

# The Blue Letter: 20th January 20223



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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Thank you

Thank you 'The Friends of Boxgrove School' for the fantastic disco last Friday. The children had a great time and hopefully it's an event we can repeat later this year. The event was primarily a fun one but also raised £150 for school funds.

## Further Fundraising

On Saturday 4th February, Boxgrove Priory Church hold their annual St Blaise Fair. We will be running a chocolate/sweet tombola stall at the event. The proceeds of the stall will be shared between the school and Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Centre, Tanzania. If you are able to help label tombola items on Friday 3rd February please speak to Rebecca Wingate (Scarlett's Mum). If you are able to help run the stall on Saturday 4th between 12noon and 2pm, please speak to Mrs Dommett.

## Start of the Day procedures

Just a reminder that children are not allowed into the classrooms before 8.35am. If you are waiting to send your child into Squirrel Class, please wait until Mrs Dommett or another member of staff is outside to indicate that is time to go in. If you need to get a message to the teacher before this time, please speak to the office. We encourage all Squirrel Class children to say goodbye to parents at the wooden gate, rather than come to the classroom door if at all possible. Thank you for your support in developing this independence in your children and making the flow of children easier in the mornings.

## Industrial Action

You may be aware, that following a ballot, the NEU (National Education Union) has confirmed that its members will be striking. These are likely to happen both nationally and regionally, with national strikes scheduled to take place on 1 February, 15 and 16 March, in addition to a regional strike for the south-east, south-west and London on 2 March.

This will mean that the usual running of our school may be impacted for a maximum of four days over the next two months. We are currently in the process of assessing our staffing ratio, which will determine what level of provision will be delivered during these days. It may be that we have sufficient staff members to safely open the school as usual, or we may need to consider a partial opening for some year groups, or a full closure.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is our top priority and so any decision we take will be with that at the centre. Whilst we are giving you early notice on the likelihood of our usual provision potentially being impacted, we are unlikely to be in a position to inform you of any changes until much closer to each individual strike day, or potentially even on the strike day itself, given the nature of industrial action. However, we will of course endeavour to keep you as informed as possible.

## Diary

### Advance Dates

Thursday 2nd February Fox Class roman dress up day

Friday 3rd February bring donations for Chocolate/sweet tombola for St Blaise Fair

Saturday 4th February - St Blaise Fair

Friday 10th February whole school walk - weather permitting

Monday 13th February - start of half term week

Monday 20th February INSET day

Wednesday 1st March Deadline for Swimming payments\*

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day

7th & 8th March - Parents evenings

Friday 17th March - Comic relief day

Friday 17th March - School Mothering Sunday Service

Friday 31st March - Cobnor payment deadline \*

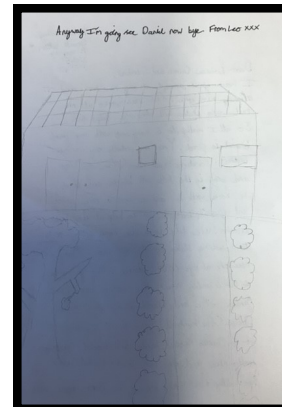
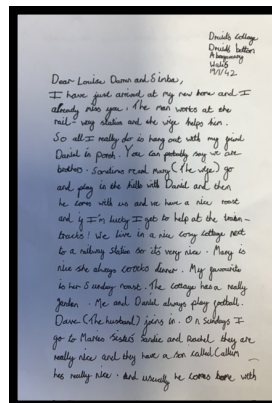
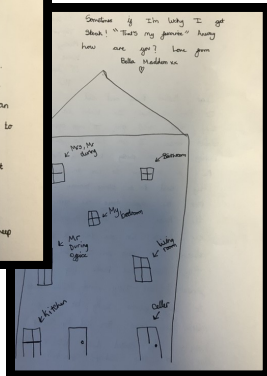
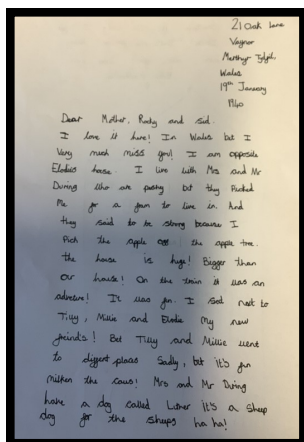
Friday 31st March - last day of term - normal finish time

Monday 23rd January	
Tuesday 24th January	<b>Owl Class PE</b>
Wednesday 25th January	<b>Fox Class PE</b>
Thursday 26th January	<b>Fox and Owl Class swimming</b> <b>Squirrel Class PE - Year R and Year 2 only</b> <b>Year 1 Forest School</b> - bring a change of clothes suitable for the weather. A coat and boots or trainers that can get muddy are recommended.
Friday 27th January	<b>Squirrel Class PE</b>

\* If you would like to make regular payments for the cost of either swimming or Cobnor, Mrs Sheehan is happy to take them. A reminder of the deadline for paying is on the advance dates list.

## Owl Class Evacuee Day

The chance to dress up as an evacuee gave the children in Owl Class the chance to consider the impact of being sent away from home during WW2. This is reflected in the letters they wrote as part of the day.



## Bronze Ambassadors

The Bronze Ambassadors took part in their training afternoon at Westgate Leisure centre last week. In the session they evaluated what qualities were needed in their new leadership roles and took part in some active games to inspire participation in sports. They also had some time to discuss some possible intra school events for the coming year with Mr Rogers, so watch this space for some sporting themed competitions.



## Year One Outdoor learning

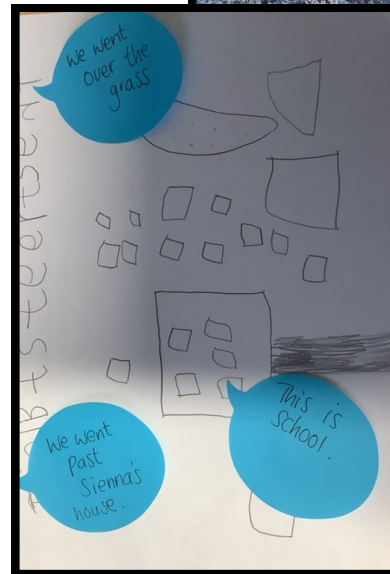
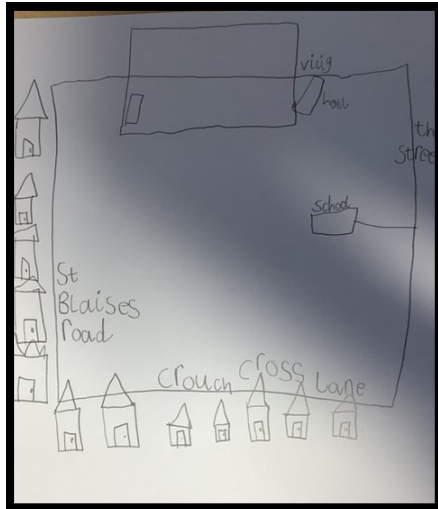
Year One made it outside this week. They had a great time: lighting fires, digging in the mud, rolling tyres and more!





### Squirrel Class local walk and maps

Squirrel Class went for a walk to explore some of Boxgrove this week. They enjoyed spotting the Village Hall, and the play park as well as the houses of several members of the class. When they came back to school, they drew maps to show where they had been.



### Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week:



Squirrel Class: Alexis, Lucia, Albert, Chloe, Jacob, Gigi

Fox Class: Gully, Gio, Mark and Izy

Owl Class: Summer, Oliver, Bella and Leo





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