

# The Blue Letter: 16th September 2022



Learning, Loving, Growing,  
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed. For those children who have school dinner Monday's menu choices will be the menu choices on Tuesday rather than the usual Tuesday menu. Wednesday's menu will be as normal.

For nearly a thousand years, the people of Boxgrove have gathered in their priory church to mark significant moments in the life of their village, county and country. The Death of Queen Elizabeth II and the accession of King Charles III is such a moment. There will be a brief service to remember and give thanks for The Queen on **Sunday 18th September at 5pm** to which everyone is invited.

It is great to see so many children with book bags, we would like all children to have one no matter what year group they are in. At the start of the school year it is a great time to remind everyone that the only things that should be in the book bag are books. Please don't put trainers, lunch (in boxes or otherwise), water bottles etc in the book bag please. We spend a large proportion of our budget on ensuring the children have lovely books to take home and read and the use of un-cluttered book bags ensures that books are kept in a good condition. Thank you for your support with this.

Children will come home today with an envelope containing a Student Data Check Sheet detailing the information we hold about them on the school system. Please check carefully that the details are correct and amend on the sheet anything that isn't right. Please can all forms be signed and returned by next **Friday 23rd September**.

You will have also been emailed a letter about the influenza nasal vaccinations. Please follow the instructions that have been emailed with the letter by the deadline of **Friday 30th September**.

## Diary

Monday 19th September	<b>Bank Holiday for Queen's funeral - no school</b>
Tuesday 20th September	<b>Owl Class PE</b>
Wednesday 21st September	<b>Outdoor Learning Year 2- session 1</b> bring clothes to change into and suitable footwear and coat if needed—long sleeved tops and trousers are essential <b>Fox Class PE</b> <b>Dance Club taster sessions</b>
Thursday 22nd September	<b>Dance Club Taster sessions</b> <b>Owl class PE</b> <b>Squirrel Class PE</b> Book Club - years 2-6 finishes 4pm
Friday 23rd September	<b><u>Deadline for returning signed Student Data Check Report</u></b> <b>Squirrel Class PE</b>

## Future Dates

Friday 30th September individual school photos

Thursday 6th October Influenza vaccinations

Friday 7th October Harvest Service 2pm

Tuesday 18th October Friends of Boxgrove School Cake Sale

Half term: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October

**Wednesday 2nd November & Thursday 3rd November Parents Evenings** (note change of week)

Thursday 10th November Key stage 2 Theatre Visit

Tuesday 13th December Reception and Key Stage One Theatre visit

Ends: Friday 16 December

## **Sports Awards**

We know that being physically active impacts positively on both physical and mental health. Through our PE and outdoor activities, as well as our mindful approach to wellbeing we want children to have good mental and physical health.

We are proud to share that we have been awarded the School Games Silver Award for the school year 2021/22. This award reflects the work the children and staff put into our sporting activities last year. Look out this year for more sporting events, including more opportunities for children to take part in festivals and competitions with other schools as we aim towards achieving the Gold Award.



We are also really pleased to share that we received A West Sussex West Sports Partnership Girls Football Silver award for 2021/22.



## **Local Authority Surveys**

Calling all parents and carers, West Sussex County Council needs your feedback! West Sussex County Council are looking for views from all parents and carers of children aged 0-14 years (and up to 18 for children with SEND) about how they use childcare, how this has changed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and how this may continue to change in the future. The survey is running 1 September until 30 September. The questions and length of the survey will vary depending on the age of your child/children but should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Importantly your feedback will help to shape improvements to the future of childcare delivery in West Sussex and support the availability of childcare provision to meet continuing demand. You can access the survey [here](#). Thank you in advance for your help!

West Sussex County Council's Community Safety & Wellbeing Team are keen to understand local views from parents and carers about their child's digital resilience and what support they may need, in order to better shape and direct future online safety support and resources.

The survey closes 30th September 2022. The survey can be completed [here](#)



## Outdoor Learning

This week at outdoor learning we were working as a team digging and then we filled the holes with water. We drank hot chocolate around the fire. We also made wands out of willow. - Alex and Fynnly



## Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week

Squirrel Class: Alice, James, Alex, Lucia, Mary-Kate and Hugo

Fox Class: Freddie, Isla, Lucas and Elisia

Owl Class: Teddy, Leon, Emily and Mollie

