

The Blue Letter: 3rd November 2023



Learning, Loving, Growing,
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

A wet and blowy welcome back to the second half of the autumn term! It's going to be a busy 7 weeks! Each class has a new topic and they will be sharing topic letters and homework grids with you shortly - if they haven't already. There are lots of activities planned so do keep an eye on newsletters and parentmail to keep you updated.

Collective Worship update - In our Collective Worship we will continue to use the story of Moses to help us to reflect on some important ideas about being community together and about God, who looked after them. These stories can be found in the Bible, the Torah and the Qur'an, recognising Moses as a prophet and leader in all three of these traditions: these stories often generate some challenging questions about judgement and justice (especially from older pupils), so in these collective worship sessions we choose to emphasise the positive messages and outcomes e.g. God seeing and responding to the cruel treatment of the people, and being with his people.

Alongside this the children from Owl Class will continue to work with Mrs Dommett to lead our Picture News Worship sessions where we think together about items in the news and how they link to British Values, Protected Characteristics, Our Rights Respecting Schools work and our Christian vision.

Fundraising this half term - We have several fundraising events in the next 7 weeks, both for school and for other charities:

- ◆ Friday 17th November is Children in Need day. Your children are welcome to come to school in either, spots, yellow, or children in need merchandise in return for a donation to Children in Need.
- ◆ Thursday 7th December is Christmas Jumper day. Children are welcome to come to school in Christmas Jumpers or other festive clothes in return for a donation to Save the Children.

Donation links for both events will be shared closer to the events.

- ◆ Christmas Fair - our Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 8th December at the end of the school day and we hope everyone will support the event either by helping out or coming along to the fair. More details about it will follow. We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 1st December in return for tombola donations.

Monday 6th November	Fox Class PE Squirrel Class PE
Tuesday 7th November	Victorian Dress up day for Owl Class Archaeologist visiting Fox Class
Wednesday 8th November	Fox Class PE
Thursday 9th November	Owl Class PE Squirrel Class PE Outdoor learning - Year 4 Broadway Boogie Club - finishes 4pm
Friday 10th November	Owl Class PE Create Club finishes 4.20pm

Advance Dates

Monday 13th November - start of anti-bullying week
Tuesday 14th November - Open day for prospective parents September 2024 entry
Friday 17th November - Children in need
Tuesday 21st November - Influenza vaccination day
Thursday 23rd November - Open day for prospective parents September 2024 entry
Thursday 23rd November - Year 5/6 Football Competition (selected children)
Tuesday 28th November - Owl Class trip to Singleton
Friday 1st December - non uniform day - donations for tombola
Thursday 7th December- Christmas jumper day
Friday 8th December - School Christmas Fair
Wednesday 13th December - Nativity performance
Thursday 14th Decembers Chartwell Christmas dinner
Friday 15th December Squirrel Class Theatre trip
Friday 15th December - last day of term
Tuesday 2nd January - INSET day

Poppy Appeal

We have a box of Poppies and a collecting tin for the Royal British Legion (RBL) again this year. As well as the Poppies we have various other items for which there is a suggested donation. Zip pulls, reflectors and wristbands have a suggested donation of £1 and for the Snap Band they suggest a donation of £1.50.

The RBL provides a lifeline for serving and ex-serving personnel, veterans and their families, supporting them in the face of hardships, injuries and bereavements. By donating to the RBL's Poppy Appeal you're helping them provide ongoing support to the Armed Forces community and ensure their unique contribution is never forgotten.

If your child would like to bring a donation in return for a Poppy, please send their donation in an envelope with their name and item required. This envelope can stay in their book bag until the older children bring the poppies round to their classroom. If your child chooses a Snap Band, we ask that they don't wear it in school as the temptation to 'snap' all day is very distracting to the rest of the class! We appreciate your support with this. We are unable to replace lost items unless another donation is made and can't be responsible for lost items. We will encourage the children to either wear their Poppy or put it in their book bag to bring home.



Junior Netball Club

The Bears Netball Club is based at the University of Chichester Sports Dome, on Mondays, in term time. They welcome boys and girls of all abilities to come and learn and enjoy playing the game.

4:30-5:15pm- Yr R, 1 and 2

4:45-5:45pm- Yr 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8

A colorful poster for the Bears Netball Club. At the top, it says 'NEW VENUE' in large green letters. Below that, it says 'UNIVERSITY OF CHICHESTER' and 'MONDAYS BETWEEN 4:30-5:45PM'. The main text is 'BEARS NETBALL' in large, bold, blue letters, followed by 'COME ALONG FOR A FREE TRIAL' in purple. At the bottom, there is a group photo of the club members, including boys and girls in various colored jerseys. The email address 'Email Georgie@SVBearsNetball.co.uk' is at the bottom.