

The Blue Letter: 31st January 2020



Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe we have got to the end of January already. The mornings are getting lighter earlier at last! It is still cold though and continues to be very wet. Please can you ensure your child has a coat with them at school so that we can go outside as much as possible.

Our excellent early years and key stage one team have been discussing and reflecting on their practice and are planning a few changes. From Monday we would like the Reception and Year One children to come in through the back classroom door and Year Two to come through the side door. The Year Two children will spend a little more time working together as a year group in the mornings. They will focus on key skills in maths and literacy. The Reception children will still have the free flow access to the outside that is part of the foundation stage curriculum. Can I remind you that although the teachers are available in the morning if you need to speak to them, we want the children to come into the classroom by themselves and put their things away for themselves. We ask that parents don't come into the classroom with their children.

Monday 3rd February	School visiting Church for worship (St Blaise's Day) - PLEASE REMEMBER ST BLAISE'S FAIR ON SATURDAY 1st FEBRUARY 12noon—2pm Create Club—finishes 4.15pm
Tuesday 4th February	Swanfield Chapel leading worship Fitjoy club—finishes 4pm
Wednesday 5th February	
Thursday 6th February	KS2 Swimming Drama Club finishes 4.15pm Book Club finishes 4pm
Friday 7th February	

Boxgrove 5km run

Mr Peters is starting to organise this year's Boxgrove 5k Run and is looking for help with organisation of the event and help on the day, (date TBC). If you can offer any help, please email him entry@boxgroverun.co.uk

Collective Worship

Next week we will be focusing on Jesus' healing ministry. We will look at some of the stories of the people he healed as well as visiting the church to think about and celebrate the life of St Blaise.

Our bible Verse is Matthew 9:35

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.



Last Chance to Paint



An update to last term when Owl class were involved in the Last Chance to Paint project. You might remember that Mrs Martin entered some of the children's art work into a competition. We were all really pleased to hear that Mathilda won a prize for her painting. Her prize of her art work produced on an art folder will be here soon. The artist John Dyer whose work the children have been following said " Big Congratulations from me to Mathilda, I love her painting of us all swimming in the rainforest and her very interesting angle of looking down. Great perspective. Brilliant."

Well done Mathilda!

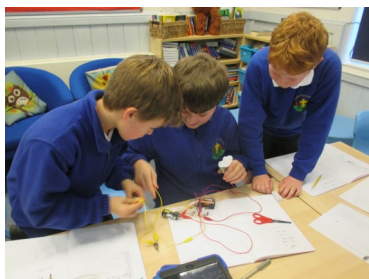
Cat and Rabbit Rescue

Squirrel and Acorn class were visited this week by the cat and rabbit rescue. The children learned why some animals need to go to the rescue centre in Sidlesham, how the animals are cared for whilst they are there and the importance of caring for a pet. The children asked insightful questions and shared lots of interesting information about their pets at home.



Ancient Greek Masks

Fox Class have started to make ancient Greek style masks based on the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur. Currently they look a lot like balloons coated in Papier-mâché! We'll update you later this term as they start to look more like Greek masks.



Electrical Circuits

Owl class have been revisiting electricity in science and have been observing what happens to bulbs when more are added into a circuit and have used a switch to control a bulb. They have also completed very noisy circuits with buzzers and made paper helicopters rotate!

Cobnor Residential

We have had to pay the remainder of the balance for the Owl Class residential to Cobnor. Parents are welcome to pay any amount towards the balance in whatever size payments are convenient. The final balance needs to be paid by 14th February (half term). If there are problems with paying please do speak to Mrs Dommett or Mrs Sheehan in confidence.