



WEST BOROUGH



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 18th January 2019

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Equality, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Challenge

Dates for January

22nd Year 5 Thinking Skills
Workshop at MGS (leaving at
8:00am)

23rd Willow Class - Shanghai
Maths lesson at Whitstable
College (leaving at 7:50am)

29th Year 2 Bake Sale 3:15pm

31st Class Photographs

February

7th Cherry Class Assembly 2:30pm

8th Language Fair (more info to
come soon)

12th PTFA Meeting 7pm

14th Hornbeam Class Assembly
2:30pm

15th Last Day of Term 3

25th First Day of Term 4



Headteacher's Blog



It may seem a little late, but I'd like to wish you all a very Happy New Year!



2019 has begun in fantastic style at West Borough Primary School! The Greatest West Borough took place last week. More details can be found on page 2 and 3 of this Newsletter and on your child's Class Page on our website. It was so lovely to see so many of you at our Showcase on Wednesday!

We hope to use the enthusiasm and enjoyment from last week's learning throughout this year and beyond as we continue to review our curriculum.

This week we have welcomed 2 teachers from Shanghai, who are teaching maths for 2 weeks to a Year 3 and Year 6 class.



We have been teaching Maths Mastery, the style of maths taught in Shanghai, for 3 years now, so to have experts in our school, which all our staff have had the opportunity to observe, is invaluable. We plan to host another workshop for parents this year to support your understanding of how we teach Maths.

Our core value for this term is **Respect**. Each term we revisit our values and remind the children of our expectations and hope you are able to use these values with your children outside of school too.

Our new staff members are settling very well into their new school! A very warm welcome to Mr Bunker, Oak Class TA, Mrs Manser and Miss Taylor who are working in the Nursery, and to Mr Crittenden our new Site Manager.

FREE FAMILY CRAFT AFTERNOON

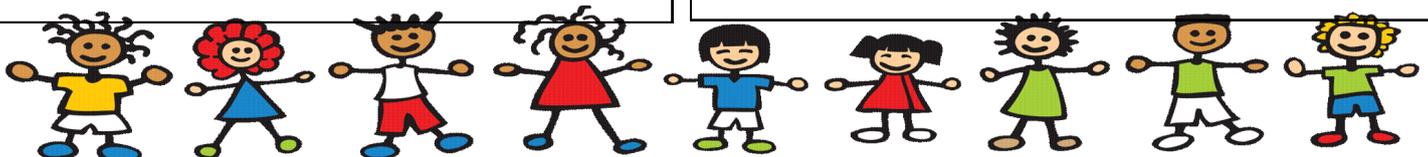
looking forward to Spring
St Andrew's Church invites you to
join us

on
Sunday 20th January 2019
from 2pm to 4pm

- Free tea, coffee and cakes
- Free craft activities
- Free games

Join us for our family fun
afternoon of crafts and games.
Try out our Spring themed crafts.

St Andrew's Church, Barming Heath,
Tonbridge Road
Maidstone
ME16 9LW



THE GREATEST WEST BOROUGH

7th-11th January 2019

WOW! What a fantastic week we had!

We started 2019 with a themed week in school to celebrate the arts - music, dance, drama, art, poetry, singing and performance.

The theme of the week was The Greatest West Borough, based on the film The Greatest Showman. The purpose was for children to celebrate their identity, their uniqueness and to be proud of who they are.

We did all this and more - and even found some hidden talents!



Film Making

Lots of classes made films and movie clips of their activities throughout the week. These were available to view during our showcase event on Wednesday, but also on the class blogs.

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to another parent, Mr Newberry, who came in to do media workshops with some of the classes throughout the week. He also filmed our flash mob and has made a promotional film for the school.



Art

Thank you for all your donations of cardboard! These were put to good use to make theatrical masks! We were very lucky to have one of our parents, Miss Taylor, to come and run workshops for the children throughout the week. The children then got very creative (and sticky) and all made their own masks. These are displayed around the school. We are so grateful for all Miss Taylor's time and enthusiasm throughout the week.

Dance

The whole school learnt and performed a dance to the song, 'This Is Me'. This took place on Thursday afternoon on the playground in the form of a Flash mob! We had so much fun! The event was filmed and is available to view on our website in the Latest News section.



Music

The children were involved in music and singing throughout the week in a variety of forms, including Nursery Rhymes and Karaoke.

Mr Abbott kindly came in on Friday and sang with children throughout the Infants, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Drama

Key Stage 2 had the opportunity to learn and perform a play in a day! The show, called The Greatest Show on Earth, centred around keeping our planet safe and involved children performing circus tricks, learning lines, acting and dancing. They put on a great show for other classes in the school to watch!



Arty Party

Many children in the school worked with an Art group for 3 days during the week to create a huge piece of art which now has pride of place in our entrance hall! We're delighted with the outcome and hope you all have an opportunity to see it at some point!



Round Robin

The children loved visiting other classes in a 'Round Robin' to take part in activities with different teachers in their team! Ask your child what they got up to in theirs!

