



Borden

Newsletter

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Friday 12th January 2018



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Dear Parents and Carers

A belated Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break.

The term is already in full swing and started with a bang, crash and a whistle with a wonderful music presentation from Bach to the Future Roadshow on Monday afternoon. The children thoroughly enjoyed some fantastic live music and learning about how sound is made. Who knew that you could make a trumpet from a funnel and a hosepipe?

School has been once again filled with smiling faces and children who are keen to learn. Continuing development of our learning environments means that our classrooms are even more lively and engaging than usual and teachers have some inspiring 'Wow!' activities planned.

Our children have clearly been thinking hard over the Christmas break as I have been inundated with requests to lead clubs again and we will do our best to accommodate all of the children's ideas. Staff led clubs will begin again in week 3 and more information will follow on this next week.

I was also approached by a group of pupils from Chestnut Class this week who have asked to organise a cake sale in aid of Cancer Research UK. You can find more information on this in this week's newsletter.

During our worship on Monday, we heard how God asked a certain ruler to do just one thing – to give up all he had and follow Jesus (Luke 18:18-27). We thought about what one thing we could do this year to make a difference to our own life or the lives of others. What are your resolutions this year? I have settled upon two:

If I think something nice, to say it aloud and not be too busy to miss the opportunity to make someone smile

And a shared one for my family suggested by five year old daughter - to help at least one person every day

I wonder if I will manage them for a whole year?

Finally, on behalf of the staff, I would like to say thank-you for all the kind Christmas gifts that we received. We still have some chocolate left in the staffroom to provide a much needed treat in this damp January weather!

Karen Godsell, Headteacher

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If you still haven't seen it - Our Lives News Update!

Our Lives News is a programme produced by the children of the Potential in Everyone Academy Trust and includes news and features from Borden, Bredgar, Minterne and The Oaks schools.

Episodes will appear regularly during the school year and each will include news and features from all four of the academy schools.

Programme one of 2017/2018 is available now at www.ourlivesstv.co.uk/pieat.

****Programme Two, researched, written and presented by Borden is available now!****

If you have an idea for a news item please send it to us via the website www.ourlivesstv.co.uk/pieat and remember to check back for regular new programmes.

Community Links

Congratulations to the staff at Borden Village Pre-school on their successful Ofsted inspection recently. We were very pleased to hold our first joint planning meeting with Diane O'Neill this week and we have some great ideas on joint plans and projects over the coming year!

Thank you to Fr Robert and the church for a truly wonderful Christmas Service last term. As many of you will have seen, I was quite overcome with the joy that I felt in sharing such a special event with our children and families for the first time since joining the school. We are looking forward to seeing Fr Robert in school again when he returns from his trip.

Cake Sale!

On the 29th January, we will be doing a cake sale for Cancer Research UK. We will be selling cookies, popcorn, cupcakes, lemon drizzle cake, cheesy biscuits (made by Evan's nan!) squash and water. But we need your help. We would be very grateful for donations of cakes from parents and children so that we have lots to sell. The more cakes we sell, the more money we can make! All of the money will be donated to Cancer Research UK after the sale.

From Harry, Evan, Charlie, Isaac, Thomas, Jessica and Elena



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This Week's Special Achievers!

Maple, Christine, Lacey, Stanley, Alexander, James, Beau & Archie

Cherry Class – Peter, Joseph S, & Evie

Beech Class – Luke, Rachel, Emily, Aaron, Florence, Sophie, Elliot & Noah

Chestnut – Leo, Isaac, Elena & Isobel

Staff Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a school cleaner. The post is for 10 hours a week term-time, with some additional hours during the holidays. If you are interested in the vacancy please contact Mrs Rawlinson in the School Office.

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