



Borden News

17th March 2017

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

Dear parents and carers,

How nice it is to see the sunshine and feel the warmth beginning to come back. The children have been eating lunch outside whenever they can and we have, at last, been able to get back to playing on the field as it gives everyone more space to run around and let off steam. With just two more weeks before the end of term 4 we all hope that the weather remains warm for the up coming holiday.

Please check the date of our return to school as Easter is late this year. The Easter weekend is the final weekend of the holiday with Bank holiday Monday being the last day, so we are back to school on Tuesday 18th of April.

Term 5 is always important as it is the testing term– in more ways than one– for Yr1 with phonics, Yr2 and 6 with SATS.

KS1 SATS (Year 2 children) take place during May and can be completed over a longer period of time as they tend to be administered in small groups to make the experience less stressful. There are “tests” but teacher assessment plays a large part too so it is important that all children continue to work as hard as they can, as all schools are moderated and we have to prove the levels that we give. Our evidence, of course, is what the children have in their books.

Year 6 SATS are held over a much shorter time and start on May 8th and are completed over four days of that week. They have a set timetable for each day and are sat to time.

There is a reading test, grammar, punctuation and spelling test as well as three maths tests– so a lot to do in a short space of time. Writing is teacher assessed and then moderated in a similar way to KS1. Following the advice given in this term’s reports will help to achieve the best possible level.

If you would like to find out more and download some free papers for both Key Stages have a look at:

<http://www.theschoolrun.com/key-stage-2-SATs-2017>

It has all the up to date information as well as timings and the days when which tests are being sat.

Year 1 do not escape either with the phonic tests taking place in the week beginning 12th of June. So, if you have been practicing your alien words this will be the time to see how good you are.

These tests are very important and attendance during this period is crucial. They are used to track your child’s progress from EYFS through all Key stages and will follow them on to Key stage Three.

All the staff know that tests are not all there is to children and that these tests are very limited in their range. Some children have creative skills in music, painting, etc. Others are good at organisation and solving practical problems and some are good team players. Every child in our school has their own skills and strengths and we regularly celebrate and appreciate them. Friday celebration assembly is a time in the week I always look forward to as it is showcases the range of talents of the children in our school – it can be anything from effort and hard work to a model or a piece of reasoning. The variety is truly something to be proud of.

Sheila Dunk Head of School

Attendance Winners of the Week! Cherry Class



Water Bottles..... and lost property

With the advent of the warmer weather water bottles will become more important. If you have lost a bottle please check outside the side gate as there is quite a collection of various shapes, colours and sizes. Please could the bottles have a sports top to prevent accidental spills. Naming them is good too as they can be returned when lost. School has bottles for sale at a cost of £1– a bargain!

We also seem to have a number of cardigans etc hanging on the fence. If your child has lost any please have a look.

Also, if your child borrows property from school please ensure it is washed and returned. Thank you!

Bye!



So long..... Farewell.....

We are saying goodbye to Miss Harris and Miss Mullen who have been working in Beech and Chestnut Class. I would like to say thank you to them on behalf of us all for the hard work you have put into your stay here. It hardly seems 5 minutes since they arrived in the cold of January to now be leaving us in the sunshine of March. Although they won’t be gone for long, they will be back later in the year to do some research for their teaching qualification!

Thought for the week...

This week let us remember all the people in Africa who are suffering the effects of hunger and the perils of war.



Friday
24 March

Don’t forget that next Friday is Bad Hair day in aid of Red Nose Day!

Don’t be lazy, make it crazy! But we still want to see you in your normal school uniform!



Weds 22nd 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, 2.15pm Easter church service, parents welcome. Collect from church. 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