



# Borden News

16th June 2017

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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,

The summer terms always bring a range of sporting events for children to take part in. We have already attended the mini red tennis, infant agility at Tunstall and a year 5/6 cricket tournament at Upchurch cricket ground in term 6. That is a total of 38 different children taking part in competitions which works out as 29.4 % of the school— and it is only the second week back of term!

There are more competitions to come but none of them could occur without the Borden community coming together to provide letters, transport, supervision, covering for staff and me and of course booking the place. A big thank you to everyone from parents through office staff to TAs and teachers for giving the children at Borden the opportunity to take part in all of this. I know they enjoy the experience and it helps to build confidence and build good habits for the future.

Beech and Chestnut Classes were treated to a visit from Zoo Lab and had the opportunity—or not—to touch, hold and stroke various animals that live in the rainforest. So if you have had a request for an exotic pet— snake, tarantula, large snail— sorry.

There was also a visit last week from local life guards teaching the children how to stay safe at the beach. Swimming in the sea and in a swimming pool is a very different experience. One is a very controlled environment and one with many hidden dangers and often underestimated in the excitement of the experience. It was an interactive presentation with lots to look at.

However, the normal jobs also continue. The staff and I have been working on updating the Home School Agreement. The new agreement, which we would like to adopt in September, is attached for you to look at. If you have any comments please come and have a chat either at the start or the end of the day. If I'm not around then please pass your comments on to your child's class teacher.

Finally please don't forget to return your slip if you are interested in before and after school clubs— the closing date is today. Mrs Godsell and I will be able to look at the replies and see what the need for this type of provision is.

*Sheila Dunk* Head of School

Ps Noticed the Astro ? Thanks Mr. Jordan.

## Attendance Winners of the Week!



### Willow Class

#### Mini Red Tennis

On Wednesday June 7th eight Year 4 children went to UK Paper Sports ground to take part in Mini red tennis coaching. Most of the children were very inexperienced players but returned to school buzzing with enthusiasm for the game. From these children we are going to have to select 4 children to send to the County final on June 26th at Polo Farm in Canterbury!

Thank you to Giuseppe for the coaching and to Mrs B and Mrs Eglinton for transport and supervision.

#### Primary Fitness Challenge

Do you remember the inflatable fitness trail that the children took part in during Healthy Living Week? Paul has updated the top 10 rankings page on their web site which now includes Hayden, Josie and Eva! All of these plus Ryan are currently the fastest in their age group so far this year. Check it out— are you on there? [www.primaryfitness.com](http://www.primaryfitness.com)

#### Staying safe

After the recent tragic events in this country we have been made aware of a very good web site that gives lots of information and reassurance concerning terror attacks. The site is called Let's talk about it and can be found at <http://www.ltai.info/about/>

**Inset Days 2017-2018 are: 4th Sept, 30th Oct, 4th & 5th Jan 2018 and 25th May 2018**



Borden and District Horticultural Society



At school we encourage children to take part in the competitions that the Horticultural Society run. A Facebook page has been set up so that they can show photos of the children's entries. There will also be a list of the dates of the competitions .

**And on that note, if you have any empty shoe boxes or boxes of similar size please bring them in to school, Beech & Chestnut class will need them for their entries—thank you!**

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 10.30am