

The Blue Letter: 10th February 2023



Learning, Loving, Growing,
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children's mental health week

Thank you for your donations. So far the total we have raised is £162 .It's not too late to donate via our justgiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/boxgrove-school4> Please don't feel you need to make a large donation, just a £1 per child is great, although you can donate more if you would like. You can also make your donation anonymous.



It is a huge understatement to say that everyone had a great time on our walk. I'm not sure there are words to describe how amazing it is to watch over 60 children, 9 staff and a dog out in the winter sunshine together. Much fun was had when we finally found a few puddles! It was a definite boost to everyone's mental health. It's such a pleasure to watch the different age groups of children chatting together as they go round. We all agree that it's something we want to do more often - suggestions from the children range from 'we should do this everyday!' to the more realistic 'once a month', 'once a term' suggestions. We are hoping that we might be able to do one whole school walk each half term. We'll share the date for the next one after the half term break. There are lots of pictures from our walk on the third page of the newsletter.

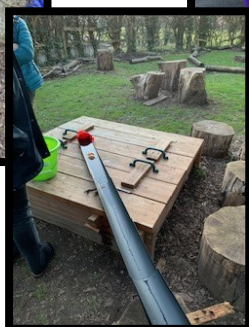
Don't forget that the first day back after half term is an INSET day, so the children are back on Tuesday 21st February. Have a lovely half term break.

Local School Nature Grant

We have been awarded a Local School Nature Grant, thanks to players of the People's Postcode Lottery. Our pupils will be benefitting from den building and other 'loose parts' play equipment which will be used at playtimes and in outdoor learning. . The project is run by Learning through Landscapes and funded by People's Postcode Lottery, Postcode Neighbourhood Trust, Postcode Places Trust, Postcode Society Trust, Postcode Local Trust or Postcode Community Trust all of who which receives funding from players of People's Postcode Lottery. In addition, staff have received training to help children learn outdoors. We took part in our training during our staff meeting this week. As the weather improves, the children will begin to have access to these materials at playtimes. We are planning to add to these materials to increase the creative play available to children at lunchtimes.



How many staff can you fit in this den!



Creating a den for bird watching!

Diary

Monday 20th February	INSET Day
Tuesday 21st February	Owl Class PE
Wednesday 22nd February	Fox Class PE Year 5 outdoor learning -bring a change of clothes suitable for the weather. A coat and boots or trainers that can get muddy are recommended.
Thursday 23rd February	Fox and Owl Class swimming - group 1 to bring a t-shirt Squirrel Class PE
Friday 24th February	Squirrel Class PE

Advance Dates

Wednesday 1st March Deadline for Swimming payments*

Wednesday 1st March - World Book Day - dressing up optional

7th & 8th March - Parents evenings

Friday 17th March - Comic relief day

Friday 17th March - School Mothering Sunday Service

Friday 31st March - Cobnor payment deadline *

Friday 31st March - last day of term - normal finish time

* If you would like to make regular payments for the cost of either swimming or Cobnor, Mrs Sheehan is happy to take them. A reminder of the deadline for paying is on the advance dates list.

Outdoor learning

This was the last week of outdoor learning for year 1. They had a great time with some den making as well as hot chocolate and marshmallows around the fire.



Year 5 start their outdoor learning on Wednesday 22nd February and need to remember to bring a change of clothes and suitable footwear/coat with them.

Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week:

Squirrel Class: Hugo, Robyn, Freya, Molly,

Fox Class: Freddie, Isla, Nelly, Darcey, Mason

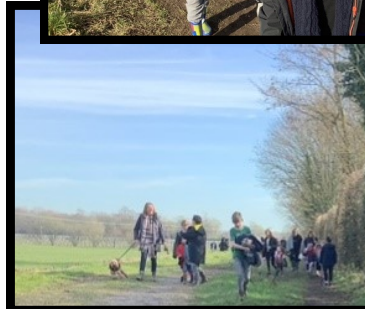
Owl Class: Mia, Elodie, Oliver and Leon



Whole School Walk

This year's theme for Children's Mental Health Week has been 'Let's Connect.'

The focus has been about making meaningful connections for all. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. As well as the benefits of fresh air and physical activity, there were plenty of opportunities for the children to connect with each other on our walk.



For any child in need of support, whether that be a little help to get back on track or for those in crisis, the Your Mind Matters website www.westsussex.gov.uk/YourMindMatters has helpful advice, resources and local organisations to help