

# The Blue Letter: 30th September 2022



Learning, Loving, Growing,  
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Reminders** - You have had a flu vaccine reminder email this week. Please make sure you have followed the instructions to ensure your child has access to this.

There are still some student data check sheets outstanding. If your child is in year 1 upwards and you know you haven't returned it, please do. If there are any problems, please speak to us.

Our parent governor election closes at Midday on Monday. If you haven't returned your ballot paper, please do so before the deadline. Finally, the deadline for Christmas card designs also Monday.

**Attendance and illness** - As a school, we aspire to high standards of attendance. The evidence shows that children who achieve the highest at the end of primary and secondary school have higher rates of attendance compared to those with the lowest attainment, who usually also have the lowest attendance. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to ensure their child receives the full time education to which they are entitled. Good attendance is learned behaviour so it is important to develop good patterns of attendance through primary school.

Bearing this in mind, it is also important to consider whether or not your child is well enough to be at school. If your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, a clear 48 hours is recommended before they return to school. This ensures that they are well enough to learn and also stops stomach bugs from spreading through the school and keeps our staff healthy and available to teach the children. As we approach cold and flu season, and with the continued presence of covid, the advice is to keep children at home if they have a high temperature and not send them into school until this has gone and they feel well enough. If they test positive for covid they should remain at home for at least 3 days and not return after that until the temperature has gone and they are well. Thank you for your support with this, if we all follow these guidelines, we hopefully can keep the majority of our school (including staff) healthy and in school.

**Harvest Service** - Our harvest service takes place next Friday 7th October at 2pm in the Church and we'd love you to join us for this. The children in Owl Class have decided they would like to support Stonepillow with our harvest collection. The children will take their harvest gifts to the church with them. A list of items that Stonepillow would find helpful, in order of need is in the box. The children all walk to church together and sit together in the front half of the pews. Parents and family are then welcome to fill the rest of the pews. The children will be sharing some harvest readings, songs and art work and prayers as we give thanks for all that we have and remember those who have less and are in need. This is our first harvest service in church since the pandemic, and we are really looking forward to celebrating it together.

## DONATE FOOD

We have created this list of food items in priority order of our needs, to help guide you with your food donation.

### High need

Instant coffee, sugar, cooking oil, gravy granules, spices, tinned meat (no spam please), tinned vegetables, pre-made custard.

### Medium need

Pot noodles, super noodles, pasta lunch pots, Cereals (no cornflakes or porridge please), breakfast/brunch bars, biscuits, chocolates & treats, crisps.

### Low need

Tinned soup, tinned beans, pasta, rice (our stocks of these are very good at the moment!).

**Starting School** - Sent with the blue letter this week is a leaflet about applying for primary school places for next September. Please do share this information with anyone you know who has a child due to start school next September. We will be hosting open days on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 17th November. A space on one of these days can be booked by phoning or email the office. The deadline for applications is Sunday 15th January.

If your child is in Year 6, you have been emailed the information about applying for a secondary school place. The deadline for these applications is Monday 31st October.

**School Uniform** - There are one or two children who have lost jumpers and fleeces already. Please can you check the labels in your child's uniform to make sure they haven't accidentally brought home someone else's clothes! In particular a larger size fleece with FH on the label. Thank you

**Parentmail** - new Reception families should have had an invite to connect to parentmail and from this week should receive the blue letter this way. In case there have been connection issues we are sending one more paper copy this week. If you are not connected please speak to us.

## Diary

Monday 3rd October	<b>Dance Club</b> year 1 upwards finishes <b>4.15pm</b>
Tuesday 4th October	<b>Owl Class PE</b>
Wednesday 5th October	<b>Outdoor Learning Year 2- session 4</b> bring clothes to change into and suitable footwear and coat if needed—long sleeved tops and trousers are essential <b>Fox Class PE</b>
Thursday 6th October	<b>Flu Vaccinations for all year groups</b> <b>Owl class PE</b> <b>Squirrel Class PE</b> Book Club - years 2-6 finishes 4pm
Friday 7th October	<b>Harvest Service 2pm in Church</b>

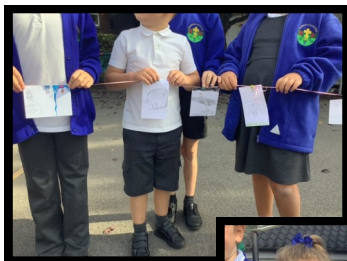
## Mini London Marathon

What fantastic resilience this week! Well done to over half the school who have run for 8/10minutes every lunch time this week. It has been great to see the encouragement and support that children have given each other to keep going. We will be entering the number of children who completed the distance and they hope to send out pin badges at the end of October/start of November.



## Fox Class RE

In Fox Class this week this half term they have been thinking about Jesus as Saviour. As part of their learning, they thought about all the ways people could be saved using a rope.





### **Fire Fighter Visit**

Squirrel Class enjoyed a visit from the fire service this week to help them think about real life heroes. Not only did they have the chance to see Mrs Whittle and Mrs Pendle dressed up in all the gear, they learnt lots about fire safety and the job of a fire fighter. They used this information to work in groups and make posters about fire fighters.



### **Making Change Happen Project**

We have welcomed three students from Chichester University to school this week. Megan, Heather and Annona are in the third year of their teaching degrees and will be working to refresh and update our quiet spiritual garden. They've started today by having a clean

and tidy up and thinking about ideas for revitalising the space. Over the next few weeks, they'll be talking to the children about what ideas they might have for the space. Look out for more news on this as the project progresses.





## Outdoor Learning

This week we made bracelets and crowns using leaves and card. We played a game called Aunt Sally, where we had to throw sticks at the bowl and try and knock it off. We made lemon balm tea which tasted nice. We loved it and drank it all up!! - *Ferne and Emily*



## Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week

Squirrel Class: Emily, Ferne, Chloe, Jacob and Alexis

Fox Class: Gio, Hattie, Izy and Jonathan

Owl Class: Daniel, Michael, Fletcher, Eli, Bella.

Well done to Leo and Callum for being awarded your pen licence

