

The Blue Letter: 18th November 2022



Learning, Loving, Growing,
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your donations for BBC children in need. Currently our total raised is £143. We have 58 families in school and the amount raised so far is only from 23 families. If your child has come to school wearing non-school uniform and you haven't donated yet, it's not too late. https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/boxgrove-school3?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=boxgrove-school3&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=1c14ce7acf5a406bb45173cb5bd8a35f



Christmas Fair

It will soon be the Christmas Fair and there are various ways in which we need your help. Next Friday, the children can come to school in non-school uniform in return for a donation of a prize for either an adult or child tombola. If your child would like to see Father Christmas the sign up list to book and ensure he is prepared with a gift, will be available from Monday. Most importantly we still need your help to run the stalls. Currently we hope to have 6 different things on offer and there are only 4 people to run them. If we don't have some volunteers we will have to reduce what is on offer. In turn this will reduce the amount of money we make. Currently "The Friend's of Boxgrove School" are spending more money each year than they make. Without this money, we won't be able to offer some of the trips and experiences that we do currently, such as theatre trips, Christmas and Easter treats and providing new equipment for the school, such as replacing broken sheds. Your support of the school also, makes these fun and memorable events for the children. If you are able to help for a short while either speak to Amy or Becca or Mrs Dommett.

Spelling Log books

Children from year 2 upwards should now be bringing home a spelling log book. Each week your child will be adding words that match the spelling pattern they are learning in their group as well as the focus 'red/orange' words. Do read the advice and notes on pages 4 and 5 to help you and your child get the best from using the log book to help them practice. Children need their books in school everyday. Please encourage and support them at home with learning these words. Children take part in low stakes quizzes on Mondays and Fridays in their spelling groups and we are looking for evidence that spellings are learnt when they use them in their writing.

Supporting Reading in School

Reading is a skill we continue to develop throughout our lives, but starting this process as early as possible has significant benefits for our continued success as readers. This is why, as parents and carers, you play a vital role in supporting your child in becoming a fluent reader who is confidently able to apply their reading skills across all areas of their lives. The teaching of reading and reading comprehension within the classroom is only part of a child's learning, and the value that is given to reading at home is equally important. Research suggests that children who read regularly outside of school perform significantly better in school assessments and so your support at home is essential in ensuring that your child makes the progress they are capable of. You can help your child to achieve their full potential by listening to them read daily, reading regular bedtime stories and by encouraging them to enjoy reading and sharing books together. Reading widely through all of these approaches will also help develop your child's vocabulary, which in turn will make them more confident when reading more challenging books.

We know that some children find reading more challenging than others and not all children read at home regularly and so we are keen to build up our bank of volunteers who come into school to hear children read. If you can (or if you think you might be able to) offer 10 minutes two or three times a week perhaps at the start of the day or just before the end of the day to listen to a child read, we'd like to invite you to come and have a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of cake with us on Tuesday 29th November at 2.30pm and find out more about what is involved. Coming to the meeting doesn't commit you to anything!



Diary

Monday 21st November	Owl Class Visit to Swanfield Chapel Christmas Craft Club -Owl Class finishes 4pm
Tuesday 22nd November	Owl Class PE
Wednesday 23rd November	Fox Class PE
Thursday 24th November	Owl class PE Squirrel Class PE Outdoor learning Year 4 - session 2. Bring a change of clothes, suitable coat and footwear
Friday 25th November	Squirrel Class PE non-uniform day in return for an item for either an adult or child tombola prize

Advance Dates

Thursday 3rd, 17th, 24th November, 1st and 15th December - Year 4 Outdoor learning

Tuesday 29th November reading volunteer meeting

Friday 2nd December - Christmas Fair 3.15pm

Wednesday 7th December - Nativity Play - 2pm and 6pm

Thursday 8th December - Chestnut tree house reindeer fun run event

Monday 12th December - Christmas Craft day in school

Tuesday 13th December - Squirrel Class theatre trip

Tuesday 13th December - Year 5/6 Football tournament

Wednesday 14th December - Christmas breakfast

Thursday 15th December - Chartwells Christmas lunch

Friday 16th December - last day of term

Tuesday 3rd January - INSET Day

Wednesday 4th January - children return to school

Advent Calendar Collection

Lucas, Hugo and their mum Georgie will be collecting advent calendars again this year, the advent calendars collected go to women and children living in local refuges and to outreach programmes, supporting those who have fled or been effected by domestic abuse. All calendar donations are welcome! Last day of collection will be Friday 25th November. These can be given directly to Georgie at the start or end of the school day or we are happy to collect them and pass them on.

Church Christingle Service

As part of the Boxgrove Priory Christmas Tree festival they are holding a Christingle Service on Sunday 11th December at 4.30pm and would like to warmly welcome you all to join them.

The Christingle Service helps to raise money to support the Church of England's Children's Society, and we are sending home a Collection Cube of Hope for you to make and collect your donations in. We appreciate how hard times are, but any little you can spare or raise will help. Regardless of whether you bring a donation you will still be welcome to join them for the service. The money will be collected at the service and the children given a Christingle. If you would like to make a donation, but are unable to join them for the service, please leave your cube at school on Friday 9th December.

The Children's Society believes that every young person deserves a safe, happy childhood with friends, education and where every child can feel good about themselves and their future. Their services help thousands of children every year who need support through some of the toughest life situations, and has been doing so for 140 years. They also campaign and lobby for big social changes to transform local and national life, and give hope to many of our most disadvantaged children.

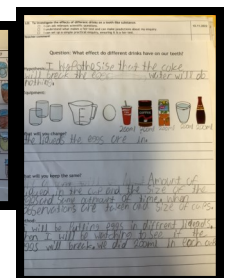
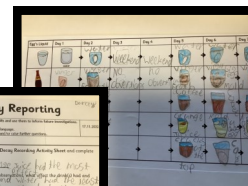
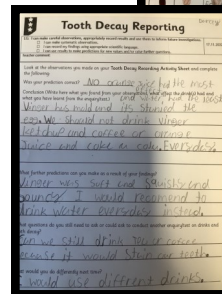
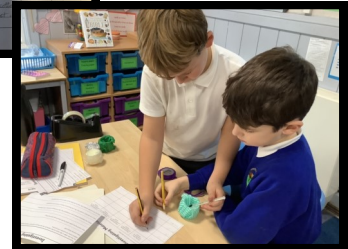
The children in Owl Class will be helping to make the Christingles, an orange to represent the world, with a red band to remind us that God's love surrounds the world, the cocktail sticks and sweets to represent the fruits and gifts God has given us and the four seasons, and a candle to represent Jesus the light of the world who brings hope in the darkness. The Christingles will be lit as part of the service, as we share the light of hope.



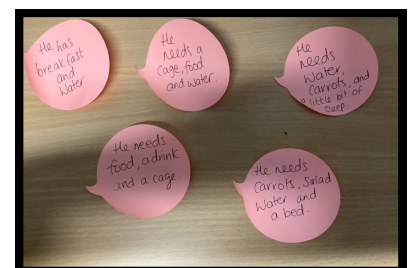
To keep you updated with what is happening with the children's learning, we will share a little bit about different subjects. This week, Science. Mrs Pendle is our science leader. Our intention for science is to develop in all young people a lifelong curiosity and interest in the sciences. We want the children to be able to ask and answer scientific questions about the world around them. When planning for the science curriculum, we intend for children to have the opportunity, wherever possible, to learn through varied investigations.

Owl Class have been learning about what material is best for making a lunch box by investigating which material kept the ice cube cold the best.

They have been set a challenge for Monday. They need to bring in a regular sized ice cube (this can be made by freezing a small amount of water in a plastic bag) wrapped in two layers of a material of their choosing. It can be placed in a pot for the journey to school. They will all be put on a tray together in the same place in the classroom. Mrs Pendle has offered 5 house team point counters to the winner - the person whose ice cube melts last!!



A photograph showing three children in school uniforms (blue sweaters over white collared shirts) interacting with a guinea pig. The child on the left is holding a green leafy vegetable, the child in the middle is holding a carrot, and the child on the right is reaching out. The guinea pig is sitting on a dark surface, possibly a table or a bag. The background is slightly blurred, showing other children in the same uniforms.



Support Freya with her 5km run

Those who know Freya in Fox Class will know that she struggles with running because of her scoliosis. She has signed up to take part in this fun run and is determined to complete this 5k run 12-18 December to raise money for Bone Cancer Patients. You can support her with sponsorship using the following link or by scanning the QR code. Good Luck Freya!



https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/freya-billy5k?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=freya-billy5k&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=06ac6baad1ae407b8f34154400f1a884



Support with the Cost of Living

The County Council is using its £4.8 million Household Support Fund, from Government, to provide a package of financial and practical assistance to people this winter. Working closely with district and borough councils and charities to get help to those most in need. Their Community Hub will continue to offer direct support to vulnerable households, providing essentials such as food and supplies, as well as grants to those who are eligible. The 36 West Sussex libraries will also offer a warm welcome to all visitors. Friendly library staff will be on hand to help and advise people on a range of topics, from money management to energy saving, job seeking and benefits guidance. Regular library events like Story Time are free for families of young children. On their '[Here to help - Cost of living](#)' webpages, you can find lots of practical advice and information about how to apply for extra local and national support. Over the Christmas school holiday, the Council will again be running its Holiday Activities and Food programme for children who receive benefits-related free school meals. Over the summer, 2,395 eligible children took part, and this Christmas they will be offering a range of free holiday club places where all children will be given a nutritious meal. More information will be shared once it is available.

Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week:

Squirrel Class: Gigi, Jacob, Emily, Arham
Fox Class: Elisia, Darcey, Mark and Hattie
Owl Class: Elodie, Lollie, Mollie and Mia

