

The Blue Letter: 4th November 2024



Learning, Loving, Growing,
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents Evening

Thank you for coming to the parents meetings before half term. The rearranged dates for Reception and Year 1 are Monday 11th and Monday 18th November, 3.30pm- 5.30pm. New sign up sheets are available. Please do sign up for a new slot. If you requested copies of the notes from the meeting, these will be with you this week, if you don't have them already.

Break the rules day!

Our first in school fundraising event takes place this Friday. Please make sure you have read the list of acceptable rules to break. Please send the money in with your child. Thank you. This money will go towards the theatre visits that happen at the end of this term.

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



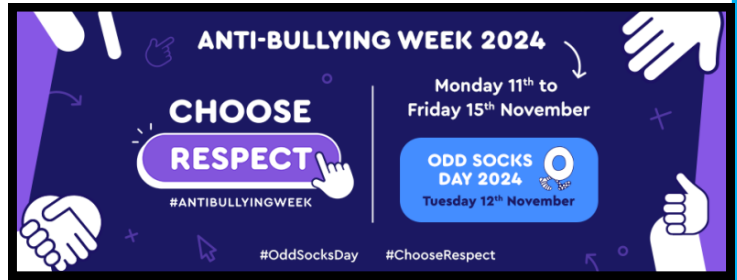
Advance Dates (new dates in Red)

11th Nov - anti bullying week
 Tuesday 12th November odd socks day
Wednesday 13th November - Year 5/6 football match
 Friday 15th November - Children in Need
Monday 18th November - Open Day for prospective parents
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
 Monday 6th January 2025 INSET Day

Tues 5th November	No French Club Fox Class PE
Weds 6th November	Eco-Council - Energy Sparks Workshop Year 4 Forest School—bring change of clothes Owl Class PE Football Club - Fox and Owl
Thurs 7th November	Fox Class PE Dance club
Fri 8th November	Break The Rules Day! Create club
Mon 11th November	Start of Anti- bullying Week 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.

OPAL

Children in British primary schools spend 20% or 1.4 years of their school attendance in play and like many schools, we have no strategic or values-based approach to play across all ages. The Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Primary Programme is a mentor-supported school improvement programme. It addresses all of the areas schools must plan for if they want to strategically and sustainably improve the quality of their play opportunities. The OPAL Primary Programme is the only programme of its kind that has been independently proven to sustainably improve the quality of play in British primary schools.



We are really excited to be at the start of the journey towards improving our playtimes through this process. Some of our parent and pupil feedback last year suggested that not all children felt safe and enjoyed playtime. Part of our development plan for this year was to do something about this. Following a visit to North Mundham Primary School to see the principles of OPAL in action locally, we have decided to begin our own playtime improvement journey. Our first step is to develop a working party consisting of school staff, governor and also a parent. If you have time to attend meetings during the school day and are interested in supporting the school with this project, do speak to Mrs Dommett. The following link, shows OPAL in action <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cm7lfAEsjqI>

Brilliant Boxgrove

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

