

# The Blue Letter: 1st May 2020



Dear Parents/Carers ,

We hope that you continue to be safe and well. We enjoy hearing from you about how you are, and how your children are getting on with their home learning. We understand how difficult it can be to support your child at home with the work that the teachers are planning, and appreciate how families are making it work in various different ways. Thank you for your efforts. Do continue to email [head@boxgrove.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:head@boxgrove.w-sussex.sch.uk) with news of how you are and examples of home learning. These are shared with the relevant teachers who will be able send comments and feedback. We are also available on the phone at school each day if you have a question. You may need to leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

## Sumdog and Letterjoin

It's been fantastic to see more children on the Sumdog leader board this week. Well done.

Do get in touch if you have lost or forgotten your password.



Hopefully you are also able to access letterjoin too, to support your child's handwriting. Again, please get in touch if you need a reminder of the login.

## Worship@home

Our theme for next week is Love and our bible verse is 1 Corinthians: 4-8

"Love is patient, love is Kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

The verses this week from 1 Corinthians are perhaps some of the most well-known verses in the bible. They focus on love – both what it is and what it is not. It is a popular reading at weddings, and you may have heard it read in other places as well. What is interesting

Look at the website whole school section of the home learning pages for ideas linked to this week's verse and theme. Can you complete any of them?

We'd love to see how you get on.....

about the passage is that certain parts of it

stand out at different times in our lives. Perhaps 'patience' leaps out when we have not been as patient with others as we could have been, or love 'protects' feels more meaningful when we

need to focus on looking after one another. What part of the verse stands out the most to you today?



## News From Chichester Festival Theatre

Last week our 2018 production of *The Midnight Gang* was made available to [watch online for free on the CFT website](#). This inventive tale of fun, friendship and the importance of kindness was adapted from **David Walliams**'s biggest selling children's book of 2016 by **Bryony Lavery** with music and lyrics by **Joe Stilgoe**. The production is available until Friday 29 May.

In 2017, our award-winning **Chichester Festival Youth Theatre** presented a brand new adaptation of *Beauty and the Beast* by **Anna Ledwich** (*The Butterfly Lion*) from the original fairy tale, with music and lyrics by **Richard Taylor** (*Flowers for Mrs Harris*). We're delighted that this production will also be available for free to [watch online from Thursday 21 May](#).

Both productions are especially suitable for family audiences from ages 7 up. To connect with as many people as possible in our community, both productions will be captioned for D/deaf and hard of hearing audiences, and have Polish-language captions. Audio introductions will help set the scene for blind and partially sighted audiences.

We hope you enjoy the productions, please do share your reviews with us on [social media](#).

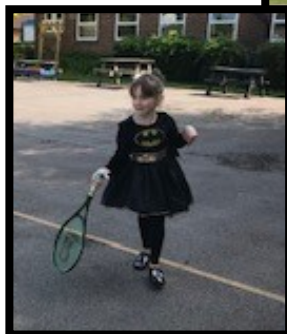
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## Specsavers Virtual School Games

Well done to anyone who has completed the challenges and entered their scores on the website <https://www.activesussex.org/virtual/>. We've enjoyed practising our tennis skills in school this week.

We'd love to see photos of you taking part next week.



## Mrs Sheehan's Snowdon Trek

This May Mrs Sheehan was due undertake the 'Snowdon Day Trek' challenge on the 29th May for the Alzheimers Society. Obviously this is no longer happening in May but has been postponed to the start of September. If you would like to support Mrs Sheehan then this is the link to her fundraising page. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/snowdondaychallenge2020-traceysheehan>



## Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition

This is the world's oldest international writing competition.

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition asks young writers to consider how the Commonwealth can address global challenges and work to create a better future for all its citizens. HRH The Duchess of Cornwall launched the 2020 Competition in New Zealand on the theme of Climate Action and the Commonwealth; drawing on the increasing youth movement across the Commonwealth and the ongoing climate crisis.

Young people are called upon to use any form of creative writing to consider their position and power in bringing about change, and how the Commonwealth can be used as a tool for positive action. In 2019 more than 11,000 students entered the competition from across 48 Commonwealth countries but less than 300 entries came from the United Kingdom. resources (including a [promotional flyer](#)) and full details are available [on the RCS website](#).



The Competition is valuable not only in promoting the value of the Commonwealth, it is also a unique chance for young people to develop creative writing and written English skills and share their views and experiences with a global audience. It has the full support of its Patron, Her Majesty the Queen, who is represented by HRH The Duchess of Cornwall at the annual awards ceremony celebrating the Winners' achievements. Entries will be accepted through the online platform until 30 June 2020.

## The night the animals came to the garden

By Morgan

One dark night, the sky was clear and the stars were shining bright. Jason had just fallen asleep, but little did he know he had left his tea set outside in the garden. Suddenly, out crept all sorts of wild animals from the overgrown bushes; fluffy ones, spiky ones and bushy ones. They were edging towards the tea set, getting closer and closer, eager to investigate what these shiny objects were.



The biggest and bravest animal of the bunch - Mr Fox - made the first move and reached out to the smallest teacup. It felt smooth and delicate. Little rabbit and Mrs Spike the hedgehog watched from a distance, intrigued. They tiptoed over and sat at the table next to Mr Fox, reaching out for their own teacups. They felt joy like they had never experienced before.

Time flew by without them realising and before they knew it the sun had risen. They heard a noise coming from Jason's house - it was Jason! He was stood at the back door, glaring at them in astonish-



ment. The animals looked like they were having so much fun. Jason ran to tell his mum what he had seen, but by the time he came back to show her, the animals had all disappeared.

Was it all a dream or had Jason really seen the animals having a tea party in his garden?





## Home learning

### **A river's journey**

*By Lexie Jarvis*

Falling from the clouds,  
Fresh as a daisy,  
I join with the winding waterfall,  
Rushing rapidly along,  
Twisting, dancing,  
Meandering,  
Making my way speedily,  
With no time to lose.

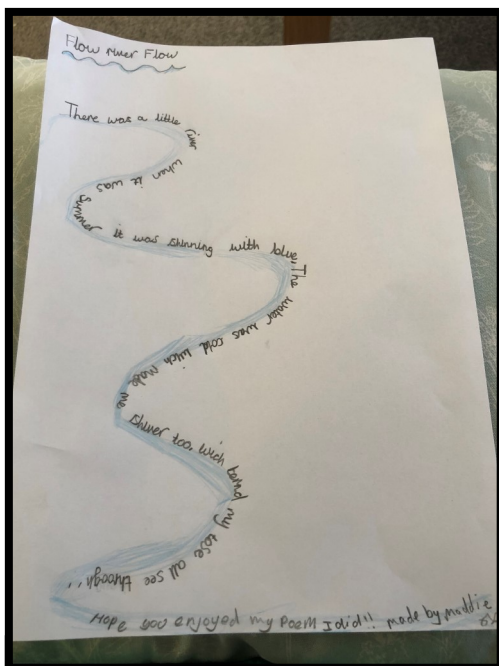
Turning, swirling, pounding,  
gathering gritty grains  
and pulling them with me,  
crashing against the jagged rocks

Finally, my flow calms,  
the riverbed steals away  
those crumbly deposits,  
my journey is coming to an end,  
bright, beaming, gleaming  
the beautiful ocean awaits me



Lexie has written a fantastic river poem and made her tinfoil river in the garden.

Lollie and Millie  
have been keeping  
in touch by writing  
to each other.



Maddie's river poem looks just  
like a river!



Kaiden has made  
some fabulous  
bunting for his VE day  
celebrations.

