



BORINGDON NEWS

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Dear Parents,

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Welcome back to the new academic year at Boringdon Primary School and a special welcome to all new Reception parents and children!

I am hoping that everyone had a lovely Summer break and was able to enjoy the warm weather we had.

At the end of the Summer Term, we received the results of the children's SATS. Unfortunately, there was not enough time to summarise those results prior to the summer holiday, but I wish to share these with you now.

By way of brief explanation, under "Assessment Without Levels" a score of 100 indicating achievement of the "required levels". We have no "League Tables" or cross City comparatives yet but we can summarise the results and make an educated comment at the end :-

- 95% of pupils achieved the expected standard in Reading. 20% achieved a high standard. The average scaled score in reading was 107.
- 92% of pupils achieved the expected standard in writing. 28% of pupils were working at a greater depth. There is no average scale score for writing.
- 95% of pupils achieved the expected standard in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. 45% achieved a high standard. The average scaled score in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling was 109.
- 95% of pupils achieved the expected standard in Maths. 17% achieved the high standard. The average scaled score was 106.
- 87% of the pupils achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths. This compares to the national figure of 64%!

As has been the case for many years now, the results were, we feel, excellent. This means Boringdon remains one of the top primary schools for academic achievement in the south west. On behalf of the governing body, I would like to thank the staff for all of their hard work. To maintain the school's academic achievement, year after year, is an amazing achievement.

At this time, I would also like to thank you, the parents & carers along with the children. Without the support of parents and carers the children would not get the support they need. The children have once again worked extremely hard and are a credit to both their families and the school.

Away from the academic side of the school, I would like to comment on the other elements that go to making a child's school experience balanced and happy – clubs and extra-curricular activities. If your child is not yet involved with one of the many extra-curricular activities on offer, please have a look at the website and see what is available.

During this year the governing body will be hard at work behind the scenes. Following our self-evaluation at the end of last term, it is clear that the governing body has a wide range of skills and expertise which means we are well equipped to support the school to ensure the children at Boringdon Primary receive an outstanding education.

From 1st October, John Agnew, Vice Chair will be leaving the governing body in order to focus on other areas – including his role as the Chair of the Plym Academy Trust. John has been a part of the governing body for many years, not least spending eight years as Chair. Along with my fellow governors, I would like to thank John for the dedication and support he has shown the school over such a length of time.

All that remains is to wish everyone a happy 2018/2019 academic year.

Thank you,
Emma Newman
Chair of Governors

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to the following Year 6 children who have been elected as leaders of their houses. The staff chose these children on the basis of their consistent positive approach to all aspects of school life, their leadership skills, independence and their ability to express their own views and ideas.

Year 6 House Captains are as follows:

BUCKLAND: ISABEL PHILIPSON & ISAAC RIDER

COTHELE: EVIE RICHARDS & JOE GRIFFITHS

EDGCUMBE: WILL HOPPER & LOLA JENKIN

SALTRAM: BRETT HADFIELD & SOPHIE LEAN

EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Year 3 had tennis coaching with Tom Wyman (LTA Coach).

Year 5 had multi skills coaching with Argyle FC. Premier Sports did various coaching throughout the school.

EVENTS IN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

Year 3 will continue with their tennis coaching with Tom Wyman (LTA Coach).

Year 5 will continue with their multi skills coaching with Argyle FC.

Also, Premier Sports will be doing various coaching throughout the school.

Friday will be a Harvest Festival Assembly – see below.

HARVEST REMINDER

We will be celebrating and discussing Harvest in the week beginning 24th September, during which time we try to encourage the children to think of others less well off than themselves. This year we have decided once again to support the Plymouth Foodbank, a local community project run by Plymouth Methodist Mission Circuit which gives free emergency food to single people and families in crisis. The project would appreciate any gifts of the following:

- tinned soup, fruit, tomatoes, meat/fish, vegetables, rice and baked beans,
- cartons of long life fruit juice, cereal, bags of pasta or rice,
- tea bags, sugar, packet mashed potato, biscuits or snack bars (no jars/glass please)

A representative from the Foodbank will be attending our assembly on Friday 28th September, to accept the donations brought in by the children (**please only send gifts for the Foodbank to school on the Friday**) thank you.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHER –

THURSDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

The photographer will be taking individual photos of all the children in **KS2**, followed by **photos of families** where there are four, three, and then two children at Boringdon. **KS1** children will have their photographs taken on **Monday 1ST October**.

When the photos are developed, proof copies with an order form will be sent home. **There is no obligation to buy any of the photographs.**

If you would like pre-school children to be in your family photo, please bring them to the hall between 8:00 and 8:55am. Please note, if you come in early you will be responsible for your children until 8:45am, at which time teachers are available in their classrooms. If you come in **after 8:45am**, Boringdon children must report to their teacher before they wait with you in the hall, so that they are marked present in the register and their arrangements for the midday break are known. **Please bear in mind that it can get very busy during this period and usually there is a long wait.**

POLITE REMINDERS

YEAR 6 SECONDARY REGISTRATION

Year 6 parents - if you have not yet applied for your child's secondary school, please do so as soon as possible as the closing date is 31st October. This can be done through Plymouth City Council Admissions website.



MORNING REGISTRATION

The school accepts responsibility for children from 8:45 a.m. (the gates are closed at this time for their safety to stop traffic using the school drive) and children should not be at school before this time. From 8:45 a.m. the children come straight into school, so that they are ready for registration at 8:55 a.m. If for any reason children arrive after this time, they must go via the office to be signed in by an adult.

CALLS OF NATURE

Please don't take offence, but if your child needs to use the toilet when dropping off or picking up, please can you go via reception who will point you in the right direction. For all concerned, we don't want to end up with adults who are accompanying children,

appearing in the children's toilets with children sent from class.

HEALTHY EATING

Children may bring fruit or healthy eating type snacks to eat. Crisps, biscuits, chocolate bars etc. are not permitted for the morning break, and sweets or chewing gum must not be brought to school. Healthy snacks and cold drinks are available for the children to buy at morning break from the kitchen. We encourage children to be 'healthy eaters' and seek parents' support with this. Children may bring a cold drink to have during the day in class (not fizzy).

HEALTH

Health advice given to us suggests that the **best defence** against coughs, colds, sickness and diarrhoea is frequent **hand washing**. Please help us to encourage the children to hand wash as often as necessary. May I also remind you not to return your child to school until **48 hours** have passed following any episodes of **sickness and/or diarrhoea**. **As you can imagine, school is a very tight knit community and your help in stopping the spread of coughs, colds, sickness and diarrhoea is essential.**

DINNER MONEY

Please note if your child's dinner money balance is £2.20, an automatic payment reminder will be generated. All meals should be paid for in advance - please keep your child's account in credit.

AT THE END OF THE DAY

When your children have come out of their classrooms, please leave the school site promptly, so that the only children left on site are attending clubs or New Life. For their own safety, please discourage your children from playing in the car park, running around the cars on the drive and in the play trail, or from sliding down the hand rails.

GOLDEN BOOK

Congratulations to the children who were in the Golden Book:

- YEAR 6** Adam Stuckey, Blake Evans,
Ella Desmond, Evie Richards,
Ewan Humphries and Tegan Lewis
- YEAR 5** Annabelle Holding,
Charlotte Hastings, Neve Cook,
Daniel Keeler and Rose McCabe
- YEAR 4** Owen West, Alexa Reynolds,
William Soanes, Nettie Berryman and
Emily Sewell
- YEAR 3** James Kitchingman, Phoebe Drew,
Jayden Elsey, Isabelle Hancock and
Kitana Emberson

YEAR 2

Poppie Stewart, Ethan Moore,
Hattie Phillips, Ben Silverwood,
Olivia Baker and Feranmi Olaoye.

YEAR 1

Megan West, Scarlett Redgrave,
Izzy Mitchell, Riley Dann,
Bobbie Nail, Izzy Lambert-Gorwyn,
Lottie Adamson and Joshua Adams

BORINGDON HOUSE CUP

This week's winner is **EDGCUMBE**

PROFESSOR ENDEAVOUR (chosen from Golden Book)

This week's winner is **BOBBIE NAIL**



Thank you to all who attended our New Parents' Coffee Morning today, we hope you found it useful. Our next meeting is in the Colebrook Inn at 7pm on Tues 25th. All welcome - the more the merrier!

Look out for some exciting flyers and posters on Monday - you might even spot a few balloons... our Boringdon Ball 2019 is set for launch!

Finally, FOB have been invited again for a third year to join the Rotary Club to raise money for local charities, including FOB, during December 2018. We are looking for volunteers on Friday 7th December, between 5.45pm and 8pm. Details of the route will be available closer to the date, but will involve walking continuously for two hours. Please see Susan Rich at school, or email susan.rich@talktalk.net.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Scales
Headteacher