The Blue Letter: 26th March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really pleased to welcome Mr Jack Allen to Boxgrove. He is a student from the University of Chichester and will be completing his teaching placement in Squirrel Class. I know the children are excited to have him in the class and have already made him feel welcome!

Our final total on our justgiving page for Red Nose Day was £130. Thank you for your contributions.

It seems strange that we are almost at the end of term when most of the children have only just got used to being back in school. Term ends next <u>Thursday 1st April</u> and we return on <u>Monday 19th April</u>.

We have been asked to remind you that Lateral Flow Device tests should only be taken by those without symptoms. Some people who have COVID-19 symptoms are mistakenly taking an LFD as a more convenient option. Anyone showing any symptoms of Covid should go straight to booking the gold standard PCR test, to avoid gaining false reassurance from the LFD, and must isolate while awaiting their result.

On advice from Public Health England (PHE), pupils in primary schools and children in nursery settings are not included in the rapid asymptomatic testing programme.

PHE has advised that there are currently limited public health benefits to testing primary-aged pupils with lateral flow devices (LFD). In addition, primary-aged pupils, particularly younger children, may find the LFD testing process unpleasant and are unable to self-swab. They are advising that primary-aged pupils should only be tested if they are symptomatic, in which case their families should follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection and book a PCR test for the child.

You will have seen from the PTFA update that was emailed earlier this week, we are looking for a new Chair. If you are interested please speak to Mrs Dommett.

Thank you to Layla Clifford-Brown for all her hard work over the years on both the PTFA and as parent governor. Layla will also be stepping down as parent governor too and so we will be looking for a new parent governor to take her place. Being a governor is a great way to support the school and be involved in the strategic developments that take place. The Governing Body meet six times a year and there are training opportunities offered by the County Council to support the role. If you are interested or want to know more, Mrs Dommett or one of the current parent governors, Layla Clifford-Brown, Lucy Stent or Della Hall, who will be happy to explain more about the role. Full details as well as nomination forms and dates to apply by will be shared next week.

Finally, a reminder that the clocks go forward this weekend. Won't it be lovely to have the light evenings!

Owl Class Last Chance to Paint Art Webinar

A year ago Zoom was a new word for us all. This week Owl class were able to benefit from this technology to join John Dyer as he gave a live panting demonstration. They were able to ask him questions about his current project "Spirit of the Rainforest" and join in as he painted live.



Rolls-Royce Wildlife Garden Competition

Rolls-Royce Motor Cars is calling on aspiring UK designers, between the ages of 5–11, to design what they would like to be included in Rolls-Royce's Wildlife Garden.

Drawing on their own creativity, the sky is literally the limit! Some examples to get started could include a unique plant or flower, a bee corridor or an insect hotel.

The marque's designers will judge all entries and select an overall winner whose design will be brought to life – a true once-in-a-lifetime, money-can't-buy prize.

The winning design, as judged by Rolls-Royce's Bespoke Designers, will be brought to life and form a key part of the Wildlife Garden. The winner will also experience a chauffeur-driven ride to the Home of Rolls-Royce – to officially open the rejuvenated Wildlife Garden and experience first hand the Global Centre of Luxury Manufacturing Excellence at Goodwood.

All the details can be found here: competition page

Achievers

It was great to meet on the playground in our bubbles and be joined by Fr Ian. Well done to all our achievers this week:

> Squirrel Class: Kaiden, Albert, Lillie-Mae, Nelly, Izy, Elisia and Giovani



Fox Class: Jaci and Summer



<u>Owl Class</u>: Isabelle, Lacey-May, Maddie and Archie

Rainbow Fish Books

Squirrel Class have been looking at the story of the Rainbow fish and have made their own books. They are very proud of them!



