Workshop Yrs 4,5 & 6.

Thurs 16th Mar, National Fruit Show workshops, Yrs 4,5 & 6.

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

Fri 24th Mar, Bad Hair Day for Red Nose Day

Fri 31st Mar, Easter church service/end of Term 4

Tues 18th April, start of Term 5

Thurs 4th May, Living Land Show, Detling, Yrs 3/4/5

Sat 20th May, School Fayre

Fri 26th May, Inset Day