

The Blue Letter: 30th April 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents who have been with the school for a while will know about our fundraising plans which we hope will enable us to build a new hall for the school. Obviously, any large fundraising activities haven't been able to go ahead in the last year, hopefully as restrictions ease we may be able to plan new ones. A way you can help fundraise for the school in the meantime is through easyfundraising.

If you start your online shopping at our easyfundraising page and then shop as normal, the retailers make a small donation to the school as a thank you. They have 4700+ retailers to choose from. Our easyfundraising page can be found here. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/boxgroveextns/>

We are really pleased that despite the restrictions we have managed to arrange bikeability training for our year 6 children next Friday. Parents should have received an email with all the details and a paper copy of the consent form has also been sent home. The children will need to take their bikes through the Fox entrance next Friday morning, can I ask everyone to be mindful of giving each other space at the start of the day.

Thank you to all of you who have returned your information for the set up of parentmail. Mrs Sheehan and I have attended some online training and we hope to start using it soon. There are quite a few families who haven't returned their details to enable us. Please do this as soon as possible. We had hoped to start using this system from next Tuesday but it will be a little longer before we are fully ready to start.

Tuesday is the deadline for forms and payment for Cobnor from Owl Class . We look forward to seeing parents on zoom at 4pm Tuesday 4th May for a meeting about the trip. It is really important that the forms are returned to us by Tuesday as we need to get paperwork to Cobnor before our visit.

We have a lot of unnamed jumpers, cardigans and fleeces in school. Please can you make sure you label your child's clothing to make it easier to return to them.

Collective Worship

The Order of the Mustard Seed are an ancient group who set out to live their lives following three key principles

- To be true to Christ
- To be Kind to people
- To take the Gospel to the Nations

These principles have been taken on board more recently by the 24/7 prayer movement.

This week we have learnt about the idea of taking the gospel to the nations and groups who live out this idea in the way they behave, for example the Salvation Army. The children have thought about the difference groups like this, have to the lives of the people they meet and support. Fr Ian spoke to us on Friday about how in sharing the story of Jesus is about showing love and kindness to others. We will continue thinking about these principles over the next few weeks.



Chichester Festival Family Fun in the Park

Get ready to let the sunshine in! Join in a celebratory weekend of open air entertainment in Oaklands Park, heralding the reopening of the Theatre ahead of the summer musical South Pacific.

BAFTA Award-winning Emily Burnett (CBBC's The Dumping Ground) headlines, reading Lauren Child's That Pesky Rat, with actors using puppetry to bring the stories to life. Families can also join in a fun 'Dance-Along' as part of Telling Tiger Tales.

The format will follow the highly successful model seen at last summer's events, with a raised stage (and screens either side) erected next to the Festival Theatre on Oaklands Park. Plots will be marked out on the Park for all events, with small plots for up to two people and larger plots for up to six people.

Tickets are now on sale for this event on 4th 5th June. Highly recommended by pupils who went last year.



Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week:

Squirrel Class: Molly, Lucia, Lucas, Jonathan, Lillie-Mae, Gully and Nelly



Fox Class: Mollie and Lollie

Owl Class: Iyla, Demi, Rose and Lily

