



Borough Green Primary School Newsletter



Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

Week ending 17 November 2023

A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin...

Just a quick message this week to ensure maximum support for the PTA this Saturday for their Christmas Market. It starts at 3pm. See the poster in their section lower down...

Anyone who can help for even an hour, would make the world of difference, please contact the PTA if you can. Thank you.

Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin

A message from the Governing Body

Dear Parents & Carers

Following the resignation of our former Headteacher (Mrs Sandberg) over the summer, Governors have been busy looking at the strategic options and best way forward for the school.

After a lengthy process to determine the best way forward, and following a report by the Strategic Direction Panel, in our meeting on 21st October 2023, Governors unanimously approved the decision to recruit a new substantive Headteacher for the school moving forwards.

Following the meeting, Governors have been busy meeting with the HR team and other relevant parties to prepare the person specification and vacancy advertising. This has also included meeting with the children to ensure their views are taken into consideration of what they value and want to see in a headteacher. The advert is due to go live on Friday 24th November 2023 and will close on 8th January 2024 with interviews due to take place in late January 2024.

To ensure we recruit the best possible candidate, we are recruiting for a start of either April 2024 (Summer Term) or to commence at the start of the Academic Year 2024-25.

To support the above process, we are pleased to announce that, should the best candidate not be in a position to commence until the next academic year, our Interim Headteacher, Mr Cooper, who was originally due to leave us at Easter 2024, will remain with us until the end of this academic year. If we find a suitable candidate for an April 2024 start, Mr Cooper will also still remain available to us to ensure a smooth transition and assist in tasks such as setting the new budgets and enabling the incoming headteacher to hit the ground running.

We will be in a position to update you further at the end of January 2024. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Kind regards

Charles Copping & Claire Nash

Co-Chairs of Governors

Year group messages

EY, Year 1 & 2: Nativity Play will be on Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 December from 2.15pm to 3.15pm on both days. We want to invite Apple and Bay parents on Wednesday 13...and Lime and Myrtle parents on Thursday 14. If you can't make the correct day, then you can attend the other one of course...and all are welcome. We will not be issuing tickets, we just hope that you all enjoy the play.

Year 5/6:

If your child walks to school independently, please can you remind them that they should come directly to the middle playground and wait sensibly for the Year 5/6 door to be opened. No child should be anywhere else on school grounds before school.

Children should not be arriving at school any earlier than 8:30am. The only exception to this is as part of a school sanctioned club and with a teacher.

What we have been up to this week.....

It was great to see the children wearing their odd socks today as we celebrated our differences. We have also used this week to remind the children that there are some things we should never say about each other, such as commenting on the colour of each other's skin. All our anti-bullying theme this week has focused on 'having kind hearts', respecting each other and being free to choose how to be, as long as we follow the rules and do not hurt others.

We have also had lots of visitors this week, from KCC advisors to prospective parents, and all have been impressed with the calm and hard-working children and staff they have seen. It has been a busy week but a very good one at Borough Green once again.

The choir also had an impromptu performance for our visiting parents, and like our Year 6 tour guides...They were all amazing. Thank you children.

COMPETITION

Mrs Martin is running an Odd Socks competition. She would like you to design a sock with the theme of kindness. If you need a sock template, Mrs Martin will provide you with one; alternatively you can draw your own sock outline and start working on your kindness design. Give your sock design (names and classes on the back please) to Mrs Martin by Friday 1st December and winners will be announced the following week.

Attendance.....

Apple	98.95%
Lime	97.89%
Myrtle	90.67%
Bay	88.79%
Cherry	95.38%
Poplar	93.93%
Sycamore	93.46%
Acacia	90.34%
Maple	92.96%
Oak	98.52%



The total attendance so far this year is 91.8%, while the national average is 95%.

Please make sure your child is always in school whenever possible, as attendance needs to improve.

Awards.....

House Points Totals

House	Ashdown	Seamark	Malyon	Morris
This Week	360	433	368	323
Grand total	1070	1180	1243 winner	963

Star of the Week



Apple	Kit	Poplar	Mason
Lime	Aiden	Sycamore	Amber
Myrtle	Jake	Acacia	Honor
Bay	Myla	Maple	George
Cherry	Ethan	Oak	Bobby



Reminders...

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations are on Tuesday 28 November and Thursday 30 November in the Hall. Please action if you haven't already booked your 10 minute slot with your child's teacher on Arbor. If you have trouble booking a slot or have not yet signed up to Arbor please just call us and we can help you.

School Choir

The choir's first concert at the Christmas lights is fast approaching! (Saturday 25 November). The children are working really hard in choir and dance club to learn the songs but have a lot to learn and we would appreciate it if you could help them access them at home too so that they know the words and the melodies confidently. We will be performing the Moana Mashup and the Walking Medley. Details sent to parents this week.

Christmas at Borough Green Primary School

Friday 15th December 2023

Christmas Jumpers
(or red and green can be worn)

Christmas Lunch

Main: Turkey or Quorn Roast,
Roast Potatoes, pigs in blankets,
vegetables and gravy.

Dessert: Christmas Pudding and
Custard or Ice-Cream

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER

If your child normally has a school lunch then they will automatically get a Christmas Lunch on 15 December.

If your child normally has a packed Lunch and would like a Christmas Lunch, **please email the school office by Friday 24 November.**

EY & KS1 – Free Universal meal

KS2 - £2.50 per child (payments via parent pay)

PTA news...



Come and join in the fun this Saturday!

Letters sent this week.... (most are on the BGPS website)

School choir – Christmas events

Friday 1 December Football Club is cancelled due to the PTA Movie Night.

Term 2 Dates...

Saturday 18 November: PTA Christmas Market

Friday 24 November: Deadline for booking a Christmas lunch

Tuesday 28 November: Year R Balanceability Workshop

Tuesday 28 November: Parents Evening appointments 4.30pm - 7.00pm in the school hall

Thursday 30 November: Parents Evening appointments 3.30pm - 6.00pm in the school hall

Friday 1 December: PTA Movie Night

Wednesday 6 December: PTA Elfridges Sale

Thursday 7 December: Yr 5/6 End of term work gallery in Maple & Oak classes 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Friday 8 December: PTA Reception cake sale

Friday 8 December: PTA Christmas Wreath Making in the Hall 7pm – 9.00pm

Monday 11 December: Choir visit to Westbank Nursing Home

Wednesday 13 December: Year 6 IOW Trip 2nd instalment due

Wednesday 13 December: EY & KSI Nativity in the Hall 2.15pm - 3.15pm

Thursday 14 December: I Rock Concert in the Hall at 10am

Thursday 14 December: EY & KSI Nativity in the Hall 2.15 - 3.15pm

Friday 15 December: Christmas Lunch, wear Christmas jumpers or red/green.

Friday 15 December: End of Term 2

Tuesday 2 January: Start of Term 3