

The Blue Letter: 16th July 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware that the government's latest guidance states that from 19th July grouping pupils into protective bubbles within schools in England would no longer be required. However, the guidance that has been sent out directly to schools, states that schools may wish to continue with these measures until the end of the summer term. The governing body and I have decided that given the increase in cases and the number of staff and children who are isolating as contacts we will not be making any changes next week. This also means that we will not be having our transition session on Wednesday. Can I continue to ask that you support us in responding to any symptoms in your family by isolating and getting a PCR test, or where someone has a positive lateral flow test isolating until the PCR results return. We also appreciate you contacting us with the results as soon as you have them.

When we return in September we will continue to use both gates to enter and exit school, parents of children in Fox Class will be welcome to go up to the classroom door but we ask that you go through the side gate and keep the drive entrance for parents of children in Squirrel Class. Parents of Squirrel Class children will be welcome to bring the children to the gate of the outside area (where they are currently collected from). We have learnt this year how the children settle much easier when parents don't come into the classroom with them and so we will be encouraging all children to enter the school buildings without an adult.

We are still able to have our service in Church on Thursday with year 6. There will be space for two adults to attend with each year 6 child. Everyone else including the children in school will be able to join in the service via the livestream on the Boxgrove Priory Facebook page. We do ask that adults wear a face covering whilst in the church. The service will start at 2.30pm.

Our Sun cream dispensers are now installed in school. If the sunshine continues next week the children will be able to top up their sun cream during the day without needing to bring sun cream from home.

Oakley

It's been another quiet week for Oakley. He's very settled in school and loves the routine of the school day. As part of our self-review, we asked the children some questions about being at school. This is what they had to say about the difference Oakley has made to the school.

He makes you want to go to school.

He motivates you.

He makes you feel confident – like you can do it.

If you are down in the dumps you can spend time with him (at playtime or in the office).

He brings a little bit of joy.

He's like a cuddly bear.



Year 6 Outdoor learning



This week was cooking. We brought in something to cook on the fire. Such as a cheese sandwich, dough to wind round a stick as a twirly pizza and chocolate bananas. We also had smores and marshmallows which we toasted on the fire. We added more to our dens too. We have really enjoyed our 5 weeks outdoor learning and have learnt many skills along with having lots of fun. *Thomas, Lily and Morgan*



Owl Class Innovate



Owl Class have been really busy this week putting all they have learnt from their Art webinars into a final piece of work on a canvas.



Squirrel Class

Squirrel Class have had an exciting day today. They started by sharing the games they have designed as part of their innovate project. Then they had the added excitement of a bouncy obstacle course - the essential part of a 'Bounce' topic!



Achievers Well done to all our achievers this week:



Squirrel Class: Well done to Aubrey, Callen, Freddie, Lucas and Nelly

Fox Class: Well done to Mollie and Leon

Owl Class: Well done to Lacey and Maddie