



Borough Green Primary School Newsletter



Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

Week ending 8th December 2023

A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin...

It has been such a wonderful week in school, with the buzz of Christmas to come, and with the fantastic finish open classrooms for all the KS2 children such a success. They really showed off the amazing work and learning the children have done this term through our new Cornerstones curriculum and beyond.

The children were so articulate in explaining their learning. Please see some examples lower down the newsletter.

We also wanted to say thank you for your patience as we bring in our new gate entry system. Put simply the new pedestrian entry gate will replace the old one, and once we have got the system fully operational, we will explain exactly how things will work at the start of next term. One massive advantage is that staff can clearly see who is being let on to the school site and so the children at school and nursery will be as safe as possible. And there isn't much more important than that.

Below is a letter from Governors to explain a slight change in Mr Cooper's working arrangements. He is not going anywhere until a new Headteacher is appointed rest assured.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to let you know that from January 2024, Mr Cooper has been asked by the local authority to support the two schools within Kent who make up the Sheerness West Federation alongside his work at Borough Green Primary School. He will be doing this instead of his work at Swalecliffe (his original school).

As per our previous message, Mr Cooper remains committed to Borough Green and will remain with us until the appointment of a new Headteacher. The above arrangement will still see Mr Cooper with us for the majority of the week.

Following a successful Ofsted inspection at Swalecliffe this term, and so with an experienced Head of School in place, Mr Cooper's original school Swalecliffe are able to release Mr Cooper full time to enable him to support both ourselves and Sheerness West.

We have both met with Mr Cooper and are satisfied that the above scenario should not present a noticeable change for parents or children.

Kind regards

Charles Copping and Claire Nash (Co-Chairs of Governors)

What have the children been up to this week?

Reception The Writing lolly stick activity is to write a card and post it and/or wrap a gift and write a ticket and post it in the larger post box--a very popular choice this week!

A few "ingredients" were left in the mud kitchen and the children became engrossed in making delicious cups of hot chocolate!



Year 1 and 2 have been practising the nativity play and are really enjoying learning all the songs and dance moves. Thank you for sending in all the costumes so far. Monday is the absolute deadline for the last few but please let us know if you are having any difficulty with this. The children are looking forward to performing next week. It hasn't all been Christmas though, and year 1 are enjoying learning the names and positions of all the continents and Year 2 have been designing waterproof bunting.

Year 3 and 4 Preparing Vegetable Pasta



Year 5 and 6 Dynamic Dynasties Fantastic Finish Exhibition was held on Thursday afternoon. Here are some pictures from the event.



Attendance...

Apple	87.37%
Lime	87.89%
Myrtle	95.33%
Bay	85.45%
Cherry	90.77%
Poplar	87.86%
Sycamore	91.54%
Acacia	82.41%
Maple	86.67%
Oak	84.44%



The total attendance so far this year is 91.1%, while the national average is 94.7%. Please make sure your child is always in school whenever possible, as attendance needs to improve.

Awards this week...



Well done to our first Stars of the Week who have already shown that they know how to take pride in their work and support their classmates. Also huge congratulations to Mrs Martin's Citizenship Award winner is Taylor in Maple class. The Citizenship Award recognizes children who go above and beyond in their general attitude and behaviour around the school.

House Points totals

House	Ashdown	Seamark	Malyon	Morris
This Week	328	392	329	318
Grand total	2252	2429 winner	2283	2089

Star of the Week



Apple	Quinlan	Poplar	Skyla-Rose
Lime	Ruben	Sycamore	Rose
Myrtle	Evelyn	Acacia	Tyler
Bay	Lola	Maple	Ethan
Cherry	Luke	Oak	Imaan



Year Group Messages.....

Year 3/ 4 – Elfridges sale next Wednesday

Oak Class – The children have decided that they would like to watch the film 'Elf' as their class reward next Wednesday afternoon. Please could you let Mrs Woodward or Miss Wilson by Tuesday if you do not give permission for your child to watch this film.

All year groups: If your child was received a Star of the Term trophy last term, please return it asap.

Other information.....



Keep Thriving Through Winter

With the long, dark nights and cold weather it is easy to start feeling down. You may feel more pressure with shorter days, but we have some great tips to help you.

<https://sway.office.com/pGxDYTS3t9UAD9ZL?ref=Link&loc=play>

PTA.....

We had such a great morning with Elfridges that we ran out of time before the hall needed to be set up for lunchtime, so we are going to do Elfridges for Year 3 and 4 next Wednesday morning. (Plus we will top up on some of the more popular items!) So please be aware that your child will not come home with gifts today, but will come home Wednesday 13th December.

Thank you for your support
The PTA

Term 2 Dates to remember....

Monday 11 December: Choir visit to Westbank Nursing Home

Wednesday 13 December: Year 3 /4 PTA: Elfridges Event

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