



# WEST BOROUGH NEWS



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## Equality, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Challenge

### Dates for October



w/c 9th	The Learning Conferences
10th	Bring non-perishable goods for the Harvest Assembly please.
11th	Years 3 & 4 Spelling Bee
12th	Years 5 & 6 Spelling Bee
16th	Year 5 Carrotty Wood Parent Briefing - 2:30pm
17th	PTFA AGM - All welcome - 7:00pm
18th	Year R Parents Phonics Workshop - 9:00am
19th	Maple Class Assembly - 2:30pm
20th	Proud of You (during school time)
20th	Last day of Term 1
30th	<b>INSET DAY - School Closed</b>
31st	First Day of Term 2

### November

3rd	Year R - Yr 4 Flu Immunisations
8th	Open Day for prospective Parents (Sept 2018 start) 9:30am & 2:00pm
14th	Open Day for prospective Parents (Sept 2018 start) 7pm
15th - 17th	Year 5 Carrotty Wood Residential Trip/ Activity Week



### Headteacher's Blog

One of the things that can sometimes be raised by parents and carers is **communication** with the school.



I thought my blog was an ideal opportunity to remind you/make you aware of the many ways we communicate with families, but also what's available on our website.

We send a Newsletter fortnightly. This is an **essential** way of keeping up to date with what's going on in school and up-coming events. We won't send an individual letter every time something is happening in school. Classes no longer send home newsletters. Each class has a blog on the school website under the 'Children' section. Here you will find regular updates about what they've been up to!

Our website is a huge source of information. The calendar is kept up to date and here you can find dates for the whole year ahead. This can be accessed under the 'News and Events' section. Here you will also find copies of all letters that are sent home.

We all lead increasingly busy lives and the office will, on occasions, send text reminders for things. However, we ask that you don't rely on these and take responsibility for ensuring you're aware of events coming up in school.

As always, we do ask that you approach the school where you have a query or concern, as if we don't know, we can't do anything to help.



Look out for our new Year R Classes in the **Kent Messenger** Week commencing 9th October 2017



Reverend Chris is going to be leading our Harvest Assembly on Wednesday 11th October. We will be collecting non-perishable items for Homeless Care, a Maidstone charity which supports people in our local community. **Please can children bring items for this charity on Tuesday 10th October. Thanks.**



### REMINDER

Please make sure your children have all the equipment they need for the school day when they arrive in the morning. We are receiving increasing amounts of forgotten equipment at the school office, which causes disruption to the children's learning.

**Thank you for your amazing support for this fantastic charity. We managed to raise £292!**



## Violin Lessons

*"My name is Pia Alexandre and I teach stringed instruments to children in local schools. I have had a number of students here at West Borough, but now have some vacancies for anyone wishing to have violin lessons. I propose to start some group lessons; each group having a weekly lesson. The lessons will take place during the school day at a time agreed with the class teacher. There will be a cost for the group lessons and a small charge for the hire of the violin:- £24 per term for the lessons and £6 per term for the violin hire (6 terms per year).*

*Learning to play any musical instrument takes time and determination, but also helps young minds in many other ways - music has frequently been proven to be beneficial to our wellbeing and our thinking skills. Learning something for pleasure enables children to boost skills in other areas, and is often overlooked!*

*I will be in the Acorn Room (the brick building in the playground) after school on **Wednesday 18th October** and will offer a short introductory session (about 20 minutes from 3:15pm)*

*I can be contacted on  
01732 840949 - please leave a message - I might be teaching!"*



### **AGM - Tuesday 17th October - 7pm**

Please come along if you would like to be involved in organising events and raising money for our school.

You don't have to sign away all of your time – there is no obligation to come to every meeting or help at every event, just help when you can – every little really does help and the more people involved the better!

Several of our committee members will be moving on so there will be vacancies including Chairperson and Secretary

New ideas are always welcomed and if you work for a company who might be able to help with our fundraising efforts, please do let us know.

If you would like to be involved but can't come along to the meeting, please email [westboroughptfa@gmail.com](mailto:westboroughptfa@gmail.com) or leave a message in the School Office and we will keep you updated.

Refreshments will be provided

*Examples of previous events include:*

*Summer / Xmas Fairs, Band Night, Secrets Room, Bingo, Discos, Quiz Night, Pamper Evening,*

## Spelling Bee

£10 Book Token for the winner, all children will receive a certificate.

**Years 3 & 4 - 11th Oct**  
**Years 5 & 6 - 12th Oct**

**Remember to practise the list of words you have been given!**



## October Holiday Clubs

Premier Sport are providing October half term holiday clubs at local venues. Running throughout the October half term for ages 4 - 12. Standard Day's are 9am – 4pm as well as Extended Days which will run from 8:30am – 5pm with a Flexi-Registration and Flexi-Collect for your children at specific venues. Prices available via leaflet or visit [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com) for further details.

Each day is carefully planned, structured and themed so the children have fun throughout the day as well as developing skills in different sports. Full details are available on their website.

Promotional Offer – Book any 3 days or more per family and receive 20% off! Use code '3DAY20' to redeem. Bookings to be made via [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com) or by calling 01580 212 401.

## **Another new arrival!**



Congratulations to Mrs Gorska, one of our TAs, who gave birth to Lena last week on 25th September!



**Congratulations** also go to Mr Watts this week, who completed his 1st 10K in 52 minutes, raising £300 for the British Heart Foundation. A great achievement!