



BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning together with Kind Hearts and Determined Minds

NEWSLETTER – Term 2 ending 8 November 2024

A message from Mrs Jackson...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our tinsel term where the first week has simply flown by. Walking around with the new parent tours this week, I felt proud hearing comments about the calm and purposeful atmosphere in the school and our polite children.

As you are aware, the work has commenced on the school roof of our Key Stage One building and we are looking forward to Improving the school hall after this has been completed.

Within the building, the children have been enjoying their learning. Some truly inspiring poetry has been written with the theme of Remembrance in Key Stage Two and fireworks in Key Stage One. I have enjoyed seeing the first Junior Duke challenges coming in and had the pleasure of sampling some breads, biscuits and chocolate cake. Well done to our aspiring Chefs.

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and on Tuesday the children are taking part in Odd Socks Day (and wearing odd socks to school). This reminds us that we are all different and should choose respect for others. During the week, we will be looking at our new Anti-Bullying Policy which was written and illustrated by some of the children last term.

On Friday, we are supporting Children in Need where the theme is 'Challenge Yourself.' There will be 5 challenges to take part in with prizes being given to the winner of each challenge. We are asking for a donation (for Children in Need) of 20p per challenge-£1 in total. Children can come in in sports clothing suitable for school (so no studded boots) or Pudsey themed clothing. If your child does not wish to take part in the challenges (they are suitable for all) we would appreciate any donation for Children in Need. Collection buckets will be at the gates and by the office for any Children in Need donations.

Before closing my message, I would like to reference our attendance strategy as part of our aim to improve whole-school attendance. You will have already received the letter from Mr Wheatley responding to recent feedback. As a school, we pride ourselves on being inclusive, welcoming and having a genuine partnership with our community. We welcome parental engagement and endeavour to provide opportunities for conversation with us through our presence at the school gates, parent forums and open afternoons. Direct conversations with us, as a school, are the best way forward and we would like to thank those who have communicated with us in this way. We recognise that school attendance is a sensitive and complex issue and intend to maintain a positive and supportive approach.

I would like to wish you all a lovely weekend.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Jackson

What we have been up to this week...

This week we have been learning about whole foods in Year 5/6. Your challenge at home is to create a pasta sauce using minimal processed foods. The recipe below can be added to a meal for lunch and dinner for the family, enjoy! Ideas include stirring into freshly cooked pasta, use as a marinade for roasted chicken/vegetables or use as a sauce base for lasagne, spaghetti Bolognese or moussaka.



Ingredients

- 500g passata
- 3 red peppers
- 2 peeled red onions
- ½ tsp dried thyme
- 1 tbsp cooking oil
- salt and pepper

Equipment

- sharp knife
- chopping board
- blender or food processor
- roasting tin

1. Heat the oven to 220° C.

2. Chop the peppers and onions into chunks and place in a roasting tin. Add the oil and dried thyme, then roast for 30 minutes.

3. Allow the roasted vegetables to cool, then blend to leave some chunks.

4. Stir in the passata, season with salt and pepper and heat through.

Christmas Tree Offer...

Christmas Tree Offer from Stonepitts Farm

As in previous years, Martin & Jackie would once again like to offer a £2.00 donation to your PTA for every Christmas tree bought by families and staff. If you would like to participate, it is important that you bring a copy of this News Letter with you. This will count towards the final donation to the school PTA. You may also be interested to know that Stonepitts will again be supporting Demelza Hospice Care for Children as their chosen Charity.

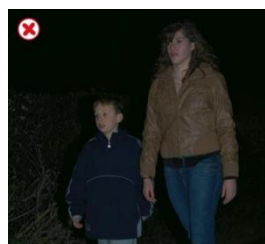


For details and directions to Stonepitts Farm please visit www.stonepitts.com

Other Information...

All Years

We entered a competition with KCC and KMFM and were delighted to win Reflectors for all children. These will be coming home tonight. Please attach to children's bags or coats.



Admission to Primary school in Kent 2025

Apply online at
kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions
Opens Tuesday 5 November 2024 and closes at
midnight on Wednesday 15 January 2025

For children born between
1 September 2020
and 31 August 2021,
Transferring to Primary school
in September 2025

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

Key dates

Tuesday 5 November 2024	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions to register and apply.
Wednesday 15 January 2025	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk .
Wednesday 16 April 2025	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Wednesday 30 April 2025	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
Tuesday 20 May 2025	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk.

Full information booklets can also be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council if the child resides at a Kent address. If your child does not reside at a Kent address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.



Supporting Children in Need 2024



On Friday 15th November, we will be following the 'Challenge Yourself' theme and setting 5 active challenges for the children. To take part in each challenge, we request a donation of 20p and there will be prizes for the winners in each year group. The challenges will be fun and accessible to all. Please send money in a names envelope on Friday.

Children can come dressed for the theme (so sport clothing or Pudsey themed clothing are optional).

Help us to support a great cause...



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2024
CHOOSE RESPECT
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Monday 11th to
Friday 15th November

ODD SOCKS DAY 2024
Tuesday 12th November

#OddSocksDay #ChooseRespect

Next week, we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying week here at Borough Green Primary School.

On Tuesday 12th November, children are invited to wear odd socks. This is to celebrate how we are all unique...

During the week, we will be sharing our new Anti-Bullying policy which was created by the children as part of their PSHE lessons last summer.

ODD SOCKS DAY on
TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2024



Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!



Attendance...

We really do want your children to achieve the best education at Borough Green Primary School, in both their academic and personal development. For us to achieve this, we need them to be here. Let us work together to improve attendance. There are 190 school days in every academic year. Together, we can make the most of them...

Apple	93.78%
Willow	93.25%
Myrtle	81.48%
Bay	91.67%
Cherry	90.57%
Poplar	82.38%
Acacia	95.30%
Maple	93.25%
Oak	93.83%



The total attendance so far this year is 92.8%, while the national average is 95.2%.

As we have said before, we believe that we are 'better than the national average at Borough Green Primary School' in many different ways. Help us to show this with our attendance too! We need the children here to work with them and provide the best opportunities to succeed...

Awards this week...

Achievement Awards

Well done to our Children that have received an Achievement Award this week.

Apple	Ruby	Cherry	Dylan
Myrtle	To be confirmed	Acacia	Issac
Willow	Arthur	Maple	Luke
Bay	Alice	Oak	James
Poplar	Emma		

Term 2 House Points

House	Ashdown	Malyon	Morris	Seamark
This Week	359	364	332	357
Total	359	364 - winner	332	357

Next week Times Tables Rock Stars are hosting a competition called "England Rocks". As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in England. The competition runs from 07:30 GMT Tuesday 12th November 2024 to 19:30 GMT Thursday 14th November 2024. It's all done online via 'play.ttrockstars.com' Children can play in any gamemode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point.

Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average. To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. Once the player goes Beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition. In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.



PTA News...

Dates for Your Diary

Mon 14 Oct	• Reception Bake Sale
Fri 25 Oct	• Legoland Inset Day
Sat 16 Nov	• Christmas Market and Grotto
Thu 28 Nov	• Christmas Wreath Workshop
Tue 10 Dec	• Elfridges
Fri 13 Dec	• Christmas School Disco
Mon 16 Dec	• Year 1 Bake Sale

BGPS PTA. Charity No. 1014450



PTA Christmas raffle – Your chance to win fantastic prizes (including a meal for 2 at the Raj Tandoori)!

As you'll be aware, the PTA are arranging a raffle, which will be drawn at the Christmas market on Saturday 16th November. We have a fantastic selection of prizes, including

- A Fire HD 8 Kids Pro tablet (donated by Hillier Reynolds estate agents)
- 3 x sweets bouquets (donated by Kingsley Bond solicitors)
- £50 voucher for the Blue Anchor pub in Platt
- £20 voucher for Greenacres garden centre
- 2 tickets to a Middlesex County Championship Match Day at Lord's
- A selection of family days out, gift vouchers and beauty treatments
- ... and much more!...

We're also really pleased to confirm that we have an additional prize of a **meal for 2 at the Raj Tandoori, Borough Green**, which is always a very popular prize.

We are very grateful to the prize sponsors.

Each child will have brought home a book of 5 raffle tickets this week. Please return the completed ticket stubs to the school office in an envelope by **Friday 15th November**, with payment (either cash, or a cheque made payable to Borough Green Primary School PTA). Additional books of raffle tickets can be obtained from the office.

Please could any unwanted books of tickets also be returned to the office.

Thank you very much for your support!

Messages & Emails sent out this week...

All years: IMPORTANT - Attendance Matters email sent out

All years: Primary Kent Admissions Information leaflet

KS2: Reminder for Swimming lesson payments.

Year 5 & 6: PE days email sent

Year 6: URGENT ACTION REQUIRED: Head of Biology visit from Sevenoaks School - Dissection - Tuesday 12th November 2024

Choir: Borough Green Christmas Lights - Saturday 30th November 2024, email sent out, action via Arbor

Term 2 dates to remember...

Mon 11 November: Yr 5 & 6, visit to BG War Memorial
Tues 12 November: Yr 6 Biology lesson from Sevenoaks School
Tues 12 November: Odd Socks Day
Fri 15 November: Children in Need/ Wear sports clothes & bring a £1 for sport challenges
Sat 16 November: PTA School Christmas Market
Mon 18 November: NCMP for Yr R & Yr 6
Fri 22 November: New Reception parent school tours at 9.30am and 1.30pm.
Fri 29 November: PTA. Wreath Making Event at 7.00pm in the Hall ****Note Date Change****
Sat 30 November: Choir singing at BG Christmas Lights at 4.30pm
Mon 9 December: Choir singing for U3A in Village Hall at 2.00pm
Tues 10 December: PTA Elfidges Sale
Tues 10 December: IRock Concert for Parents 2.30pm
Thurs 12 December: Choir singing for Westbank Care Home at 1.00pm
Fri 13 December: PTA: School Disco
Mon 16 December: EY & KS1 Christmas play dress rehearsal
Tues 17 December: Yr1 Cake Bake sale 3.15pm
Christmas Crafternoon (more information to follow)
Wed 18 December: EY & KS1 Christmas play
Thurs 19 December: EY & KS1 Christmas play
Fri 20 December: All children can wear Christmas Jumpers or Red/Green.
Fri 20 December: Christmas Lunch
Fri 20 December: Last today of Term 2
Mon 6 January: Term 3 starts
Mon 6 January : KS2 Prime VR workshops

FULL LIST OF CALENDAR DATES ARE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

Are your children due to start school in September 2025?



Please join us at Borough Green Primary School for one of our new parent school tours. We welcome visits to our warm and friendly community school and look forward to sharing our learning with you.

Tours with our headteacher, Mrs. Jackson, are taking place on:
Tuesday 8th October 2024 9:30am and 1:30pm
Wednesday 6th November 2024 9:30am and 1:30pm
Friday 22nd November 2024 9:30am and 1:30pm

And we are hosting an open morning on:
Saturday 12th October 2024
10.00am
Go to:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/borough-green-primary-school-92250866193>
to book your tickets...

