

The Blue Letter: 11th November 2024



Learning, Loving, Growing,
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

PE uniform reminder

It was great to see the children looking so smart in their PE kits last week. Just a reminder that only the school tracksuit top or school branded jumper, cardigan or fleece are options with PE kits. Thank you

Parent Governor Update

Thank you to Mrs Villavise who has volunteered as a new parent governor. As no one else was nominated, she is elected unopposed. A huge thank you to Mr Luff for his commitment and work as parent governor over the last 4 years.

Staffing Update

Many of you will be aware that Mrs Brackley, who has worked with us for quite a number of years, has been absent so far this year. Due to personal reasons, she won't be returning this academic year. We wish her well and hope that she will be back with us next September. We are currently advertising for a Teaching Assistant to work in Owl Class on a Thursday and Friday in her absence.

I also need to share with you the news that Mrs Sheehan will be leaving Boxgrove at the end of this term. She will be a huge loss to the school. Not only does she do an amazing job of keeping all our pupil data in order, but she does the almost impossible task of managing our budget plus all the other numerous things that it would be impossible to list here. Of course, this also means that Oakley will leave with her and his presence in school will be equally missed. We are in the process of recruiting a new member of staff for the office as well as looking at possible options for a new school dog!

Brilliant Boxgrove Behaviours

Following our INSET day on Monday, we introduced the children to our Brilliant Boxgrove Behaviours. Alongside our school values, these will be a key part of developing a culture of positivity and behaviour for effective learning.

Flu Vaccinations

The immunisation team will be in school on Tuesday 19th November. Please ensure you have completed the forms - sent via parentmail. Please complete a consent form for your child to say YES or NO for them to have these vaccines.



Advance Dates (new dates in Red)

Tuesday 19th November - Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 20th November - Owl Class visit to Swanfield Chapel

Thursday 21st November - Year 3/4 Football tournament

Tuesday 3rd December - Year 5/6 Football tournament

Friday 6th December - non-uniform day - tombola donations

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Jumper day

Thursday 12th December - Chartwell Christmas lunch

Friday 13th December - Christmas Fair

Tuesday 17th December - Nativity play

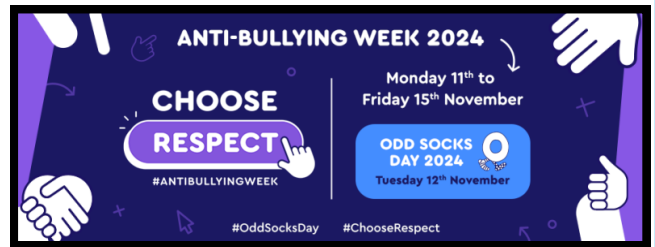
Thursday 19th December - Christmas Breakfast

Thursday 19th December - Theatre trips

Tues 12th November	ODD SOCKS DAY! French Club Fox Class PE
Weds 13th November	Year 4 Forest School—bring change of clothes Owl Class PE Football Club - Fox and Owl and Year 5/6 Football match against
Thurs 14th November	Fox Class PE Dance club
Fri 15th November	Children in Need Day Create club
Mon 18th November	Open day for Prospective parents Owl Class PE

Anti-bullying Week and Odd Socks Day

On Tuesday 12th November, we're inviting everyone to sport their quirkiest, most mismatched socks. Why? Well, it's all part of this year's Anti - bullying week. This year's theme is 'Choose Respect'. The theme is designed to encourage pupils to think about how we can 'Choose Respect' instead of bullying.



At the end of the week, Friday 15th November we will have a non-uniform day for Children in Need. Rather than bring cash to school, please donate online via our justgiving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/boxgrove-school-1729864178433?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fboxgrove-school-1729864178433&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

We don't ask for a set donation for our non-uniform days but we have set ourselves the challenge of raising £150. If each child gave £2 we would reach this target. Thank you for your support.

Energy Sparks

We had a visit from James last week who is part of the Energy Sparks team. He worked with our Eco-Council investigating the use of electricity and gas in our school and discussing ways that we might save money on our bills as well as work towards reducing our impact on the environment. The most fun was taking his thermal imaging camera around the school! The eco-council will be talking to the rest of the school about some of their ideas for saving energy.



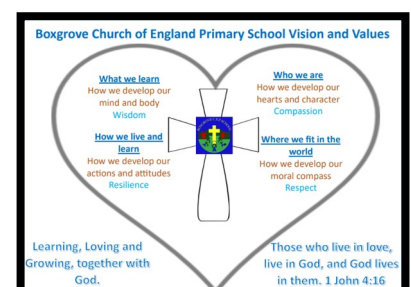
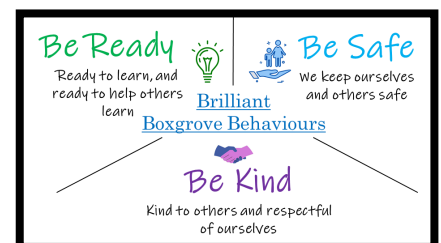
Rare Bug!

During forest school this week, Year 4 found a Stag Beetle in it's grub phase. It is an endangered and protected species in our country, so very rare. It was rehomed with a lot of its decaying wood onto another wood pile with the help from Emily and Elodie.



Brilliant Boxgrove

Well done to those who were given certificates last week for showing one or more of our school values or our Brilliant Boxgrove Behaviours



west sussex county council

December-
21st,
23rd,
30th
and 31st

Winter Holiday club

Ages 8 to 12 years old

Free for those accessing benefits related free school meals

Book in through the link or
haf@westsussex.gov.uk

dalesouthcoastskateclub@outlook.com

Unit 8, 33 Chartwell rd,
Lancing, Bn15 8sp

-Skateboarding-
-T-shirt design-
-Games-
-Skateboard design-
-Art and crafts and more...

READY TO PLAY





HAF CHRISTMAS AT THE FARM
Free for children who access benefit assessed free school meals

Woodland Wonders
Forest School

Mon 23rd Dec 10-2pm

**ARTS & CRAFTS
GAMES
FIRE LIGHTING
FOREST SCHOOL
LUNCH, WOODWORKING
COOKING
FARM SCHOOL
ANIMALS!**

Applefield Smallholding, Sidlesham

Free for children with their HAF code. Funded by WSCC HAF Grant
Book via the WSCC HAF booking page and search for our events at:
<https://haf.bookinglab.co.uk/westsussex/37147/login> or QR code:

Non Funded places find our events at www.woodlandwondersforestschoo.co.uk
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FREE HAF Family Wellbeing Session for SEND families
Free for families who are accessing benefit assessed free school meals

HOTHAM PARK, BOGNOR
Pre-booking only

SEND Wellbeing Family Session
Saturday 21st Dec
10 - 2pm

FREE Forest school fun for all the family
Places are limited and booking essential
Lunch included for all the family

Book via the HAF Booking page and search our events using the QR code
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Parent Survey

Thought-Full are currently seeking parent and carer views about engagement with schools. All the information received will be used to inform what advice Thought-Full give to schools to improve engagement from parents and carers and how they can support schools further. All information obtained will be anonymous. They have produced a short survey for parents and carers to complete which can be accessed [here](http://www.boxgrove.w-sussex.sch.uk/web).

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