



Borden News

12th May 2017

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

Dear parents and carers,

It is always exciting to be able to share good news within the Borden CEP School community. After what seems like a very long time and many meetings, I am now able to report that the work on the chalk face is planned to take place this summer.

Initially there will be tree work and the stripping back of vegetation to complete during the forthcoming school holiday at the end of May. The work is scheduled to commence on Friday 26th of May, which is an INSET Day, and will be completed by our return to school on the 5th of June. During this time there will be surveys to carry out so that all the preparatory work has been completed.

The main work of stabilising the face will commence at the start of the school summer holiday and is scheduled to last 6 weeks finishing by the start of the new school year in September.

It has certainly taken a great deal of time and hard work from all parties concerned to get this far so we are all pleased that a firm date has been set for the work to commence. The contractors have been into school for meetings and are keen to get the work underway. They are also mindful that there is still a school to run on the site which is why the work will take place during holiday time.

It will seem very strange in September not to have Harass fencing in the playground. I wonder how long it will be before the children regularly use the extra space rather than running down the Harass fence line?

Please check the dates list as we have now added a sports day afternoon. I was waiting for confirmation of the start date for this work before setting a sports day date as the field may have been unavailable.

Unfortunately, there is also some bad news. The children in Beech class will be aware that Miss Gardener has not been in school for the last few Mondays. We have learnt this week that she will not be returning to school until September at the earliest. I am sure that everyone would wish to send their best wishes to Miss Gardener and we hope to see her return at the start of the new school year. In the meantime, until half term, Mrs Jeffery and Mrs B will be teaching in Beech on Mondays with support from Mrs Miller. After half term we have been able to secure the return of Miss Harris who has now completed her course. Miss Harris knows Beech Class well and will be able to continue working on Mondays until the end of term 6 giving the class stability.

The Year 6 SATS are now over with much sighing of relief from everyone. The children worked hard and concentrated well fortified by biscuits between and after the tests. Now we only have to wait for the results. The year 2 children continue to work on their SAT papers which can be taken any time during May. They too are working hard just as everyone at Borden does.

Finally, next week is very busy. Monday brings Head of School interviews — I'm sure Mr. Whitehead will keep everyone updated, and Tuesday is Governor Day. So if your child comes home saying there have been strangers in school you will have an idea of who they are.

Let's hope the weather warms up for Healthy Living Week starting 22nd of May.

Sheila Dunk Head of School

Attendance Winners of the Week!

Maple Class — 98.6%



Living Land Event

On May 4th years 3,4 and 5 visited the Detling show ground to experience everything agricultural. There were animals to stroke and find out about, food to taste, machinery to look at, and the dancing sheep proved very popular with all! Some children were able to make their own rope. There was a wide range of activities to take part in and teach the children about life in the countryside. Our school is rural but not all of our families have the experience or knowledge of what a farmer's life may be like so this was a good learning opportunity for our school. The children really enjoyed it but the next time we go we would like a warm spring day rather than one that reminded us of winter.

If you would like to see some photos have a look at the school web site on Beech Class. Thanks Mrs Jeffrey for keeping us up to date.

Healthy Living Week



Healthy Living Week starts on May 22nd and every child will be taking part in at least 1 hour of physical activity a day so PE kits are the uniform of the week. The weather may be changeable so please remember to send a fleece so that the children have something warm to wear. At some point all children will take part in a cooking activity.



We have a range of activities booked including an inflatable fitness trail, food tasting, a visit to Highsted Grammar School to cook and take part in gym activities, and some children will be learning about first aid. Everyone will be taking part in potted sports on the Thursday afternoon. Please come and support if you can. The activities start at 1:30pm.

We have been advised to through traffic from an estimated period of be closed in the vicinity through access between



that Oad Street will be closed Wednesday 24 May 2017 for up to 5 days. Oad Street will of Oad Street Farm, with no the junctions with Sunnyhill Road and Pond Farm Road. Traffic will be diverted via Sunnyhill Road, Munsgore Lane, School Lane and Pond Farm Road. Please be prepared for it to be even busier than usual outside the school!

Sat 20th May School Fayre

23rd May Year 5 parents mtg re the Kent test 2:30

Healthy Living Week 22nd to 25th May

25th May Potted Sports 1.30pm

26th of May Inset day

19th June Class Photographs

11th July School trip to Otterden Estate, Countryside Learning

14th July Statements of achievements and new classes sent out

14th July, Sports Day 1.30pm

20th July Certificate assembly 2:15pm

21st July Leavers service and final day of the term.