

The Blue Letter: 8th October 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a much busier week in school and therefore the blue letter is much bigger than usual.

Can I ask that if you drive to school and park on the road, please can you make sure you are not stopped on the zigzag lines outside school or on the bus stop. This ensures that the road outside is safe for everyone. There should be plenty of space in the Village hall car park. Thank you for your support in keeping the village as safe as possible.

A reminder that Sunday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. We will be marking it in school on **Monday** with our **rainbow dress down day**. Please send your child with a donation - we suggest £1 to support children and young people's NHS mental health services. In return your child can come to school dressed in either one colour of the rainbow, or all the colours of the rainbow! If it's a PE day for your child, please ensure that the clothes and shoes they wear are suitable for PE

As we have been unable to have our Harvest festival as normal this year, we will be having a cake sale next **Thursday 14th October at 3.15pm**. Please send in donations of cake for us to sell. These can be shop bought or homemade. If home made please can you include a list of ingredients, so that those with allergies are able to make safe choices. Shop bought cakes need to remain in their original packaging. The proceeds from the sale will go to the charity "Sanctuary in Chichester" who help refugees and asylum seekers and have supported children at our school in the past.

We are getting ready to have after school clubs again. We plan to have an archery club on Monday, a basketball/tag rugby club on Tuesday and a Zumba club on Wednesday. These will start after half term and will be available for children from year 1 upwards. (Reception children will be able to join clubs from January). Booking details will be sent via Parentmail when all the details are confirmed with the organisers of each club. Mrs Martin will be running a Christmas Craft club on a Tuesday open to children in Owl Class. They will be making items to sell at our Christmas Fair

Monday 11th October	Rainbow dress down day - donate £1 for NHS charity Heads On Squirrel Class PE
Tuesday 12th October	Owl Class PE
Wednesday 13th October	Fox Class PE Outdoor learning Session 5 - Year 2 (bring in a change of clothes - long sleeves, long trousers, trainers or boots if wet, coat if needed)
Thursday 14th October	Squirrel Class PE Owl Class PE Charity cake Sale
Friday 15th October	Fox Class PE

Outdoor learning.

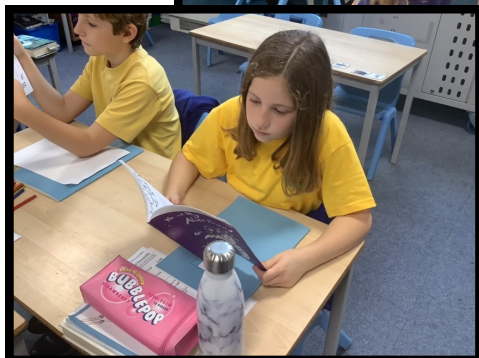
The children who had missed outdoor learning last week got to toast marshmallows to have with their hot chocolate. We used the loppers to cut off some branches and clear the area. We used the saw to cut the branches into smaller pieces. We cleared away old leaves into the compost. - *Aubrey and Xanthe*



Don't forget to read the parentmail about next week's session.

Bookfest

Children in Fox and Owl Class joined a Zoom call with the author Ed Boxall. They had great fun exploring some writing with him and were really pleased to receive a signed copy of his book this afternoon.



Dates for your diary

11th October - rainbow dress down day
13th October- final outdoor learning session for year 2
14th October - charity cake sale
18th October - open day for 2022 intake
19th October - Reception parents stay and play session (until 10.00am)
Thursday 21st October - 1st outdoor learning session for year 4
25th- 29th October - half term
1st November - INSET day
9th November - open day for 2022 intake
12th November - children in need day
15th - 19th November - anti-bullying week
15th November - Odd Socks day
16th November - parents evening - Owl Class
17th November -parents evening - all classes
18th November - parents evening Fox and Squirrel Class
7th December- Nativity play
8th December - flu vaccinations
10th December - Christmas Jumper day
10th December - Christmas fair
14th December - Squirrel Class theatre trip
15th December - Christmas lunch
16th December - Christmas breakfast
17th December - last day of term

**More details for these events
will be shared closer to when
they are due to take place.**

Starting school 2022

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, they are eligible to start school in September 2022. You can apply online from 4th October and the deadline is Saturday 15th January. We are hosting two open days, 18th October and 9th November. Please phone the office to book onto one of these. The website for applications is: www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Reception Stay and Play Session

Rather than a formal parents evening meeting this term, we would like to invite Reception parents to Stay and Play on Tuesday 19th October from the start of the day until 10am. This will be an opportunity for you to join in with your child and see some of the activities they do during a school day. Mrs Pendle and Miss Sheikh will both be available if you have any questions. You will also be able to look at your child's learning journal with them. We hope you will enjoy this time to come into school with your child.

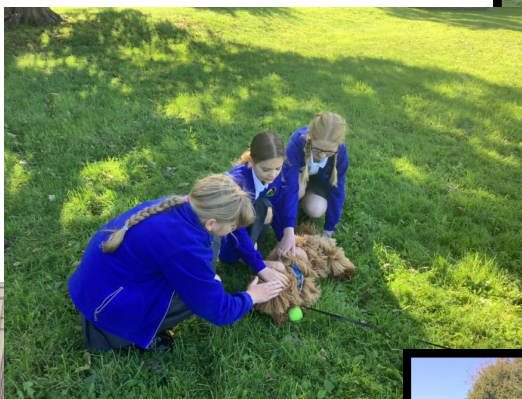
Archery

Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to have a go at archery this week. It's great to be able to take part in some different sports and try new skills.



Oakley Update

As well as having fun with a box, Oakley enjoyed a game of chase with Libby, Nina and Isabelle. Although he loves to chase after the ball, he also loves to run away with it once he has it!



Achievers Well done to all our achievers this week:



Squirrel Class: Well done to Arham, Elanya, Callen and Sienna

Fox Class: Well done to Mollie, Mason, Darcey and Michael

Owl Class: Well done to Fletcher, Jack, Maddie and Summer