



WEST BOROUGH NEWS



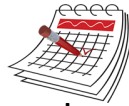
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Friday 7th September 2018

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Equality, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Challenge

Dates for September



- 7th PTFA Meeting 7pm—all welcome!
- 10th Year 2 Parent Briefing 2:45pm
- 11th Year 4 Parent Briefing 2:45pm
- 12th Year 3 & 5 Parent Briefings 2:45pm
- 12th Year 6 Astrodome
- 13th Year 1 Parent Briefing 2:45pm
- 14th Year 6 Parent Briefing 2:45pm
- 17th After School Clubs Commence
- 17th Year 6 Bikeability Week
- 21st Year R Kent Messenger Photographs
- 21st PTFA - Welcome to West Borough Event
- TBA Macmillan Bake Sale
- 26th Harvest Assembly
- 28th INSET DAY - School closed

October

- 1st Year 6 - Taster Day at Maplesden Noakes
- 4th School Photographs
- 12th PTFA Pamper Evening—7pm
- 19th Last Day of Term I

Headteacher's Blog



Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you enjoyed a fun and restful summer holiday.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all our new staff, pupils and their families. It's been a very smooth start to the term and I hope you all enjoy your time at West Borough!

Next week we shall be holding briefing sessions for parents/carers for each year group (with the exception of Year R). This is an excellent opportunity for you to come and meet your child's teacher and find out about expectations, learning and trips for the year ahead. Please sign in at the school office on your allocated day.

We are once again delighted with the school's academic achievements last year, achieving above National standards in the vast majority of subjects at every Key Stage, EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. This is a testament to all the hard work of our pupils and the staff, supported by you at home.

As always, schools never stand still and we are always looking to further improve. I shall be sharing our school priorities for the coming year during this term. Our new School Learning Council representatives will also be looking at our school priorities, ensuring they are relevant to the children too.

Here's to a fantastic 2018/19!



After School Clubs

After School Club applications must be returned to the school office by **TUESDAY 11th Sept.**

You will receive a slip to let you know which club your child has been allocated on **FRIDAY 14th Sept.**

Clubs start on **MONDAY 17th Sept.** and payment must be received by **FRIDAY 21st Sept.**



Morning Drop-off

Just a reminder about arrangements in the mornings:

- Both gates open at 8.30am (for Years 1 - 6 children)
- Parents/carers have the option to drop their child at one of the gates between 8.30am and 8.40am, leaving their child to walk to the playground
- If parents wish to walk children through to speak to a teacher, drop off will be from 8.40 onwards. Please keep paths and gates clear.
- Children go onto the KS1 or KS2 playground, depending which year group they are in.
- Members of the Leadership Team are also happy to pass on a message or you could write in your child's reading record book
- No parents/carers are to be on the playground before 8.40am
- Each playground will be supervised from 8.30-8.40am
- The whistle will be blown at 8.40 and children will then walk to their classrooms
- The gates will to be closed and locked at 8.50am
- If it is raining, the children can shelter under the covered areas on the playgrounds.



Palace Wood are hosting Happy's Circus on Thursday 29th September between 6pm and 8pm. Tickets are available to all, not just Palace Wood. You can find out about Happy's circus here - <https://www.happyscircus.co.uk/> and you can get your tickets through the link here www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofpalacewood

Harvest Festival



Rev Chris shall be leading our Harvest Celebrations on **Wednesday 26th September** this year. We will be collecting non-perishable items for Homeless Care, the Maidstone Charity which supports people in our local Community and ask that children bring items to school on **Tuesday 25th September**. Thank you.

Packed Lunches

If your child has a packed lunch, please ensure you pack a drink for them. This must only be water. Where possible, please make this a separate bottle to the one they have in class. Thank you.



Library Books

We are very lucky to have a library in school, with a librarian, Mrs Potter, who visits once a week. Children have regular sessions in the library and can bring books home. These need to be returned weekly.

Over time, some books have been lost or not returned, resulting in children no longer being able to loan books.



We would like to start the year by wiping the slate clean. This means if you've previously lost a book, you can still have a new loan. We would however, ask that where possible you replace lost books with another, either from home or a purchase at charity shop.



We shall be supporting Macmillan Cancer Support once again this year with a Bake Sale. Details to follow.