

# Boxgrove CE Primary School

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

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| Monday<br>13 <sup>th</sup> July | Year 1 and 2 Music Rehearsal with Mr Chalke ahead of the concert for families @ 10.45<br><br>Leavers and end of Year Service at 2pm<br><br>Family Picnic following the service on the school field. |
| Tuesday                         | Classroom sorting and collating of learning: please send a larger bag for each child<br><br>Golden book treat for all of the children from Summer term 1 and 2                                      |
| Wednesday                       | Morning: In school end of year worship and farewells.<br><br>Children bring home some learning and books from across the year.<br><br>School ends at the normal time for the summer break.          |



## Reminders for the ( 3 day!) Week Ahead



### Monday Morning – Year 1 & 2 Ukulele Concert



Boxgrove Village Hall



Parents arrive: 10:40am



Concert starts: 10:45am



### Monday afternoon – Leavers' & End of Year Service



Church



Service starts: 2:00pm, PLEASE BE SEATED BY 1.55pm



Families of Year 6 pupils are invited to sit in the front rows.



Please leave the first 10 rows clear for the school children.



### Monday Collection Arrangements



If you and your child/ren are **not staying for the picnic after the church service**, please collect them from the **main entrance at the normal collection time: 3.15pm**

## Monday Afternoon – Family Picnic on the Field

Following the service, children will return to school for our family picnic.

 Once children have returned from church, we will open the side gates and families may collect their children from their classrooms before heading onto the field together.

 **Bring your own picnic, blanket and chairs** and enjoy time together on the school field.

 **The family picnic will finish at 4:15pm.**

 We will put out some cricket and rounders equipment for families who would like to set up a game. Please note that staff will not be organising or supervising these activities.

 The side gates will then be closed and locked during the picnic. The car park gate will remain closed but not padlocked so families may leave at any time. Please ensure the gate is closed behind you when leaving.

 Parents may use the toilet in the Community Room, and children may use the toilets in Fox Class.

## Tuesday Reminder – Bring a Bag!

 **Please can all children bring a bag to school on Tuesday:** the large supermarket bags are great!

We will be sending books and learning home on **Wednesday**, and having a bag ready will help children bring everything home safely.

## Wednesday – Bringing Learning Home

Most books and learning from this year will be sent home on Wednesday.

**Please note:**

 Some books, such as sketchbooks, may move up to the next class with your child.

 A small number of books may be retained by the school as evidence for staff training, moderation or inspection purposes.

 If this applies to your child, we will place a note in their bag to make you aware.

 Any retained books will be returned to your child the following summer.

## Wednesday Morning – Farewell Worship

On Wednesday morning, we will gather together for a special worship to say farewell to our Year 6 children and to Mrs Turner as they begin their next adventures. I will then go to Singleton to do the same!

## Partnership Trips and Learning Together

This week has been a wonderful celebration of partnership working, with pupils enjoying trips to Portsmouth, Brighton and Chichester alongside our friends and colleagues from Singleton. These experiences provided rich opportunities for learning beyond the classroom, and I would like to thank all of the children for the positive attitudes, behaviour and resilience they demonstrated throughout. Whether travelling by train, exploring new places or walking considerable distances, they represented their school brilliantly.

I discovered that I walked an impressive 12,933 steps on Tuesday's trip to Chichester! Given the enthusiasm and energy shown by Squirrel Class, I suspect many of them managed even more. It was a joy to see their curiosity, determination and willingness to embrace new experiences.

A huge thank you to our volunteers, whose support made these trips possible, and to the staff team for their enthusiasm, energy and careful organisation. Planned collaboratively with the Singleton team, these visits are a wonderful example of what can be achieved when we work together.

As a headteacher, I learned a great deal from each trip. The positive impact on both pupils and adults was clear to see, and there was plenty to reflect on as we continue to learn, improve and develop together across our partnership.

### Volunteer DBS Checks

On a practical note, we have recently reviewed our DBS records. If you would like to volunteer on future trips and are able to support children with tasks such as accompanying them to the toilet, you will need to have a DBS check completed through the school. Unfortunately, DBS checks obtained through other organisations or roles cannot be transferred for school volunteering purposes.

We would love to expand our bank of volunteers ready for future opportunities. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Miss Roberts in September, who will be happy to explain the process and arrange the necessary clearance. Your support is greatly valued and helps us provide these enriching experiences for our children.

### Partnership Choir Hits the Right Note

Although Wednesday evening was not the result many of us had hoped for from the England football team, it was a huge success for our Partnership Choir!

It was wonderful to see children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 standing together as one and confidently leading their families in song. I think the children particularly enjoyed grading their families' singing efforts!

Every performance was fantastic, and the evening left everyone who attended with a real sense of warmth and community as we approach the end of the school year. The children sang beautifully and should be incredibly proud of themselves.

A huge thank you to Mrs Pendle and Mr Rogers for their dedication in preparing the choir, and to Mrs Holt, our School Business Manager, for attending and supporting the event. Opportunities like these create lasting memories for our children and are a wonderful example of the strength of our partnership schools.

Have a fabulous weekend - *Theresa Smyth* and the Boxgrove Team