

The Blue Letter: 4th November 2022



Learning, Loving, Growing,
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. Each of the classes start a new topic and if you haven't had your topic letter and homework sheet these will be with you shortly. They will also be shared on our website too. There are lots of extra things happening this half term, with our theatre visits, sporting events and our all the Christmas activities. All the details are in The Blue Letter each week, so do make sure you read it.

Our focus for worship this half term is our core value of Respect. We will be exploring stories from the bible that help us reflect on this value. We will also be thinking about what Respect looks like in our school: what actions will we see if people are being respectful of each other, our equipment and our environment. 'So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.' Matthew 7 v12. Our Year 5 Worship Leaders will continue to lead worship on some Tuesdays and we'll be making at least one visit to Church as a school for worship.

You may remember that we worked with The Connor Saunders Foundation last Year. They kindly provided us with the defibrillator that is in the front entrance. We want to support the foundation as they raise money to give defibrillators to more schools. They are urgently appealing for filled bottles for a fundraising event. If you are able to donate a bottle which could contain anything from shampoo to alcohol, please leave it with Mrs Sheehan in the office by next Friday 11th November. Thank you.

Diary

Monday 7th November	Christmas Craft Club -Owl Class finishes 4pm Dance Club year 1 upwards finishes 4.15pm https://ic-sportsonline.class4kids.co.uk/info/782
Tuesday 8th November	Owl Class PE
Wednesday 9th November	Open Day for 2023 Starters -book via the office Fox Class PE Y 5/6 Dodgeball tournament - children will return to school between 3.15pm and 3.30pm
Thursday 10th November	Owl class PE Squirrel Class PE KS2 visit to Theatre - parents to collect at 4.30pm from The Festival Theatre
Friday 11th November	Squirrel Class PE

Advance Dates

Thursday 3rd, 17th, 24th November, 1st and 15th December - Year 4 Outdoor learning
 Wednesday 9th November - Open Day
 Wednesday 9th November - Dodgeball tournament
 Thursday 10th November - Fox and Owl theatre trip
 Thursday 17th November - Open Day
 Friday 18th November - Children in need fundraising day
 Monday 21st November - Owl Class visit to Swanfield Chapel
 Friday 25th November - non uniform day in return for tombola items
 Friday 2nd December - Christmas Fair 3.15pm
 Wednesday 7th December - Nativity Play - 2pm and 6pm
 Thursday 8th December - Chestnut tree house reindeer fun run event

Monday 12th December - Christmas Craft day in school
 Tuesday 13th December - Squirrel Class theatre trip
 Tuesday 13th December - Year 5/6 Football tournament
 Wednesday 14th December - Christmas breakfast
 Thursday 15th December - Chartwells Christmas lunch
 Friday 16th December - last day of term
 Tuesday 3rd January - INSET Day
 Wednesday 4th January - children return to school

Poppy Appeal

We have a box of Poppies and a collecting tin for the Royal British Legion (RBL) again this year. As well as the Poppies we have various other items for which there is a suggested donation. Zip pulls, reflectors and wristbands have a suggested donation of £1 and for the Snap Band they suggest a donation of £1.50.

The RBL provides a lifeline for serving and ex-serving personnel, veterans and their families, supporting them in the face of hardships, injuries and bereavements. By donating to the RBL's Poppy Appeal you're helping them provide ongoing support to the Armed Forces community and ensure their unique contribution is never forgotten.

If your child would like to bring a donation in return for a Poppy, please send their donation in an envelope with their name and item required. This envelope can stay in their book bag until the older children bring the poppies round to their classroom. If your child chooses a Snap Band, we ask that they don't wear it in school as the temptation to 'snap' all day is very distracting to the rest of the class! We appreciate your support with this. We are unable to replace lost items unless another donation is made and can't be responsible for lost items. We will encourage the children to either wear their Poppy or put it in their book bag to bring home.



Author Visit

Fox and Owl Class enjoyed their visit from David Fuller. He talked to them about his time at school and learning to write stories, as well as reading some of his books to them.



Outdoor Learning

This week we were really lucky because it stopped raining just in time! We found mushrooms on the field and one of them looked like cupcake wrapper! We picked lots of apples from the tree then we peeled and chopped them. We cooked them and ate them with our hot chocolate, we had to do this inside because the wood was too wet to make a fire. We had a relay race with leaves and had lots of fun throwing the leaves in the air. -*Elsie and Freddie*



Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week

Squirrel Class: Lucia, Alice, Albert, Madison and Sienna

Fox Class: Elsie, Callen, Freddie and Elisia

Owl Class: Emily, Gracie, Daniel and Teddy

