

The Blue Letter: 7th October 2022



Learning, Loving, Growing,
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you - thank you to all the family and friends who were able to join us at Church this afternoon to celebrate harvest. Thank you also for all your donations which we will make sure reach Stonepillow and will make a difference to their work with the homeless.

Starting or transferring school - a reminder that you can now apply for reception places for September 2023. Our Open Days are taking place on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 17th November. A space on one of these days can be booked by phoning or email the office. The deadline for applications is Sunday 15th January.

If your child is in Year 6, you have been emailed the information about applying for a secondary school place. The deadline for these applications is Monday 31st October.

INSET days - We have already had two of the 5 allocated INSET days for staff development this school year. The other 3 are Tuesday 3rd January, Monday 20th February and Monday 19th June. Please note that the June date is not at the end of a school holiday as we have had to move it.

Cobnor Residential - We have been able to arrange a residential trip for Owl Class in the Summer Term and further details have been shared with parents. This will take place from 5th-7th June 2023.

Kay Stage 2 Swimming - As part of the PE curriculum, children in Fox and Owl Class go swimming in the Spring Term. We are finalising the details, ready to share with you next week so that you can spread the cost of payments.

Attachments this week - shared with the newsletter this week are details of the autumn half term club being run by JC Sports this half term. There should also be a latest newsletter from Chartwell who provide the school lunches. There is a link on their leaflet if you think your child might qualify for free school meals. We encourage everyone who receives the benefits listed [here](#) to apply for free school meals even if your child chooses not to eat the hot meal. Entitlement to free school meals, also brings additional funding into school which will benefit all children.

School Photos - Your child should come home today with their school photograph. You can order direct with the company or by returning the order form to school. The deadline for orders through school is Wednesday 19th October.

Flu vaccinations - we had a successful visit from the school nurses yesterday. If you missed the opportunity to have your child immunised at school, look out for the parentmail with details of how to book one at a catch up clinic.

Diary

Monday 10th October	Dance Club year 1 upwards finishes 4.15pm
Tuesday 11th October	Owl Class trip to the Planetarium
Wednesday 12th October	No outdoor learning session this week Fox Class PE
Thursday 13th October	Owl class PE Squirrel Class PE No book club this week
Friday 14th October	Squirrel Class PE

Outdoor Learning

This week I made a squirrel, fairy and elf den using sticks, with help from Emily. I used leaves on the outside for the shelter and big leaves for the bed. We also built a big den to fit all the Year 2s in. It wasn't quite finished when the rain came but we didn't get too wet! We made a 'stage' so we could perform a show. We had a drink of hot chocolate in the den to warm us up. This was my favourite week! - *Albert*



There is no Outdoor learning next week - 13th October.
The final session will be on Wednesday 19th October

Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week

Squirrel Class: Fynnly, Sienna, Jack, Freya, Leon and Albert

Fox Class: Jonathan, Freya, Mark and Aubrey

Owl Class: Leon, Elodie, Michael and Summer

Well done to Hattie, who has been awarded a 2nd Blue Peter Badge, this time their Green Eco badge

