

The Blue Letter: 19th January 2024



Learning, Loving, Growing,
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Measles Vaccine Routine vaccinations play a huge part in protecting you, your child, and the community against a range of unpleasant and often serious childhood diseases, such as measles. In recent years there has been a gradual decline in uptake of childhood immunisations in West Sussex, so it's important that children get vaccinated when they are invited to do so. By ensuring your child is vaccinated you are helping to protect, not only your child, but also family members, as well as keeping others safe in the community. Ensuring your child has their vaccinations at the right time gives them the best protection, but the good news is it's never too late to catch up on any vaccinations your child has missed. Vaccinations can be rescheduled, and every child is still entitled to their jab, even if they have missed an appointment. Adults and older children who haven't had both doses of the MMR vaccine could be at risk of measles. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are needed for lifelong protection. Vaccinations are offered free of charge in the UK, simply call your GP practice to book an appointment.

There are lots of **posters and attachments** with this week's Blue Letter:

- A newsletter from Chartwells who provide school lunches
- An updated school lunch menu
- Details of February half term JC sports Camp
- An information leaflet about the MMR vaccine
- Information about webinars for parents to support children with aspects of Mental Health

Illness and absence - We are aware that it can sometimes be difficult to decide if your child is well enough to send to school. If a dose of calpol makes your child feel better, they may be fine to send in. Please bear in mind, that germs spread easily around classrooms. It can also be hard for your child to work and concentrate if they are unwell. We will always call you if we think your child needs to go home. If your child isn't well enough to attend school, please do contact us before 9.15am to let us know. If you haven't contacted us before 9.30am and we are unable to contact you, this can be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Monday 22nd January	
Tuesday 23rd January	
Wednesday 24th January	Fox Class PE Outdoor learning - Year 3 Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 25th January	Owl Class & Fox Class Swimming Squirrel Class PE Dance Club
Friday 26th January	Owl Class PE Create Club

Advance Dates

Wednesday 24th, 31st January - Outdoor learning Year 3
Wednesday 31st January - deadline for swimming payments
Friday 2nd February - whole school walk
Friday 2nd February - Valentines Discos
Saturday 3rd February - St Blaise Fair
Wednesday 7th February - Tag Rugby Festival for year 3/4
Thursday 8th February - Fox Class Greek Day
Friday 9th February - Outdoor learning Year 3
Monday 12th- Friday 16th February - half term
Monday 19th February INSET day
Wednesday 28th February - KS2 Theatre trip
Wednesday 6th March - KS1 cricket festival
Wednesday 13th March - parents evening 4.00pm - 6.20pm
Wednesday 20th March - parents evening 3.30- 5.40pm
Thursday 21st March - last swimming session
Thursday 28th March -last day of term
Monday 15th April - Summer term starts
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - half term
Monday 3rd June - INSET DAY
Tuesday 23rd July -end of term

Teddy Bears Picnic



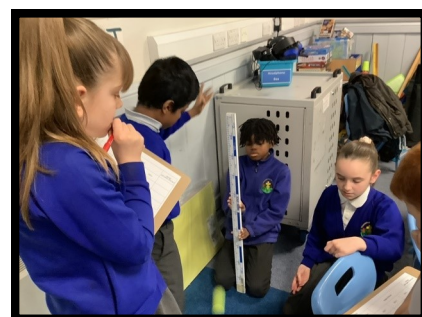
Last Friday, Squirrel Class had a great time as part of their topic. They invited their teddy bears into school for a picnic. They had great fun with Theon's mum decorating cakes. They also made tasty sandwiches. The picnic looked very inviting!



Owl Class Science

In science we have been learning about how temperature affects how high a tennis ball bounces. We had some balls that had been frozen, some at room temperature and some that had been on the radiator. We discovered that the warmest ball bounces the highest. This matched our prediction - we remember that hot air balloons need hot air to function and we thought the same might be true for a

tennis ball - *Eli*



Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week:



Squirrel Class: Sienna, Alice, Lexie, Aria, Brielle and Freya

Fox Class: Lucia, Izy, Sophia and Mark

Owl Class: Mason, Elsie, Illia and Eli

