

# The Blue Letter: 31st March 2023



Learning, Loving, Growing,  
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's a shame that we didn't get out for a school walk today. We will try and plan one into the next half term. It was great to see lots of you in the church this afternoon for our Easter Service. Have a lovely Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing you on 17th April.

**New Time for the start of the School Day** — The government have said that all mainstream schools should deliver a school week of 32.5 hours. Our current times of 8.50am to 3.15pm leave us 25mins short of this target. The governors have agreed that from **Monday 17th April the school day will start at 8.45am.** Children arriving after this time will be marked as late. We will continue to open the gates and let the children into the classrooms from 8.35am.

**Strep A/Scarlett Fever.**—Please make sure you have read the scarlet fever letter that was sent via parentmail. We are still seeing suspected and at least one more confirmed case—if you are concerned about your child, please see your GP and take the letter with you. If you take your child to the Dr and they confirm scarlet fever/strep A over the holidays, please email [head@boxgrove.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:head@boxgrove.w-sussex.sch.uk) and let us know. Thank you for your support.

**Junior Goodwoof Barkitecture Competition**— Your child has come home with an entry form for this exciting competition. To enter they need to design a kennel for a Dog. All the details are on the form. The children are really excited about entering and I know many of them have already talked designing with Oakley in mind! The winner will have their Kennel design created and shown off at Goodwoof. They will be invited with their family to the event to see their design on show. The winner's school will also be awarded £500. Please return completed designs to school by Wednesday 19th April and we will ensure they are all submitted together.

**Outdoor learning**— Year 3 have their outdoor learning sessions after the Easter holidays. They need to bring their change of clothes to school with them. Even as the weather warms up, they still need to have trousers and a long sleeve top as this protects them when they are working with materials or if they have a fire. The session dates are 20th, 27th April, 4th, 11th, 25th May.

**Well done to Yellow who have won our house point team competition. They can come to school in their own clothes on the first day back to school, 17th April.**

## **Advance Dates**

Monday 1st May - May Day Bank Holiday  
Monday 8th May - Coronation Bank Holiday  
Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May - Year 6 tests  
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - Half term  
Monday 5th June - Wednesday 7th June - Cobnor Residential  
Monday 19th June INSET day

Monday 17th April	<b>Term starts—8.45am</b> <b>No uniform for Yellow—winning house team</b>
Tuesday 18th April	
Wednesday 19th April	<b>Fox Class PE</b>
Thursday 20th April	<b>Squirrel Class PE</b> <b>Owl Class PE</b> <b>Outdoor learning Year 3</b>
Friday 21st April	<b>Squirrel Class PE</b>

## Innovate

Innovate is an important part of our topics. It gives children a chance to apply some of the skills and knowledge learnt. It is also a good opportunity for them to develop one of our core values, resilience, as the tasks are more open ended. They are often group tasks which support them in learning to work well with others. Squirrel Class have been creating and labelling Castles, Fox Class have created exploding volcanoes and Owl Class thought about the end of WW2; They planned, prepared and held a 'street party'.



## Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week:



Our Year two children showed us what they have learnt on the recorder this term.



Squirrel Class: Emily, Lucia, Arham, Jacob, James and Ethan

Fox Class: Elisia, Gully and Izy

Owl Class: Eli, Lollie and Michael