

The Blue Letter: 11th December 2020



Dear Parents and Carers ,

Thank you for your understanding regarding the change of INSET day. To confirm, school will finish on Thursday 18th December and start again on Monday 4th January 2021.

If your child develops Coronavirus symptoms at any point up until midnight Saturday 19th December, please email the school and let us know. We will then need to be notified of the result of the test, negative or positive, as soon as you have it. If we have a positive case, we will notify the parents whose children have been in contact. If you are notified that your child has been in contact with a positive case they will need to isolate.

I am due to have a routine operation during the Christmas break and will not be back at school for the first few days of next term. If you need to contact school from the end of term until 22nd December please email head@boxgrove.w-sussex.sch.uk. From 23rd December until Monday 11th January please email office@boxgrove.w-sussex.sch.uk. The email will be checked daily up to, and including 23rd December, to ensure we pick up details of any potential coronavirus cases.

We have lots of fun things planned for next week.

Monday - Christmas Craft in classrooms. Fox class will be spending the morning outside and will need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. They will be completing their craft in the afternoon.

Tuesday - Christmas breakfast. Don't forget to send your child in with their breakfast on Tuesday. This can be as simple as some cereal and milk (don't forget to send a bowl and spoon!) or it could be a bacon sandwich - wrapped to keep it warm! Please remember though that there are nut allergies at school, so no nuts or nut related products.

Wednesday - Christmas lunch. If your child is having a packed lunch rather than the school Christmas lunch, you might want to pop a festive treat in for them.

Thursday - the children will have Christmas parties in their classrooms in the afternoon. They can wear their own clothes to school for the day.

We filmed our Christmas Celebration this morning. Some technical wizardry now needs to take place before we send you a link so that you can watch it. There are some sneak peak photos further on in the blue letter. Please remember for safeguarding reasons not to share the video.

The children all look fantastic in their Christmas jumpers. Our just giving page has only raised a total of £65 so far. It's not too late to donate. https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200019329?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=cjd200019329&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=4ac569dc53a3473fa0c7d834334becf6.

Collective Worship

Next week our theme is Christmas through Angels. Throughout the Christmas story, angels appear with important messages, they play a key role in the whole story. Together we will explore the Nativity Story, focusing on the actions of the angels.

*Shout for joy
the whole earth,
and everything within.
Rejoice!
For Light has come into the world*

*The mountains sing,
the seas resound
to the praise of your name.
Salvation
once promised is here on earth*

*The angels' song
rings in the air,
a child has been born.
Hallelujah!
The Saviour of the world is here*



West Sussex Christmas Holidays



Venue	Times	Dates	Price
Chichester College	10am - 3pm	Monday 21st December	£16.00
Bognor Arena	10am - 3pm	Tuesday 22nd December	£16.00
Bognor Arena	10am - 3pm	Wednesday 23rd December	£16.00



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Letter from West Sussex County Council

Dear Parent or Carer,

I would like to thank you for your support over this last term which I know has been challenging for everyone as schools have managed the safety of both children and staff. We recognise that some have had disruption to the face to face learning due to having to self-isolate where a positive case arises. I do recognise that this may have been disappointing for some, but the decisions have always been made with the pupils' own safety and wellbeing in mind. Whilst we have had a steady flow of positive cases over the course of the term, the way these have been managed by schools has avoided the surge in cases we have seen elsewhere.

As we all prepare for Christmas, the Department for Education has provided guidance very recently to our schools regarding the end of term arrangements. The DfE has suggested some flexibility for schools to use one of their 5 INSET days on Friday 18th December to then close at the end of the day on Thursday 17th with the planned day later in the year becoming a school day for pupils or students. For some schools it may not be possible to change their planned training but for others, it may. Therefore, some schools may not be operating on Friday 18th December but you may find that the children of other nearby schools are still in school. I felt it important to clarify why different schools will have different plans for the 18th.

Whilst we recognise how challenging this may be for you, we also need to advise you that should your child develop Covid symptoms over the weekend of the 19th and 20th December, or you are contacted by your child's school to notify you that he or she is contact of a positive Covid case, it is important that they self-isolate over the holiday period.

Whilst really wishing everyone a Christmas where people can connect with families and friends and acknowledging the very challenging year we have all experienced, I do wish you all a safe holiday and a more settled new year.

Yours sincerely

Paul Wagstaff Director of Education & Skills

Owl Class Innovate

This afternoon Owl Class celebrated the end of the War with their VE day party which they have been planning and preparing for all week.



Sneaky Peak

A few photos from this morning's filming session at The Village Hall. Well done to all the children for all their hard work, learning and practising. Big thank you to all the staff for their work in helping the children prepare. We hope you enjoy the final production!

