

The Blue Letter: 29th September 2023



Learning, Loving, Growing,
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unnamed uniform We have a large number of un named jumpers, cardigans and fleeces around school. Some have had names in but it has worn away. These will all be in a box at the front of school - please do come and look if you are missing anything. If you have taken clothing from the uniform swap, please do label with your child's name and remove any evidence of the previous owner - we don't want to be returning items to the wrong child!

Pavement - Can I ask that when you are waiting to drop or collect your child that you don't block the pavement for other parents wanting to get to the other entrance or for members of the public that are walking past school. Thank you.

Parents evening Meetings. - Our first parent evening meetings take place on Wednesday 11th and Wednesday 18th October. Sign up sheets will be available outside your child's class. Do contact the office to make an appointment if you can't get to school to sign up.

Music Lessons - If your child is in Fox Class or Owl Class, there is the opportunity to begin to learn a brass instrument through the West Sussex Music Service. Please do read the letter sent alongside the blue letter this week with all the details about costs and bursaries. Taster sessions are taking place on **Thursday 5th October for children who are interested.**

Harvest Service - Our harvest service takes place next Friday 6th October at 2.30pm in the Church and we'd love you to join us for this. Harvest gifts will be sent to those in need locally, so please send your child with non-perishable gifts that could help those who have less than we do. . The children will take their harvest gifts to the church with them. The children all walk to church together and sit together in the front half of the pews. We do need a least 6 pews each side. Parents and family are then welcome to fill the rest of the pews and get out chairs as needed. Younger children are welcome but please do take them outside or right to the back while the children are talking so that they can be heard by everyone. The children will be sharing some harvest readings, songs and art work and prayers as we give thanks for all that we have and remember those who have less and are in need. At the end of the service the children will walk back to school together before being dismissed. .

Monday 2nd October	Fox Class PE Squirrel Class PE JOLF club finishes 4pm
Tuesday 3rd October	Bookfest author visits for Years 1-6
Wednesday 27th October	Non - Uniform day - cash donations for UNICEF - see page 2 Fox Class PE Outdoor learning- Year 2. Bring a change of clothes and suitable foot- wear
Thursday 28th October	Owl Class PE Squirrel Class PE Football Club Owls and Foxes finishes 4pm
Friday 29th September	Owl Class PE Harvest Service 2.30pm

Advance Dates

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 in-
vited 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
Thursday 14th Decembers Chartwell Christmas dinner
Friday 15th December Squirrel Class Theatre trip
Friday 15th December - last day of term
Tuesday 2nd January - INSET day

Courageous Advocacy

A courageous advocate is someone who champions a cause which is special and meaningful to them. At Boxgrove we encourage our pupils to become courageous advocates, not just locally, but nationally and globally.

At some point in life we will all face challenges and need support to help us overcome these barriers. We teach our children that it is important to help others when we can no matter who they are, where they come from or what challenges they may face. We teach this through the teachings of the bible and learning about other courageous advocates. Our Christian values and carefully planned opportunities in our curriculum ensure that the children regularly discuss and debate the big issues, to challenge injustice and to engage in activities that can bring about change.

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.

Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."

Proverbs 31:8-9

It is important for our children to appreciate their role as part of a community; to take responsibility, to be able to look after themselves & to foster an understanding of their importance, impact and influence in the world. We support a range of charities in our local area, nationally and globally. This includes taking part in events such as Children in Need, Christmas Jumper Day, Sport or Comic Relief and the Poppy Appeal.



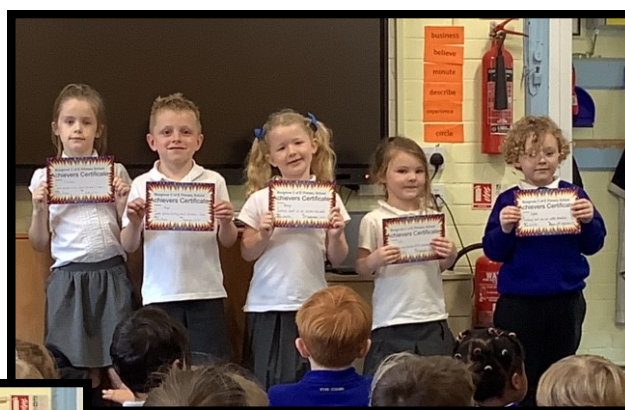
Fr Ian asked the children to think about what they could do to support the recent earthquake in Morocco and the floods in Libya. Sophia baked cakes and sold them to her neighbours - well done! We will also be having a **non-uniform day on Wednesday 4th** October with donations going to UNICEF to support their work with children affected by these disasters.

We also want to take on a larger charity fundraising project this year to support the Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice. We have signed up to decorate a "Little Hoot" to be part of the Big Hoot Wild in Art trail in Chichester and Arundel next July and August. Our smaller Owl will join the 30 large Owl Sculptures on display. This is a big undertaking for a small school as we need to raise around £800 to take part. It's an amount we are sure we can raise and we have several ideas planned across the year for fun and fundraising. If anyone would like to make a specific donation to this project, please do speak to Mrs Dommett.



Achievers

Well done to our achievers this week:



Squirrel Class: Sienna, Hugo, Penny, Aria and Dylan

Fox Class: Molly, Sophia, Theo and Nelly

Owl Class: Bella, Elsie, Lucas and Elodie.