

# Borough Green Primary School Newsletter



Learning Together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

## Week ending 15th December 2023

#### A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Martin...

This week has been a magical Christmas one for the children. With the wonderful nativity, the choir singing, the end of term Christmas assembly and the delicious Christmas Dinner, it has been so lovely to see the children's excited faces.

A huge thank you to all of you (parents) for your support for me (Mr Cooper) ever since I have arrived and for the support that you continue to give to Mrs Martin, as we lead the school together. May we both take this opportunity to wish all our Borough Green and Nursery families a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all back at school on  $2^{nd}$  January 2024!!!

# A Christmas Message from the Governors

Once again, it has been a busy year for Borough Green pupils with plenty being achieved. This has included the annual trip to the Isle of Wight, the school choir singing in the School Voices competition at the O2 and at the village Christmas Lights switch on, pupils performing in the iRock concert, and Reception / KS1 performing their festive nativity play. When regularly speaking with Mr. Cooper it is apparent how proud all staff are of the children's achievements!

In what has been a challenging year, with the departure of Mrs. Sandberg, the school leadership team and staff have adapted wonderfully and worked incredibly hard to minimise the impact on the children. As governors, we are particularly grateful to Mr. Cooper and all the school staff for achieving this.

As ever, the schools amazing PTA have once again excelled this year with incredible events such as the Easter egg hunt, Meadowfest, pumpkin picking and the Christmas fair. This team of dedicated volunteers have raised funds to provide all children in the school with resources to support their learning journey. We cannot thank them enough for all their support and dedication over the last year.

Finally, thank you to the children, parents and carers who make Borough Green Primary School the success it is today. On behalf of all the governors, we wish you a joyful festive break and a happy and healthy 2024. Charles Copping and Claire Nash

Co-Chairs of Governors Borough Green Primary School

#### Attendance...

Apple	93.76%	0.000
Lime	95.64%	Congratulations to
Mrytle	93.77%	
Bay	87.06%	Lime Class
Cherry	90.49%	
Poplar	87.86%	for the best attendance
Sycamore	90.27%	
Acacia	88.82%	in Term 2
Maple	91.69%	
Oak	89.89%	

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.

We have given out our first bronze attendance awards today. This is for those children who manage to attend school for 10 weeks in a row without missing a session (this adds up to 100 sessions). They can then aim for silver and gold later in the year. It also means that if they miss a day at the start of the term, there is still an attendance award to aim for.

#### Awards this week...

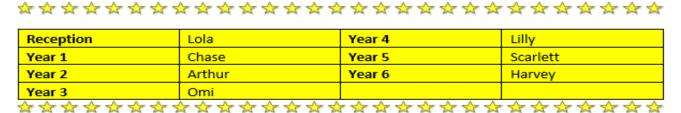


Well done to our Stars of the Term who have already shown that they know how to take pride in their work and support their classmates.

#### House Points totals

House	Ashdown	Seamark	Malyon	Morris
This Week	420	396	377	391
Grand total	2710	<mark>2858 Winner</mark>	2842	2504

#### Star of the Term



### Mathematician of the Terms I & 2

Year 1 / 2	Abby
Year 3 / 4	Katie
Year 5 / 6	Honor

## Year Group Messages.....

Year 3/4 - Next term, our PE days are changing. We will be doing outdoor PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with our first PE lesson on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Please ensure that children always have a jumper and coat with them, and that they are wearing track suit bottoms or leggings under their shorts if it is cold.

Year 3/4/5 & 6 - Reminder to return your child's Acceptable Use Agreement by the end of Term to school office.

Year 5/6 Please also note that from January, our PE days will be every Monday and Tuesday: Monday will be Outdoor Adventurous Activities and Tuesday will be street dance. Children should come to school in their PE kit on both of these days.

#### Other information.....



#### Message from I Rock

Another massive well done to all the children for the amazing concert on Thursday and also a big well done for all the hard work they have put in throughout the term, including the ones who unfortunately couldn't make it to the concert!

I also wanted to say thank you to all the bands for being so awesome throughout the entire term!

Also, a big thank you to all you parents for your continued support, I hope that you have enjoyed seeing your children grow in both their musicianship and confidence over the past term and I'm really excited to see how they progress in 2024!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Thanks and kind regards, I Rock

#### **PTA.....**

We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our events this term. It has been a hugely busy term for us, with many events: Meadowfest, Pumpkin picking, Reception cake sale, Xmas market, Hollywood night, Year 1 cake sale, Wreath night, Elfridges, 2nd hand uniform, Bags2school and Easyfundraising. We are very proud to announce that in this term alone we have raised a whooping £9175!!

None of this would be possible without the people who help to organise and run the event, and all of you who come along so a massive thank you to everyone! We are always looking for people to come and help - even if that is just at the event, so please come and say hi to someone on the PTA so we know - everyone is always welcome and we appreciate any help that can be given.

One last thing, while you are shopping for Christmas, if you use the Co-op for anything, please consider getting a membership card, and choose us as your cause. For every £1 you spend, 2p goes to us. We are currently raising money to create a beautiful kitchen garden down near the forest school so our children can learn where food comes from and how to grow their own food! The link for our cause is <a href="https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/85411">https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/85411</a>

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

Love the PTA



### Term 3 Dates to remember....

Tuesday 2 January: Start of Term 3

Friday 12 January: PTA Year 2 Cake bake sale

Monday 15 January: National closing date for Reception applications

Friday 19 January: O2 Young Voices trip

Monday 22 to Friday 26 January: Year 6 Bikeability week

Friday 9 February: Last Day of Term 3

Monday 19 February: Start of Term 4