



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,

It has been very nice to see some sunshine over the last few days after Doris arrived last Friday and the heavy rain on Monday. It certainly makes thoughts turn to spring and all that will be happening. I am hoping to be able to get digging at the allotment this weekend and see if there are any "daffs" out to bring to school to brighten my office and the collective worship table.

On March the 10th, Friday next week, the children's reports will be sent out to parents. There will be a full report for all years except for EYFS (Willow Class). Willow Class parents will receive a short report as the EYFS assessments are completed in term 6 and so they will receive a full report in that term. All reports will have a child's comment included so we know their opinions too. All other years will receive a report that comments on the same areas as last year with a few changes to wording in line with the new terms being used within education and assessment systems.

All comments in attainment are linked to the phrase "National Age Related Expectations" which is the standard the Government expects them to achieve for each year group. It will be prefaced with, inline or working towards or above which is where the children are predicted to be at the end of the year. Progress has been measured as, expected or gradual or accelerated. So, if your child is in line with national expectations for attainment and expected progress then they are exactly where they should be for their age group.

However, rather than a folded booklet format we have changed the boxes and adapted the layout to A4. There were a number of reasons for this including changing from using Publisher to Word, which has made the editing and justification of the comments more efficient. Although the look of the report is different the information remains the same. The children's comments will be clipped to the report to give them more room to write their opinions too.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Growth Mindset information meeting on Monday. I hope that they found the presentation helpful and interesting. Unfortunately there were only 3 attendees but I am happy to repeat the meeting if anyone would like to find out more.

Just a reminder about the e safety acceptable use forms that were sent out on Friday. If you have not yet shared it with your child, signed and sent it back, please could you return them to school as soon as you can. Having been a working parent I know that time is often short and that paper can get lost in the general clutter of home life. However, we, across the collaboration feel that this is an important agreement as e safety will affect everyone's lives at some time or another and we all need to be aware.

Finally, the season of Lent started on Wednesday. Unfortunately we were unable to have a service at church as Mrs Ford had an accident which required a hospital stay. We wish her well with her recovery. The 40 Acts of Kindness sheets were sent home on Wednesday. Please help your children to take part by recognising when they are being kind and getting the sheet filled in. Thanks for supporting this—its something the whole family could take part in— as a little bit of kindness goes a long way.

Sheila Dunk Head of School

Attendance Winners of the Week! Chestnut Class



G'day Mate!

The didgeridoo man came to visit Borden School on Wednesday. First he played the didgeridoo and he showed us how long he could play the instrument for by breathing in through his nose and out through his mouth. He had a selection of weapons that the Aborigines used to hunt animals and scare spirits. We listened to stories from Australia too. Some of Maple and Cherry class had their faces painted and then everyone took part in tribal dancing. There was lots to learn about animals including kangaroos and huge termite nests. Maple, Cherry and Willow all made didgeridoos and decorated them with finger painting. Everyone had an opportunity to use different kinds of musical instruments to make lots of tribal music.

Everyone had a great time!

Friday 24th March is Red Nose Day! Help us to raise funds by donating £1 (or more) and taking part in **Bad Hair Day!** Bed hair, dread hair, red hair, whatever takes their fancy!

Red noses will also be **RED NOSE DAY** available to purchase in school leading up to the day so save your pennies!

Thought for the week...

My God, make us to be one of mind in the truth and of one heart in charity.

These boots were made for walking... but not for school!

Please be reminded that boots are not acceptable footwear in school. Black school shoes for both girls and boys are the standard footwear for school uniform. If your child needs to wear boots to walk to school in, then they must change in school. Trainers are only to be worn on those days when children are participating in PE.



This year the school fayre will take place on Saturday 20th May. If you are able to help with running a stall please see Tara Tant or let the school office know and we will pass on a message.

Fri 10th Mar, Reports issued

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

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

Fri 31st Mar, end of Term 4

Sat 20th May, School Fayre