Borden News

25th May 2017

Church of England Primary School

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

Dear parents and carers,

What a busy week! I don't think that anyone has stopped and paused for breath all week and that includes both children and staff. I know that the children have thoroughly enjoyed the range of different activities and visitors that have been into school this week– their enthusiasm and excitement has been clear to anyone.

My thanks goes out to:

⇒ **Parents for being adaptable with pick ups and drop offs as well as for checking boards and responding to new information and instructions, providing fruit and supporting sports.**

⇒ **Children for taking a full and active part in all activities with enthusiasm, good humour and good manners.**

⇒ **The staff for preparing, planning, overcoming glitches when they have occurred and for giving up their time to make it all happen.**

⇒ **A special thank you to Mr and Mrs Wass for providing lots of different fruit so that all children could have the opportunity to try varieties or types they have not had before.**

How smart the children looked this week, if a little hot and sweaty at times, in their red and white PE kits– thank you parents for making this happen– they were a credit to you.

The highlight of the week seems to have been the primary fitness trail on Wednesday in the village hall– good fun, competitive but a physical challenge no matter what your age. Good fun was had by all from the youngest children to the oldest.

The appointment of the new Head of School, who will be taking up the post from September, has now been confirmed and I am pleased to be able to share the news with you all.

Mrs Karen Godsell will be joining the school as Head of School and I am sure that everyone in the Borden community will extend to her a warm welcome. Mrs Godsell has been teaching and leading a school in the centre of Canterbury so rural Borden will be a change of environment for her. Over Term 6 Mrs Godsell will be visiting school so that all members of the school, staff, children and parents will be able to start building the relationship that is so important in making any school successful and happy. This is an exciting time for Borden CEP School and an opportunity to meet the challenges of future years.

Stay safe over the holiday– see you all on June 5th.

Sheila Dunk Head of School

Attendance Winners of the Week!

Willow Class

Chalk Face Update.

After some very positive news two weeks ago the planned works for the holiday have had to be postponed. The environmental survey which was carried out last week has highlighted a number of issues that has meant the clearance of the vegetation will have to be put back to the summer holiday. The Diocese is scheduling a meeting with the contactor so that a new time line can be put into place. There is a strong commitment to complete these works as soon as possible and I will keep you updated as to new developments.

The Manchester Bombing

I'm sure that everyone is aware of the tragic events that took place in Manchester on Monday. The staff have spoken to the children about the event to reassure them and stress that these events are rare and that by uniting together we can help to overcome any group who may want to disrupt and threaten our tolerant society.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to anyone whose life has been altered by this event. Please take some time to remember the victims and their families and the emergency services who responded to the incident.

Carnival Time

The heavy shower at 12:00 proved to be short lived on Saturday and the Borden Summer Fete went ahead with fun and plenty to do and eat. There were many visitors who seemed to spend a great deal of money on the various stalls and we raised £2200! The money raised will be used to support the activities of all the children in school over the coming year.

Thank you to all the parents and helpers who gave up their time to plan, organise, BBQ, stand stalls, sell raffle tickets, bake, donate and tidy it all up at the end.

5th June, Start of Term 6

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.