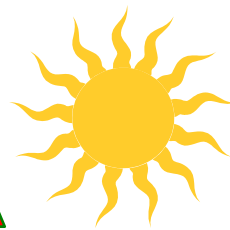


# ***The Boreham Beacon***



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**A Friendship School**

*'Daring to aim high, scale new heights, spread our wings and fly far'*



Following the fantastic end of year celebrations for our Year 6 children last week, we have been delighted to welcome back our remaining pupils from our current Year 2-5 classes, who we last saw at the end of March! To see these children's faces back in school has been so uplifting for us all. I do hope that your child enjoyed their time in school this week, albeit with only half of their class. All of the children have also had the opportunity to meet their new class teacher, with each teacher handing out an 'All About Me' profile to the children too.

As we come to the end of what has been the most strangest and turbulent academic year I have ever known in 22 years of working in education, we say goodbye to several members of staff at Boreham. Firstly, Mrs Boshell who will be relocating to East Sussex. Mrs Boshell has been with us at Boreham for 5 years as an extremely loyal, popular and hardworking member of our teaching staff. Secondly, Mr Lee will also be leaving us to take up a new position at High Ongar Primary School. Although Mr Lee has only been with us for one year, he has brought much to our school in this time, not least in computing. He too, has been a very popular member of staff, proving to be a great team player. Miss Gladwell, one of our learning support assistants, will also be leaving after spending two years with us. Miss Gladwell has been successful in gaining a university place in order to become a trainee speech and language therapist. We wish all three members of staff every happiness and very best wishes for their future.

We will also be really pleased to see Mrs Hutley back in school in September and I know she has greatly appreciated all of your kind words of support.

On Monday I will be sending out to you full details of our September re-opening so that you have all of the necessary information for your child's return to school in September. Obviously, any plans will be subject to change and dependent upon the local and national picture. As a school, we are also putting together comprehensive plans in the event of a 'local lockdown' / partial / full school closure.

Over the last few days I have started to take some time to reflect upon these past few months. Back in September 2019 when we commenced this academic year, who could have possibly thought what would follow! Since the end of March we have all had to adjust to a new way of living and learn to adapt to living day by day, unable to make any firm plans, due to the constant changes which has caused us all huge anxiety and much fear. Using and abiding by new terminology such as; 'social distancing', 'lockdown', 'keyworker', 'bubbles' has become the new norm and part of everyday life. In school, we have had to learn a completely new way of educating our children with so many restrictions

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upon us. Many of our staff have had to teach groups of children (keyworker children) across a vast range of year groups within the school hall, which is completely different to teaching one year group within a classroom setting.

As parents, you have just been **absolutely** amazing! You all had to become teachers overnight, delivering daily lessons to your children, whilst holding down your own jobs, caring for younger siblings and maintaining the family home, whilst coping with your own fears and anxieties, without the close support of extended family members and close friends. You have helped us **so much** as a school in preparing your children for their return to school and I cannot thank you all enough for the kind words of support, emails, cakes and other treats that you have been sending in for staff! You must all be extremely exhausted now and I do hope that you will all take some well-deserved time to rest and recuperate during the summer holidays.

As this crazy year ends, I would like to pay **huge** thanks to **all** of the staff at Boreham Primary School who have pulled together **magnificently** as a team over the past 4 months to ensure a smooth running as possible of the school. Many of my staff gave up time within their Easter and May half term holidays (unpaid) to provide care and provision for our keyworker children as well as juggling their own issues with childcare arrangements.

Finally, to the children. Well, what can I say? The children have all coped **remarkably** well, not least our keyworker children, who have been attending school since the end of March. To all of our children who returned to school in Years 1 and 6 and Reception Class in June, you have been equally amazing too! The behaviour of all of our children has been quite **outstanding** and they have certainly given all of the staff at Boreham a much needed lift during a dark period of time.

When we return in September, we will be much stronger as a community and we will be more prepared and equipped than ever, to deal with any changes that are imposed on us together. For now, enjoy the six weeks holidays with your families, stay safe and well and see you all again in September!

Mr Bowyer

## WELCOME BACK INTO SCHOOL!





## IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK



HEYFS had a party on their last day!





## IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK



Our Year 4 class enjoyed their days in school with Mr Lee before he leaves Boreham.



## **AN END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS**

Dear Parent / Carers

This has certainly been a very difficult and unusual time for us all. The initial self-isolation and the inability to see our friends followed by the slow creep back to normality has proven troublesome enough for adults, but how strange and perplexing this must be for children. Those who have returned have been exemplary in their behaviour and in following the rules. They can probably teach us a great deal about distancing, routines and maintaining a positive, cheerful demeanour in the face of adversity. You, as parents, have probably discovered more about your children over the past three months than you would normally and that will include what they can and cannot do at school. Some of you will have relished the home schooling, but I am assuming that most of you would prefer your children back at school. I do admire you for the difficulties you have had to overcome during these last months and I know the school has made every effort to keep in touch with you and your children to ease the burden.

From September all of our primary children will be back in school. A great deal of preparation has been needed to ensure children and adults will be safe and protected next term and the leadership team has made every effort to ensure the school will provide an education that will be as normal as possible. Governors have been in close contact with the leadership team by telephone and via Zoom to reassure themselves that all is being done to achieve a safe and secure environment and a positive learning experience. The school has had to implement sudden directives with sometimes little detail and the leadership team, led by Mr Bowyer, have my admiration for their resilience and expertise in putting these into practice. They have plans in place to ensure your children have not lost out on being away from school and treating every child on an individual basis.

The teaching and non-teaching staff have been excellent in their approach to this crisis and we as governors hope you continue to support them in all they are trying to achieve. I would particularly like to thank the leadership team led by Mr Bowyer for rising yet again to the occasion and ensuring that we continue to have outcomes for children which are of the highest quality. We have an excellent set of governors who support and challenge the decisions made by the school and we will continue to ensure that your children receive a broad and balanced curriculum which best reflects the challenges that children will face in the modern world.

From all the governors we wish you a safe and restful six weeks ahead and hope that some of you manage a break away. We look forward to seeing you in September and rest assured that the staff, leadership team and governors have the best interests of your children at heart. We look for your continued support and cooperation in achieving a school that has high educational standards, reflects the local community and offers children every opportunity to succeed.

Roger Leeke

Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body

### **GOVERNOR NEWS**

We are delighted to inform you that following successful re-election, Mr Roger Leeke, Mrs Liz Seeley and Mr James Reilly have all been re-elected to stand on our full governing body for a further 4 year term of office. All three governors bring so much to our governing body and support the school wholeheartedly. At the end of this academic year, Mrs Vicky Buck will be stepping down from our governing body. We thank Mrs Buck for her services to the school. Finally, we are delighted to inform you that Mrs Lynn Soulsby will be joining the school governing body at Boreham in September as a co-opted governor. More about Lynn in this week's newsletter!

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## UNSUNG HEROES

This week, we celebrate the amazing work and support of four real unsung heroes who all go about their work very quietly and often unnoticed, but as a school, we truly value everything that they do for Boreham Primary School!

Firstly to our **wonderful** Rev of St. Andrew's Church, Boreham, Rev Emma Wylie, who is also a member of our school governing body. Emma has been on call 24-7 throughout the whole of the Covid-19 period and continues to do so. Not only has Emma been there for any family within our local community but she has been of huge support to our staff too, not least to the leadership team. Emma has been the major driving force behind the 'One Boreham' Covid-19 campaign and is an active member of our Governing Body Well-Being Steering Group. Emma is already planning ways in which she can further support our school when we return in September.

Secondly, to, two **amazing** ladies who have worked tirelessly over the last year to make our school environment look a whole lot better! Lynn Soulsby and Heather Reyland have transformed our wildlife garden and are currently doing the same in our allotment area. They have also worked so hard on the beds directly outside of our classrooms, planting new shrubs and plants and were both a major part of our tree planting project earlier this year. Thanks to Lynn and Heather, our children and staff are going to have some truly fantastic and much safer outdoor areas to benefit from in September!

Thirdly, to Mr Ian Hollox, who has had a 30 year plus association with our school. Ian has recently worked alongside Mr Smith to create an amazing new raised bed in our allotment and is planning to do the same in our wildlife garden.

Emma, Lynn, Heather and Ian, thank you all so much from us all at Boreham Primary School! You really all are, unsung heroes!



## SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKS

During the summer holiday break we have some planned premises work taking place. Firstly, the exterior of our demountable classroom will have some much needed repair work carried out to it. Secondly, to ensure that our children and staff can access our all-weather daily mile track all year round, we are having an extension to the track. The extension will begin at the end of our junior playground in-between our junior trim-trail and swimming pool toilets/changing room outbuilding and join up to part of the existing track on the field. This will ensure a much safer access to the field and track.

We are also going to be having some further works carried out to the base of our new Bio-dome which we have been unable to use since it was erected in February. We have every intention of opening up this fantastic outdoor learning space from September onwards.

Finally, after many years, our historic wooden pirate ship located on our junior playground will be dismantled. In its place will be a brand new dance/acting performance stage with 4 benches for an audience. This new facility will ensure that if we are unable to sing indoors, we will have a designated area outside where children can express themselves. The new stage will also be a facility that our classes will be able to use to film class assemblies and performances for you, whilst you are unable to come onto the school premises.

## SCHOOL INSET DAY REMINDERS

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - INSET Day
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July - INSET Day
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - INSET Day

Our school INSET days for the new academic year 2020-21 are below.

- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

*If you or your child needs any support during the summer holidays, are worried and anxious about returning to school in September, we are here for anyone who needs our help. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any point.*

*You are all much in my prayers! Every blessing.*

Rev Emma Wylie

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**HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER BREAK FROM US ALL AT BOREHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL. ONCE AGAIN - THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT. QUITE SIMPLY - WE COULD NOT HAVE GOT THROUGH THIS WITHOUT YOU!**

**See you all back in school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September!**

Mr Bowyer



## THANK YOU ROLL OF HONOUR BOARD

- The staff of Boreham Primary School
- The children of Boreham Primary School
- The parents of Boreham Primary School
- The governors of Boreham Primary School
- Our amazing PTA
- The volunteers at Boreham Primary School

Finally, Mr Smith has been celebrating his 30 years' service in school today! (The contents is water!)

