



Borden

Newsletter

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Friday 9th March 2018



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

What a pleasure it has been to be back at school after the snow! It has been a real delight to hear all about the children's adventures and to see so many amazing photos. I think some of the parents came off worse in the snowball fights!

Taking the decision to close the school is an incredibly difficult one, and not one which is taken lightly. Headteachers have a duty to risk assess not only the school site, but also the roads providing access to the school. The safety of our children, parents and staff is always our highest priority. We do appreciate the challenge that this poses to working parents in particular and we hope that our early communication went some way to ease any potential difficulties with childcare. We carried out our risk assessments as early as possible each morning and made an informed decision as quickly as possible. Our Office staff then communicated this information with parents through text messaging, email, the Kent School Closures website and our Facebook page and we hope that you were all able to access the information needed on at least one of these platforms. I would like to say thank you to Mrs Rawlinson and Mrs Broad from our Office and Mr Jordan, our caretaker for all their hard work through this process last week.

Thank-you also for so many wonderful photographs of the children in the snow. It is not often that we experience snowfall of this nature and so it was a delight to see so many wonderful memories being made. Childhood is such a precious time and I know our children will look back on those few wonderful snowy days for many years to come.

Our Book Week activities took place this week instead and the children and staff created some fabulous costumes. Thank you to all the parents for your hard work in creating them! Our children have produced some great work and you are welcome to join them in sharing what they have been doing in class from 2.30pm on Friday.

Next week we welcome author Jack Trelwany to Borden. He will be leading some workshops and holding a special book signing event. Books will be on offer with 'only on the day' reductions so please keep your eye out for an order form coming out soon.

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A Message from Willow Class...

The pupils of Willow Class would be very grateful for any donations of Lego
Dolls houses and or furniture/people, Sylvania Family toys
Cars, car garages, fire engines or ambulances
Farm and animals

Thank you!

Poppy Appeal

This year we will be supporting our church in their aim to fill the church with poppies for Remembrance. As we know, this year marks 100 years since the end of World War One and the church will be at the centre of the remembrance activities for the village with lots of events planned. The children will be making lots of poppies at school but if you would like to join in with the challenge to make 1918 poppies, here is a simple knitting pattern to try:

Easy Garter Stitch Poppy

You will need: UK 9/3.75 needles

Red yarn

Button for the centre

Body of poppy:

Cast on 70 stitches.

Knit 8 rows garter stitch.

Row 9 – 11 knit 2 tog across row

Finishing:

Cut the yarn and thread

Sew the edges to form a round

Sew the button to the centre

We are happy to collect any completed knitted poppies so please do bring them in to school.

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