

The Blue Letter: 20th May 2022



Learning, Loving, Growing,
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 2 children have worked really hard this week on their 'special quizzes' and we are just as proud of them as we were of our year 6 child last week. The Year 2 children haven't yet completed a full year in school due to covid and have shown a fantastic attitude towards working quietly and on their own.

PTFA

Thank you to Georgie Newman (Mum to Hugo and Lucas) for her work this year leading the PTFA. Due to work commitments, she needs to take a step back from this role and we are looking for someone or a small group who are able to lead our fundraising and events. As budgets become ever tighter, the work of the PTFA becomes more important in supporting the school, providing funding for activities and events that might otherwise not take place. Fun and Fundraising events also help us spend time together as a school community. If you are interested in being part of a small group who could lead our PTFA please do speak to Mrs Dommett, the office or your child's teacher.

Next week

The full diary for next week is on the second page of the newsletter this week.

Tuesday 24th May

Squirrel class will be celebrating the end of their topic with a Pirate Day. They will be hunting for treasure and singing sea shanties. The staff in Squirrel Class would like the children to come dressed up in costume. This can be a complete pirate costume if they would like. However, it can also be a t-shirt and shorts with an eye patch. Perhaps they have made something as part of their homework task that they could wear.



Friday 27th May - we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a non-uniform day. The children can come dressed in red, white and blue. We would like the children to bring a special drink with them for our picnic in the afternoon, for example a carton of juice or a flavoured water (no cans, bottles or fizzy drinks please). We will be decorating festive biscuits and having a picnic together. School will finish at the normal time.



Advance Dates

Apologies for the confusion last week. To confirm our sports day will take place on Thursday 7th July in the afternoon, and we are delighted to be able to welcome parents and families to this event this year. In case of bad weather our reserve date is Wednesday 13th July.

Other future dates

Monday 30th May- start of half term week

Monday 6th June - INSET Day

Tuesday 28th June - Year 6 leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral in the morning

Thursday 21st July - last day of term, Leavers' Service in Boxgrove Church 2.30pm

Diary

Monday 23th May	Archery Club 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 24th May	Squirrel Class Pirate Day - children to come dressed in pirate costume (letter sent home in book bags) Owl Class PE Athletics Club 3.15– 4.15pm
Wednesday 25th May	Lunchtime sports practice - selected children with Mr Rogers Fox Class PE
Thursday 26th May	Squirrel Class PE Owl Class PE Fox Class PE Outdoor Learning Year 1 - session 5 bring clothes to change into and suitable footwear and coat if needed—long sleeved tops and trousers are essential Year 5 and 6 Quad kids Competition - selected children with Mr Rogers
Friday 27th May	Red, White and Blue day to celebrate the Jubilee. No school uniform - wear Red, White and Blue and bring a special drink for our picnic



Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week:



Squirrel Class: Fynny, Callen, Millie, Joey, Alice and Elisia

Fox Class: Elodie, Freya, Freddie and Bella

Owl Class: Leo, Daniel, Libby, Lexie and Millie

British Values Workshops

We had a full day of drama workshops on Tuesday to support our Rights Respecting School work. Charlie from Big Foot led each class in learning and exploring British Values. He taught the children how to use the fingers and thumb of one hand to help remember the values.

The British Values are:

1. Democracy
2. The rule of law
3. Individual liberty
4. Mutual respect
5. Tolerance



Half Term Sports Club

There is a half term sports club being operated by JC Sports who run our after school sports clubs. The closest location is The March Primary school. There are no funded places for this holiday.

Places can be booked on their website and more details are available on the attached leaflet.

HOLIDAY CAMPS WILL TAKE PLACE AT:
MARCH DE PRIMARY SCHOOL
ROSE GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL
WESTBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL
STEEP PRIMARY SCHOOL

PAID PLACES ONLY!

SCAN ME WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA

JC Sports

SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMP

FOOTBALL - ARCHERY - CRICKET - DODGEBALL - BASKETBALL

ARTS 'N' CRAFTS - HOCKEY - LACROSSE - ATHLETICS & MORE!

BOOK NOW!

MAY 30TH - JUNE 2ND
8:30AM - 4:30PM

WWW.JC-SPORTSONLINE.COM
JCSportsONLINE@OUTLOOK.COM
0800 994 9164

EARLY BIRD PRICE £22
(2 WEEKS ADVANCE)
STANDARD PRICE £27.81

Outdoor Learning

This week we used a very sharp knife to cut the stick into a point. We put marshmallows on the end and cooked them on the fire. Alex found a snail in the tyre. - *Lucia and Georgia*



Free Mental health Support for Families

Funding has recently been secured for two popular courses to support children, young people, and their parents/carers to help them face mental health challenges. Full details are outlined below and in the leaflets attached to the parentmail with the blue letter.

Both courses are run by Rites for Girls, an organisation that has been supporting children and their parents since 2011. Girls' Net is a six-week journey for girls equipping them for times of challenge and change. This course is made up of six one and a half hour sessions in a small group of same-age girls guided by a fully trained Girls' Net Mentor. In between the sessions, girls have access to an interactive notebook online to prompt further exploration of each week's topic. Girls' Net is currently held online for girls grouped by age (8-18 years). By the end of the course, the girls not only have gained some practical tools for managing their emotions, but they have also had the experience of shared support.

Online Parenting Through Difficult Times course is a three-week course designed to help parents and carers of children of all ages achieve a sense of calm and safety and to give their children and young people tools for managing their big feelings (includes private online group and individual support). Ten parents per course. The funding for these courses runs from April 2022 to March 2023 and we hope that many will continue to benefit from the 24 Girls' Net groups and 12 Parenting Courses. To access a free place on one of the courses, parents can apply by emailing Rites for Girls direct at ukad-min@ritesforgirls.co.uk. For Girls' Net only, reserve a place online.

ONLINE GIRLS' GROUP
Fun and support in the privacy of your home

In this 6-week series you can:

- be you, no need to change anything to fit in
- belong to a friendly group of same-age girls
- share fun tips and tools to handle difficulties
- cope with big feelings
- enjoy a safe, private online group

SIX 1.5 HOUR WEEKLY ONLINE GROUP SESSIONS FOR TEN SAME-AGE GIRLS

with a Rites for Girls trained Girl Net Mentor

Free for girls in West Sussex (until March 2023 subject to availability)

"I learned loads but in a fun way!" - Sophie

"I've made new friends and realised I'm not the only one who's struggling!" - Jo

"Just do it - it's the best!" - Jo

"We just want to have fun. But sometimes, when life's hard, we want some help and some fun. This course will give you both."

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PARENTING THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES

ONLINE PARENTING COURSE
Non-judgemental support in the privacy of your home

This 3-week course will help you to:

- give your children a sense of calm and safety
- help your children settle in school
- give your child tools for managing their big feelings
- increase anxiety, frustration, disappointment
- enjoy parenting in these tough times
- figure this all out in a supportive mini-community of ten parents

LIVE WITH KIM: THREE 2-HOUR ONLINE GROUP SESSIONS

With parenting guide and author Kim McCabe

BONUS VIDEOS TO RECAP PLUS EXTRA GUIDANCE

To guide you through the week

PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP

If you want support and support during the week

What we can offer you

Interactive short course for parents of school-age children, helping you to be your best parent in the time of uncertainty, guided live by best-selling author Kim McCabe

Free for parents in West Sussex