

# The Blue Letter: 21st October 2022



Learning, Loving, Growing,  
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a bumper blue letter with photos and news from the last two weeks, as well as some important updates. Please do read through and see what everyone has been busy doing.

The resources for our new spelling programme have finally arrived and we will be sending details home after half term about how you can support your child with this. It is quite likely that your child will be working on spelling patterns for a different year to their actual school year. Please don't worry about this. We know the pandemic has impacted on some aspects of children's learning and there are areas that need some catching up. The programme allows us to move children through the programme in an accelerated way. Our intention is that most children will be back learning spellings for the correct year group in the Autumn of 2023.

Our parents evening meetings take place after half term, hopefully you have all had a chance to book an appointment. These meetings are a really important way for us to work together to support your child. If you haven't booked a time yet, please make sure you sign up on Monday or Tuesday when we return after half term.

The deadline for applications for Secondary School Places is Monday 31st October. If you haven't applied yet - don't forget to do it! Please make a note of the advance dates. Further details will be shared closer to each event. We also need to rearrange the postponed cake sale. We will let you know as soon as we have a new date.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 31st October.

## Diary

Monday 31st October	<b>Non Uniform Day for Yellow House Team</b> <b>Dance Club</b> year 1 upwards finishes <b>4.15pm</b> <a href="https://ic-sportsonline.class4kids.co.uk/info/782">https://ic-sportsonline.class4kids.co.uk/info/782</a>
Tuesday 1st November	<b>Owl Class PE</b>
Wednesday 2nd November	<b>Outdoor learning Year 4</b> <b>Fox Class PE</b> <b>Parents evening</b>
Thursday 3rd November	<b>David Fuller author visit to Fox and Owl</b> <b>Owl class PE</b> <b>Squirrel Class PE</b> <b>Parents Evening</b>
Friday 4th November	<b>Squirrel Class PE</b>

## 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

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

### **Homework**

There has been some fantastic homework submitted this half term which is great to see. In order to make things easier for you, the office and the class teacher, if your child has some homework that is saved online or photos which you are unable to print we would like you to use google classroom to submit the work. When we return after half term, all children will be sent home with their google classroom log in details and instructions for joining the correct google classroom. Please ensure your child joins the class at this point just in case they need to submit homework this way.

### **Key Stage 2 Author Visit**

We have organised for the author David Fuller to visit and talk to the children in Fox and Owl Class on Thursday 3rd November. He will be talking to the children about his books and what inspires him as a writer. There is the opportunity for children to receive a signed copy of one or more of his books if they would like. You should have received a parentmail containing details of the books and how to order them direct from the author. He will then bring them with him on the day. All orders and payment are direct through the details on the letter and **NOT** through school. Books will not be available to purchase on the day and orders must be made by Wednesday 2nd November. You can find out more about the author and his books at [www.alfie-jones.co.uk](http://www.alfie-jones.co.uk)

### **Baby News**

We are really delighted to announce the safe arrival of baby Theo Pearson on 14th October. We send lots of Boxgrove love and best wishes to Mrs Pearson and to baby Theo. We can't wait for Mrs Pearson to bring him in for a visit!



### **House Team Point Winners**

Congratulations to the Yellow House team who had the most team points in their house when it was emptied this morning. As requested by the children, they can come to school in their own clothes on Monday 31st October when we return to school.

### **Achievers**

Well done to all our achievers from last week

Squirrel Class: Molly, Alex, Brielle and Elanya

Fox Class: Gully, Isla, Elsie and Joey

Owl Class: Callum, Eli, Mollie and Leo



## Outdoor Learning

First we played a game of blindfold find the tree. Then we collected leaves and used them and some conkers to make a picture. We sharpened a stick to put our marshmallows on to cook on the fire. - Arham and Georgia



Outdoor learning after half term is for Year 4. Sessions take place on Thursdays: 3rd, 17th, 24th November, 1st and 15th December. They need to bring a change of clothes to school, making sure they also have appropriate footwear and a coat.

## Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week

Squirrel Class: Gigi, Georgia and Madison

Fox Class: Mason, Xanthe, Lucas and Nelly

Owl Class: Fletcher, Mia, Kacy and Bella





## Innovate

Each class has completed their innovate tasks to end their topic this week. Here are just a few photos from each Class.



Owl Class rockets



Fox Class smoothies



Squirrel Class fruit kebabs



## Planetarium

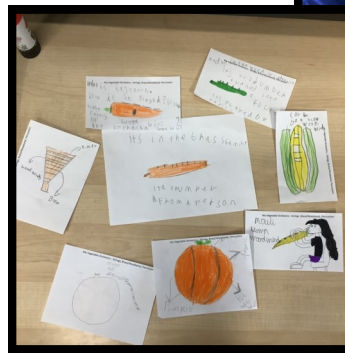
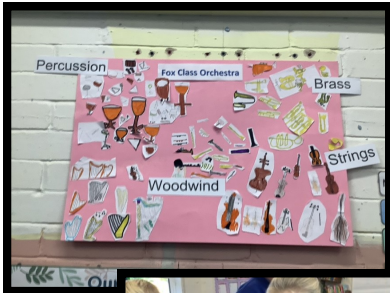
Last Tuesday we visited the planetarium, it was a lot of fun! We did all sorts of things such as: a quiz, learnt what it was like to be on the ISS in space and how it affected your body. For example, instead of having bread, you would have a tortilla. The star theatre was really cool. We like the part where it felt like we were moving but we weren't. It was fun seeing the planets for the first time without a telescope! We all loved going to the planetarium. - *Leo and Fletcher*





### **Fox Class Concert and Vegetable Orchestra**

Thank you to all the parents who came into school on Wednesday afternoon to watch Fox Class. There was some fantastic singing accompanied by fabulous vegetable instruments. The children learnt about instruments from the symphony orchestra from Benjamin Britten's Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra. They shared this knowledge with their audience.



### **Fox Class Tennis**

Fox Class have had a great series of tennis lessons in PE this half term. They were really excited to be able to put their skills to use with our brand new tennis nets.

