

# The Blue Letter: 19th April 2024



Learning, Loving, Growing,  
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Welcome back to the summer term**

It's hard to believe that we only have just over 12 school weeks until the summer holidays! There is lots due to take place, do make sure you note the advance dates which are on the second page of the blue letter this week. As well as the annual statutory assessments for Year 6, 4, and 1, we have lots of fun things planned like our sports afternoon and summer fair. As term progresses we will also be supporting children with transition ready for September, whether that is transition for Year 6 as they prepare to go to Secondary School, children who are moving class within the school or sessions for the children who will be joining us in September. As always we'll be keeping you updated through the weekly newsletter.

**Collective Worship** - Our usual pattern for Worship continues this term which is outlined below. We stick to this pattern most weeks, although occasionally we may have other visitors and this means we might change things around.

- On Mondays we are warming up for the Summer Olympics by going back in time and revisiting some Olympic and Paralympic Games from the past. We will share inspirational stories which reflect the six Olympic and Paralympic values of Determination, Excellence, Inspiration, Courage, Friendship and Equality and use them to help us to think about what we can learn from them. We will link many of these stories to words from the Bible, words from the founder of the 'modern' Olympics (Baron de Coubertin) & quotes from athletes themselves, using them to help us think what we can learn about how to live well together and to give our best.
- On Tuesdays we turn our attention to events happening around the world with our discussion based 'Picture News' Worship session. Every week we look at a current news story through a thought-provoking question. We link this to the bible as well as considering British Values and Protected Characteristics. Picture News Worship is often led by the children from Year 5.
- On Wednesday, we have our Praise Worship where Mrs Martin and Mr Rogers lead us in learning new songs as well as singing some of our favourites. Mr Rogers also shares a new musical melody with us, these wide and varied pieces of music from a range of musical genres become the music we listen to as we enter and leave worship most day.
- On Thursday, we celebrate the week. We hand out achievers certificates and sometimes share out of school successes. The children lead us in a 'Thank you, sorry, please' prayer
- On Friday, we welcome Fr Ian to lead our worship. He talks to us about events in the church year, specific bible stories or other Christian concepts. We say the Lord's Prayer together and enjoy listening to Fr Ian play fantastic music for us.

**Seeds and interesting planters** - Mrs McIntyre is going to begin some gardening with small groups of children. If anyone has any spare seeds (perhaps the end of a packet), or any interesting containers that could be used for planting, we'd really appreciate them.

**Outdoor Learning** - This half term Year 1 have their first turn at Outdoor Learning. They need to bring with them a change of clothes that is appropriate for exploring outside; it needs to include a long sleeved top and long trousers even when the weather is warm as they will be using tools and this adds another layer of protection. They may need a coat on chillier days as well as wellington boots or trainers. They are likely to get wet, muddy and on sessions with a fire - smelly! Outdoor Learning will take place on Thursday afternoons.

**Relationships and Sex Education Policy** - We currently teach the compulsory elements of the relationships and puberty curriculum as part of our PSHE curriculum. Sex Education is not compulsory at Primary School, so we currently teach it as part of our science curriculum. We review this policy annually with the governing body and this year we are considering a change to the policy. We feel that it would be better if we moved our sex education teaching to within our PSHE curriculum. This change is important as we consider it to be more appropriate for a church primary school to address reproduction with a relationship focus. This would mean that parents would have the right to withdraw their child from some of the relationships and sex education lessons if they wished. There are only 3 of these lessons: one for children in Fox Class and two for children in Owl Class. We will share more details about these lessons later this half term. If you would like to discuss any aspect of relationships and sex education please speak to Mrs Dommett. Our current policy can be found on the school website [https://www.boxgrove.w-sussex.sch.uk/web/school\\_policies/438419](https://www.boxgrove.w-sussex.sch.uk/web/school_policies/438419)

Monday 22nd April	Ball skills and drills club
Tuesday 23rd April	Invited Reception parents to phonics session
Wednesday 24th April	Fox Class PE
Thursday 25th April	Invited Reception parents to phonics session Fox Class PE Owl Class PE Squirrel Class PE Outdoor learning - Year 1 Cricket Club ends 4.15pm Rugby club ends 4pm Dance Club ends 4pm
Friday 26th April	Create Club ends 4.20pm Future Flyers - selected children

#### Advance Dates

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday  
Monday 13th May - Year 6 test week  
Wednesday 22nd May - class photographs  
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - half term  
Monday 3rd June - INSET DAY  
Tuesday 4th June - Year 4 multiplication check week  
Wednesday 5th June - new parents meeting  
Monday 10th June - Year 1 phonic check week  
Monday 24th June - Diocese Leavers' Service - Cathedral  
Thursday 27th June - GAS sports (selected children)  
Friday 28th June - Summer Fair  
Wednesday 3rd July -transition day  
Thursday 4th July - Sports day  
Friday 5th July reserve sports day  
Friday 19th July end of year discos  
Monday 22nd July Year 6 BBQ  
Tuesday 23rd July End of Year and Leavers' Service 2pm  
Tuesday 23rd July -end of term

#### Balance Bikes



Reception had a great time using the new balance bikes this week. They will be using them regularly on a Thursday, working through a programme of early biking skills, so it would be helpful if they could wear trousers.



#### Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week:



Well done to Georgia who has received a certificate for taking part in a gymnastics competition.



Squirrel Class: Jasmine, Mary-Kate, Maxwell, Nancy, Aria

Fox Class: Izy, Joey, Molly, Chiara, Bella

Owl Class: Gully, Oliver, Freddie and Mollie







## MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

**Who?**  
5-13 year olds!  
(Reception-Year 7)

**Where?**  
Six Villages Sports Centre, Lime Avenue, PO20 3UE.

**When?**  
Every Monday  
(term time only, excluding bank holidays)

**Time:** 17:00-18:00

**Price:** £6 per session

**FIRST TRIAL SESSION FREE WHEN YOU SIGN UP ONLINE!!**

This session will cover topics such as shooting, passing and dribbling, with our main goal being providing fun, in a safe and positive environment for players to thrive



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