

The Blue Letter: 10th December 2024



Learning, Loving, Growing,
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Fair

Thank you for all your tombola donations and offers of help. It looks like the fair is going to be a great event. Don't forget to come along and support the event.

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas jumper Day takes place on Thursday 12th December. Children are welcome to come to school in their Christmas jumpers or other festive clothing. No school uniform is required. Please donate via our justgiving page.

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD240021309>

Christmas Lunch

If your child has booked a Christmas lunch, this is also on Thursday this week. If your child has a packed lunch, you might like to make it a festive one and add a little festive treat. The children will also have a Christmas cracker.

Nativity

It isn't long now until our performances of this year's nativity play - "The Fleece Force!". Both performances take place on Tuesday 17th December, one at 2pm and the other at 6pm. For those parents who are new to the school, the whole school take part in both performances. Relatives are welcome at either performance - we ask that if younger children attend that you take them out if they get noisy, so that the children can be heard. The children will come home after the afternoon performance with their costume and we ask you to bring them back in their costume, at 5.50pm and not before direct to the church. We will have a retiring collection at both performances for charity.

Christmas Post Box

If children would like to send each other a Christmas Card, the post box is now in Reception. Please use the box rather than letting your child distribute them in class or on the playground. These are all collected up and delivered to the children in one go at the end of term. In order for Owl Class to have time to sort them, the final date for posting is Monday 16th December. Please write the name of the child and their class on the envelope.

Christmas Breakfast

On Thursday 19th December, we have our Christmas Breakfast. For new families to the school, this may seem an unusual event, but it's great fun! We ask the children to bring in breakfast to eat with their friends in the classroom. This could be some cereal (please send a bowl, spoon and milk!), or a bacon sandwich, maybe some toast or a croissant. Whatever you think your child might like to eat. We do ask that you don't send peanut butter, Nutella or other nut products as we do have some children who are allergic.

Staffing update

We are really pleased to let you know that Ms Baker has been appointed as our new Bursar. She will be joining us during January. At the start of next term, there will be a short period when their won't be anyone in the office, the emails will be checked and if no one can get to the phone, the answer phone will be on for you to leave messages.

Advance Dates (new dates in Red)

Tuesday 17th December –Nativity play

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Breakfast

Thursday 19th December—Theatre trips

Monday 6th January 2025 INSET Day

first half spring term - Year 3 Forest school Wednesday afternoons
starting 15th January

Wednesday 15th January - United Voices Concert for Year 5/6

Tues 10th December	French Club Fox Class PE
Weds 11th December	Owl Class PE
Thurs 12th December	Christmas Craft day Chartwell Christmas lunch Christmas Jumper day
Fri 13th December	Nativity rehearsal in Church Christmas Fair
Mon 16th December	Owl Class PE Nativity Rehearsal in Church

Year 5/6 Football Tournament

Well done to those from Year 5/6 who went to the football tournament last week. They had a great time.



Outdoor Learning

During our last session Year 4 enjoyed creating bracelets from the elder wood that Chiara, Lucia and Bella cut the previous week. This will not only encourage the elder to grow back strong, but also allowed us to hollow out the pith and use it to make bracelets or even start making our own stick figures. We also cooked mini American-style pancakes on a griddle, having fun flipping them and eating them with honey. Yum!



This term, I've enjoyed learning about bird species like grey wagtails and jays - *Chiara*

I really enjoyed playing the hide and seek game 'wolves and sheep' - *Albert*



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. Well done again to our year 3/4 for their efforts in their football tournament.

