

The Blue Letter: 8th September 2023



Learning, Loving, Growing,
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome! - Welcome back to those returning to Boxgrove this year and a big welcome to the new families that have joined us. Welcome to our new Reception children: Forest, Dylan, Aria, Stella, Nancy, Emily, Eddie, Jasper, Lexi and Lilly-Rose. Welcome also to: Elise, Abel, Theodore, Chiara, Bella, Sophia and Jasmine who have joined us this year too.

Parent events - Thank you to those parents who were able to come to the Meet the teacher events for Owl and Fox Class. It was great to be able to share key messages at the start of the year, especially for children who are new to those classes. There are several workshops planned for parents already and we hope to arrange more of these this year, as well as inviting parents into the school to share in learning.

On Monday it was lovely to see everyone waiting to come into school when I unlocked the gates. Just a reminder that the **gates close at 8.45am** and your child will be marked as late if they arrive after this time. If your child is late regularly, it impacts on their day as they constantly miss the beginning of each day's learning.

Outdoor learning - starts on Wednesday next week for children in Year 2. Even if the weather is still warm, they need to have their arms and legs covered to participate in the session fully. Sessions for Year 2 take place on 13th, 20th, 27th September 4th and 11th October.

Help Your Child Love Maths - Learn how to support your children to develop positive attitudes towards maths. We know that maths can sometimes seem daunting, but engaging positively with children's learning can make a big difference to both children's and parents' confidence with numbers. Therefore, we are inviting all parents/carers to a unique workshop run by National Numeracy which will be held at the school on Tuesday 12th September at 2pm. The workshop is not a maths lesson, nor does it teach any maths, but is focused on fostering positive attitudes towards numeracy and tips for ensuring your children develop these too. The session will cover the importance of maths in the real world, being positive about maths, promoting a growth mindset and how to boost your own number skills as an adult.

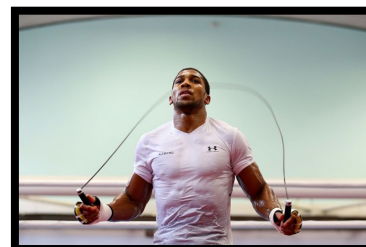
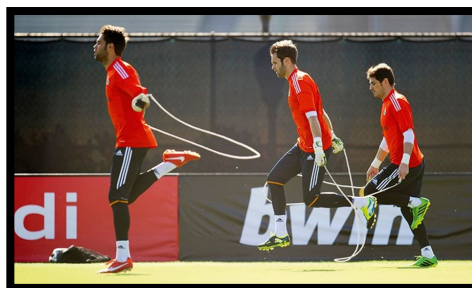
Advance Dates

Tuesday 19th September Governing Body meeting
Thursday 21st September Individual Photos
Tuesday 3rd October - Bookfest author visits for years 1 to 6.
Week beginning 9th October - bikeability Year 6
Wednesday 11th October - 6 week in meeting for Reception parents 2.30pm
Wednesday 11th October - Parents evening 4.00pm - 6.30pm
Week beginning 16th October Reception parents invited to a phonic session
Tuesday 17th October Parent Workshop- supporting children with anxiety
Wednesday 18th October- Parents evening - 3.30pm -5.30pm
Monday 23rd -Friday 27th October - half term
Monday 30th October - INSET day
Monday 13th November - start of anti-bullying week
Tuesday 14th November - Open day for prospective parents September 2024 entry
Friday 17th November - Children in need
Tuesday 21st November - Influenza vaccination day
Thursday 23rd November - Open day for prospective parents September 2024 entry
Wednesday 13th December - Nativity performance
Friday 15th December - last day of term
Tuesday 2nd January - INSET day
Wednesday 3rd January - children return to school for Spring term.

Monday 11th September	Fox Class PE Squirrel Class PE JOLF club finishes 4pm
Tuesday 12th September	Maths workshop for parents 2pm
Wednesday 13th September	Fox Class PE Outdoor learning- Year 2. Bring a change of clothes and suitable footwear
Thursday 14th September	Owl Class PE Squirrel Class PE
Friday 15th September	Owl Class PE

Skiptember

Mr Rogers is challenging the school (starting on Monday 11th) to see how many skips or amount of time skipping they can complete in the 15 school days left this month. We learnt how good skipping can be as a form of exercise and how many professional sports people use skipping as part of their training. Each class has their own set of skipping ropes to take onto the playground for the children to use at playtime and lunchtime. We are also looking forward to learning how to tie a skipping rope tidily after we've finished!



Boxgrove Sunday School

Come and join us at the St Blaise Centre in Boxgrove at 10:15 for an hour of Sunday School activities every first and third Sunday of the month (excluding school holidays.) We use craft activities, games, songs and stories to help us learn more about Christian teachings.

After Sunday School, we walk over to church together to enjoy the last part of the service. Parents collect children from church at the end of the service.

We cannot wait to see you at the next Sunday School.

Vicky Willavise



Achievers

We will start our weekly celebration of achievements next week. Achievers certificates are given to children to recognise a particular piece of work or effort in a particular lesson. They are also given to recognise behaviour in lessons and around school, this includes showing our school values of wisdom, resilience, compassion and respect. Class teachers usually choose two children per year group to award a certificate to each week. Photographs of the children with their certificates are shared in the blue letter. If your child is awarded a certificate or achievement out of school, we'd love to celebrate this with them - they are welcome to bring it in to show us or you can email a photograph. We will also celebrate these in the blue letter.

This week we are celebrating those who completed the library reading challenge over the summer. The challenge ends this weekend. If your child has completed the challenge and hasn't brought their certificate into school - do send it in next week and we can celebrate in next week's blue letter

Well done - Illia, Jack, Madison, Gigi, Penny, Theon and Forest

