

The Blue Letter: 29th April 2022



Learning, Loving, Growing,
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term, let's hope it's full of sunshine. There is lots planned and we hope to be able to welcome you to various events including Sports Day. This term does also see the return of SATS for year 6 and year 2, the phonics screening test for year 1 and the multiplication check for year 4. The children have been working towards these this year. The tests for year 1 and 2 are carried out as part of the normal work in the classroom and the children may be unaware that they have happened. The year 6 tests take place in the week beginning 9th May. The year 4 multiplication check takes place in the first few weeks after half term.

Parking outside School

Can I ask you not to stop on the zig zags outside school, these markings are there to remind you that there are children about and it makes it unsafe if cars are stopped there even briefly. Please also ensure that you are parked considerately of our neighbours on both sides. There are residents living both sides who may need to leave or enter their drives at the start or end of the day, please don't leave your car so that it prevents them from getting in or out. The residents of the Almhouses have also expressed their concern about children running down the pavement past the end of their drive without thinking to look and see if there is a car there, or playing around near the end of the drive at the start and end of the day. They are of course worried about hurting a child and we would all hate for there to be an accident. It's great to see so many children scooting and riding to school but please ask them to be careful as they head off down the pavement at the end of the day, to ensure that they don't ride into anyone and are looking out for cars leaving their drives.

Topic and homework letters

Your child should have brought home a curriculum letter, homework sheet and spellings. These letters are also in the curriculum section of the website. We really appreciate your involvement with homework, reading, spellings and times table practice. It makes a huge difference to the children's progress if they are practising at home.

Diary

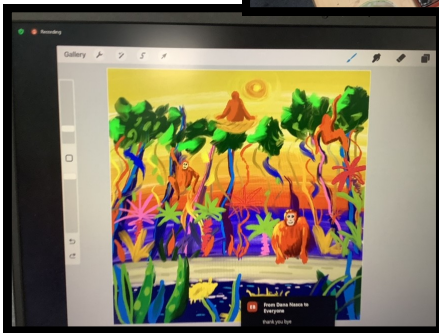
Monday 2nd May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 3rd May	Owl Class PE
Wednesday 4th May	Fox Class PE
Thursday 5th May	Squirrel Class PE Owl Class PE Fox Class PE Outdoor Learning Year 1 - session 2 bring clothes to change into and suitable footwear and coat if needed—long sleeved tops and trousers are essential
Friday 6th May	Squirrel Class PE

Able Writers Day

On Wednesday we visited Portfield Primary Academy for an Able Writers Day which was led by an author named Kathryn Evans. We learnt about how to develop characters and settings as well as how to plot and structure our stories. Mrs Scott and Mrs O'Connell accompanied us on this trip (thank you to them for being there). We had lots of fun writing our own stories and found the visit very enjoyable. As a small memento from Kathryn, we got a poem which was then signed. *-Isabelle and Max*

Owl Class Last chance to Paint Webinar

Owl Class were really excited to take part in another webinar with the artist John Dyer and paint alongside him again.



Outdoor learning

We were tapping sticks. We drank hot chocolate. We found bugs and looked at them through the microscope. We were digging in the soil. We lit mini fires. Our favourite bit was digging, Alex found a golden worm and Fynnly found a red fire ant! *- Alex and Fynnly*



Fox Class Flow

Fox Class started their new topic by creating their own rivers on the school field and investigating the flow of the water and the water cycle.



Rights Respecting Schools

Today the Ambassadors led their house teams in a RRS session. They thought about Article 2—non discrimination. To help them remember this article, the children have created chains of children who are all different but who all have the same rights.



Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week:



Squirrel Class: Aubrey, Xanthe, Alex, Albert, Joey, Scarlett and Annabelle

Fox Class: Darcey, Jonathan, Michael and Eli

Owl Class: Jack, Summer, Mia and Lollie