

The Blue Letter: 9th September 2022



Learning, Loving, Growing,
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Boxgrove C Of E Primary School we are deeply saddened by the news of The Queen's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family over the coming days.

As a Church school we pray together:

Dear God,
Thank you for the remarkable life of our Queen, whose life was a shining light for others to see. We bring you our thanks and sadness at this time and ask that you would be present with us by your spirit. Bring your comfort to the Royal Family in their sadness too. May they know the prayers of your people, the church, are with them at this time. We ask these things in the name of Jesus.

Amen



Welcome back to returning families and Welcome to the new families joining us. This newsletter is sent every Friday (usually by parentmail, which we will get you signed up to as soon as possible). The blue letter can also be found on our website. The newsletter contains information and pictures from events that have taken place as well as important information relating to school life.

If you enter school through the car park gate to squirrel, please can you wait on the drive in front of the gates rather than the pavement as it makes it hard for other parents and the public to walk down the road.

We welcome Miss Jennings to Boxgrove as Fox Class teacher. She will be in class Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Mr Rogers will teach in Fox Class on Wednesdays. Mrs Pearson starts her maternity leave today and we wish her well. Hopefully, it won't be too long before we can share news of the arrival of a baby!

Covid

Unfortunately, Covid has not gone away! If your child is unwell, it is worth doing a test to check for covid, we already have a couple of cases in school. The current advice is that your child isolates for 3 days following a positive test, the day of the test is day 0, they can return to school if they are feeling well and they no longer have a temperature.

PE

PE days are on the weekly timetable. This year we are returning to changing for PE in school. Children need to have their PE bags in school all week as there may be occasions on which we need to alter the timetable.

Spellings

Each year, there are 5 INSET days, when school is closed to pupils. To start this year, we spent some of the first two INSET days looking at a new spelling programme for the children to follow. This programme follows on the phonic scheme that we use in Reception and Year One. We are currently working with the children on initial assessments before we start the programme and will be sharing more details with you about how you can support this at home in the coming weeks.

Topic letters and homework grids.

These letters will be sent home soon. Once they have been sent home, you will also be able to find them on the school website under the curriculum heading.

Outdoor learning

Outdoor learning will take place again this year. We start with the children in year 2 who will have 5 sessions starting next **Wednesday 14th September**. Like last year, they need to bring trousers (not shorts) and a long sleeved top that can get wet, muddy or smoky. They will also need appropriate footwear (wellies or trainers) and a waterproof coat. Sessions take place even if it is raining.

Diary

Monday 12th September	Fox Class PE Dance Club end 4.15pm (register via JC sports) Years 1 -6
Tuesday 13th September	Owl Class PE
Wednesday 14th September	Outdoor Learning Year 2- session 1 bring clothes to change into and suitable footwear and coat if needed — long sleeved tops and trousers are essential Fox Class PE
Thursday 15th September	Owl class PE Squirrel Class PE
Friday 16th Sep- tember	Squirrel Class PE

Autumn term 2022

Friday 30th September individual school photos
Thursday 6th October Influenza vaccinations
Friday 7th October harvest Service 2pm
Week beginning 17th October Parents evening meetings (days to be confirmed)
Half term: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October
Thursday 10th November Key stage 2 Theatre Visit
Tuesday 13th December Reception and Key Stage One Theatre visit
Ends: Friday 16 December
Tuesday 3rd January INSET Day
Wednesday 4th January Children return

House Team Points

We have an exciting new house team point collection area in the front office. Shaped like 3 houses, the children are able to put their coloured team point token in the relevant house. At the end of the term, we will count the tokens and the winning house will have a non-uniform day as a reward. They will also be able to choose as a house one other reward, such as an extra playtime. Children can earn the team point tokens by working hard or showing one of our school values of wisdom, resilience, compassion and respect.



Welcome

Welcome to the new children in Reception. We hope you've enjoyed your first week!



Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week

Squirrel Class: Georgia, Arham, Jack and Gigi

Fox Class: Elsie, Joey, Gio and Xanthe

Owl Class: Leo, Lollie, Tilly and Oliver

