

The Blue Letter: 26th November 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

My apologies for an error in last week's blue letter regarding the time of the nativity performances.

They will take place on **Tuesday 7th December at 2pm and 6pm**.

Head teachers have been asked by both the Director of Public Health and the Director of Education for West Sussex to consider whether or not to hold events that involve inviting parents to gather indoors in larger groups in view of the high numbers of covid cases in the County. A copy of a letter from the Director of Education for parents is sent with this newsletter. We have thought carefully about how to move forward in light of their requests and have decided that we do not want to cancel our nativity play or make it a virtual event. Instead we ask you to follow the following steps.

1. Please can we ask that only 2 members of each family (not child) attend each performance.
2. We would request that everyone wears a mask inside the church (unless exempt).
3. We would also ask that those attending have a negative lateral flow test the day of the performance.

We know that Introducing these measures may disappoint some family members, but we appreciate your support in ensuring that we can go ahead with a live performance this year. We are looking into the possibility of live streaming the performance, which would mean asking all families for permission for their children to be filmed in this way.

We also want to go ahead with our Christmas fair. We will be spreading the fair out around the school with different stall and activities taking place in different rooms. Please take a lateral flow test the day of the fair and wear a mask inside the building.

We are holding our non uniform day next Friday. In return for coming to school in their own clothes the PTFA would like donations of items suitable for either an adult or child tombola. The PTFA will be outside school that morning with boxes to collect the donations. We have arranged for Father Christmas to be at the fair, and a sign up list is now available to say your child would like to see him (this is to ensure he brings enough gifts.) The cost to see Fr Christmas and receive a gift will be £4 per child.

In order to make the fair a success we do need more volunteers to help with the event. There is a sign up list if you are able to help.

We are trying as much as possible to welcome you back onto the school grounds at the start and end of the school, partly to minimise the obstruction on the pavement and also as part of our return to a more normal way of working. The side gate will be opened just before 3.15pm to allow Fox Class parents to wait outside the classroom for their children. Parents who need to go between Fox and Squirrel are welcome to cross the carpark, both in the morning and at the end of the day. Parents of Squirrel class are welcome to wait on the end of the drive in front of the gates rather than on the pavement.

The flu vaccinations take place on Wednesday 8th December. Reminder emails have been sent to families that have not yet responded. You have until 11am on Wednesday 30th November to reply. If you don't want your child to have the vaccine respond with a no.

Next week in School

Monday 29th November	Archery club 3.15pm-4.15pm
Tuesday 30th November	Owl Class trip to Weald and Downland Museum - Victorian dress up Christmas Enterprise Club—CANCELLED Basketball/tag rugby club 3.15pm— 4.15pm
Wednesday 1st December	Fox Class PE Deadline for Squirrel Class to request Christmas lunch if they don't usually have a hot meal
Thursday 2nd December	Squirrel Class PE Owl Class PE
Friday 3rd December	Non- uniform day - donations for tombola Fox Class PE Squirrel Class PE

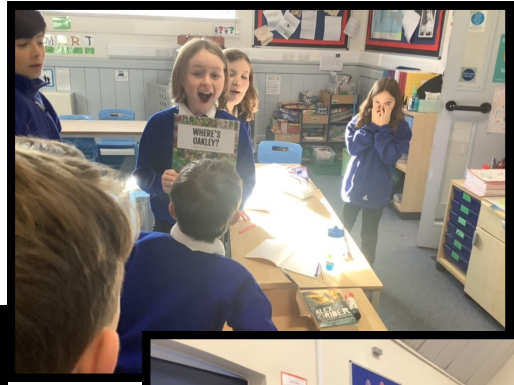
Bronze Ambassadors

The Bronze ambassadors, Lexie, Jack, Max and Maddie, have been busy this week with the Dodgeball house team competition which they have been running in PE lessons. They did a great job of planning and organising the competition as well as leading the classes. Well done to Yellow House who were the overall winners.



Where's Oakley?

Oakley visited each of the classes in turn this week to deliver a gift. The children (and teachers!) are really enjoying searching for Oakley in their new books!



Christmas Dinner

The Chartwells Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 15th December. If you are Fox or Owl Class the last day to order is Sunday 5th December. Orders are made via the website:

<https://westsussex.mealselector.co.uk/Page/147/WS-Meal-Selector---Home.html>

If your child is in Squirrel class and they normally have a hot meal, you don't need to do anything and a meal will automatically be ordered for them. If they usually have a packed lunch but would like Christmas dinner that day, please let the office know by Wednesday 1st December so that we can order a meal for them.

Outdoor Learning

This week we decorated wooden disks to make necklaces and spinners. We made more mint tea and cooked the yummy food we had brought from home. We looked for bugs and found slugs and worms. We also peeled and then cooked some of the apples from our apples trees. They tasted like apple crumble! We sang songs around the log circle. - *Mollie and Oliver*



There is no outdoor learning for the next two weeks. The final session for year 4 will be on Thursday 16th December.

Achievers Well done to all our achievers this week:



Squirrel Class: Izy, Sienna, Alex, Aubrey and Alice

Fox Class: Michael, Lucas, Mollie and Mason

Owl Class: Luke, Lexie, Maddie, Max and Jack

