



Borden News

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Dear parents and carers,

It is amazing how quickly the summer terms fly by. Children in year 2 have this week started to work towards their end of KS1 SATS and the year 6 children will start their KS2 SATS tests on May 8th.

The KS1 SATS take place over all of May and have no set times to take the tests. The test are comprehension (reading) and maths papers. They are usually given in small groups with either a teacher or a TA to give reassurance and guidance. The results of the tests, the scores, are looked at in conjunction with what a child usually achieves in class and then a level of achievement is given. So a child could achieve either "greater depth", "expected" or "working towards" dependent on the scores and the teacher assessment. You should already have an indication of what this may be for your child from the reports you received in March.

It is an intensive week for the year 6 children and their first real taste of exams over a period of time. There is a reading paper, a grammar spelling and punctuation paper and 3 maths papers. I know that the Year 6 children have been busy practicing and preparing for the tests over the last few weeks. Perhaps a few early nights and some breakfast each morning would set everyone up for the experience?

What is most important is that all children feel that they can honestly say "I did the very best I could" at either the end of the tests or at the end of the week. That is the positive attitude to learning that we know the children at Borden School have, no matter what their age or the day, or whether they are involved in SATS or not.

If you would like more information [www. The SchoolRun .com](http://www.TheSchoolRun.com) answers lots of questions and gives examples of what the papers look like. However, if you have any concerns please speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the day.

The details of the Healthy Living week are coming together. The week starts on 22nd of May and finishes on Thursday 25th of May with potted sports in the afternoon.

There are a number of activities already planned and booked including an inflatable fitness trail, meet a farmer, hockey coaching for all ages and other activities that we are awaiting confirmation of. It's a fun week but one in which everyone learns and experiences in a different way.

Please keep checking the dates list for updates and information as it's a very busy time.

Sheila Dunk Head of School

Walking to School

We have had 2 reports of suspicious cars in School Lane this week. Both have been reported to the police and the details past on . Thank you to parents who have been vigilant.

If you are thinking of your child walking home or to meet you along the way in preparation for their journey to secondary school please talk to them about what to do if approached either by car or on foot by someone they don't know. Walking as a pair or small group helps to ensure children are safe if they are walking home. Please let either the office or the class teacher know if your child going home routine changes.

Attendance Winners of the Week! Maple Class



Raffle Tickets

Please check bags for raffle tickets which were sent out today in support of the Carnival Fete on Saturday 20th of May starting at 12:00 on the school field.

If you would like more tickets please contact the school office.

Sponsored walk update...

Our sponsored walk last Friday has so far raised £778, which is a fantastic amount, especially considering that we have only had 25% of sponsor forms submitted so far! The children worked so hard last week so please remember to claim sponsor money and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Leave during term time

All parents/carers should be aware that the KCC made changes to their Penalty Notice Code of Conduct in April. With immediate effect, any child with 10 or more sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence (including unauthorised holiday) in any 100 sessions (50 days) period **could** trigger a Penalty Notice. Further information with regard to Borden's attendance policy will follow in due course.

Poetry Competition

Some children in Beech Class entered a poetry competition a while ago. We are pleased to announce that 5 children's work has been selected for publication.

These children are Daisy Eglinton, Thomas Dobson, Seun Akande, Alycia Wass and Jessica Broughton. Well done all!

2km Run at Westlands.

If your child is interested in taking part in the run the entry fee is £2.50 payable on the day. Please sign up on the list  in the office. Registration starts at 8:30 with a warm up at 9:30 and the race starting at 9:45

The organisers have asked for an estimate of numbers as each child will receive a commemorative medal so please sign up this week so I can let the organisers know the numbers.

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

11th July School trip to Otterden Estate, Countryside Learning

14th July Statements of achievements and new classes sent out

20th July Certificate assembly 2:15pm

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