



# Borden Newsletter

No.12

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017



## Dates for the Diary

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#### Christmas Disco

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#### Christmas Service

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
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#### Multi Sports Club is moving!

From next term, multi sports  
after school club will be  
moving to Thursdays. Term  
starts on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Dear Parents and Carers

As the calendar ticks over into December, I often think about the many reasons that I truly love working in education. Christmas in a primary school is such a special time and even after 23 years I still feel that it is a privilege to share this time with so many children. I am sure you too have memories of your own experiences as a child. My strongest memories include being part of the Nativity play (with shepherds wearing dressing gowns and tea-towels and an old tiny tears doll as the baby Jesus), the home-made Blue Peter advent crown being lit during assembly, making decorations, writing cards, the school Christmas dinner, our poor school cleaner leaving messages about the glitter everywhere (the vacuum cleaner just wasn't strong enough in those days!)... So many memories to choose from! I am sure you will have a whole range of memories of your own.

Here at Borden, we value your children's academic progress, something reflected in our outcomes for pupils, but we also deeply believe that childhood is a precious time. A time to make memories that will last a lifetime and be something that our children can remember with joy and fondness as they move onto new challenges in their lives. At Christmas, our school will be filled with singing and celebration, glitter and sparkles and the love that is reflected throughout the year. Our children are reminded, as advent begins, of the true meaning of Christmas, to celebrate all that it means to us and to think about how they can continue to act out our Christian Values of Love, Hope and Forgiveness at this special time of year.

With that in mind, our Christmas tree in the hall this year will be a giving tree. Rather than seeing wrapped boxes under the tree, evoking thoughts of X-boxes and Hatchimals, we would like our children to bring donations of food. Accompanying this newsletter will be a list of items desperately needed by the Sittingbourne Foodbank for the Christmas period. We appreciate that we have asked you for donations for a few things recently and that families can experience their own financial pressures at this time of year, but we would really appreciate anything that you can give to help those so much in need in our local area this Christmas. After the Christmas period we will continue to support the Sittingbourne Foodbank here at Borden, with a donations box held at school all year round.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Fayre this afternoon...let the celebrations begin!

Karen Godsell. Headteacher

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### FOBS Christmas Fayre – this afternoon!

Help us get the festive season off to a flying start by joining us at our Christmas Fayre this afternoon!

The fun starts at 2pm in the Village Hall.

Staff will bring the children to the hall and meet parents there. Please be reminded that collection for **ALL** pupils in the Village Hall at the end of the school day.



### Christmas Disco

Tickets for the Christmas Disco will be on sale soon. Look out for information from the School Office next week

### Welcome Visitors

David Whitehead, the CEO of the Potential in Everyone Academy Trust visited us again this week to say hello to the children and staff and work with our Headteacher. Some of our governors, including Fr Robert, have also visited to monitor actions carried out against our School Improvement Plan. It has been lovely to see them around school and to share the wonderful things that have been happening throughout this term.

### A Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent – Hope

God of Hope

As we enter this season of Advent, we pray that this year we will stop rushing, we will breathe and take notice of You and your works in the world. May we be mindful of our actions, that they be peace-filled and our words loving, as Christ is in the world

Amen



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