



# Borden

## Newsletter

No.17

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018



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16<sup>th</sup> February

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Dear Parents and Carers

Another week has passed and I am once again full of pride for our wonderful school. On Monday morning, a group of our Year 6 pupils, (along with our Lighting the Candle Group) lead the entire of our Collective Worship on the theme of Forgiveness. They shared the story of The Prodigal Son, held an engaging question and answer session and performed a piece of drama to show how the idea of forgiveness in the story could be used in our everyday lives. What a wonderful way to start the week!

The cake sale for Cancer Research UK was a huge success. Organised in its entirety by a group of our Year 6 pupils, their sale, (with your help) raised an amazing **£184.55!** Thank you so much for your generosity in supporting the children and raising money for Cancer Research UK. We are all very proud of you! If you baked some banana bread our local PCSOs would like to say thank you, it was delicious!

Linked to this, I was also incredibly proud when two of the children involved in the running of the cake sale came to see me this week. They wanted me to know that one child in particular had been the inspiration to others and the driving force behind their plans. They asked that he be given special recognition – so Evan, thank-you and well done on behalf of your team mates and all of us!

We also welcomed Ronni Lamont from the Diocese of Canterbury to school this week. Ronni is an expert on reflective spaces and she gave us some good ideas on where to go next in developing our outside reflective space. When walking through the school, she commented on how happy our children were. She noticed how busy everyone was, 'just getting on with things...and all so happy!' What a lovely compliment and a great reflection of what we see every day, happy, smiling faces.

Karen Godsell, Headteacher

#### Hair

Parents are reminded that long hair must always be tied back at school. We have had a recent outbreak of head lice – so please keep it tied back to lessen the opportunity of hair to hair contact.

Thank-you

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### Parking

Whilst we appreciate the challenges parents face in School Lane, we have once again been concerned about parking and dropping off of children in the morning. The zig zag lines are there outside the school to protect your children. Please do not park or stop on the zig zag lines to let your children out.

Please drive along School Lane safely and park considerately. There have been a few incidents this week caused by inattentive driving or unsafe parking which have caused us and other parents concern.

Because of the potential risk to our children, we will now be passing information about specific cases, including license plate numbers of repeat offenders to our local PSCOs who have been in attendance this week.

To clarify, it is illegal to park on or opposite the yellow zig zags during the hours of enforcement, in this case 8.30 – 9.30 and 2.30 – 5.00pm. This can result in 3 points on your licence and a fine. It is also illegal to park within 10 metres of a junction, therefore rendering it illegal to park around the grass triangle. Lastly, the footpath from the car park to the road is a public right of way, and therefore it is illegal to park across it and block it.

**Thank you for your cooperation**

### Plastic Bottles

In case you did not see last week's newsletter we kindly request that pupils no longer bring single use plastic bottles to school in order to do our small part to reduce the unnecessary plastic that is polluting our seas and oceans. Pupils are able to fill their re-usable water bottles from our water fountain at school.

### Reading Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in becoming a reading volunteer at school and can spare an hour or two a week. Please see our English Leader, Mrs Tollervey.

Please note: All volunteers would be required to complete a DBS check.

Thank you to all who have volunteered so far we look forward to working with you!

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### This Week's Special Achievers!

Willow Class – Olivia and Ruby

Maple Class – Archie, Ethan G, Harry, Daniel and Seb

Cherry Class – Katriel, Peter, Ethan D and Nathan

Beech Class – Nathan, Cassie and Aanu

Chestnut Class – Hannah, Esther, Sula, Ryan, Elena, Reece, Charlie, Josie,  
Luca, Samuel, Ollie, Jessica, Isaac, Daisy, Lola and Alycea

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