

The Blue Letter: 3rd May 2024



Learning, Loving, Growing,
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staff News - Congratulations to Mrs Squires who has secured a new job working with the migration and settlement service. This builds on the volunteer work Mrs Squires has been doing with refugees. We have been really lucky to have had Mrs Squires as part of the team here, her knowledge and skills have been a great help to staff and children and we will miss her when she leaves at half term. We are advertising for a Teaching Assistant and Midday Meals Supervisor to work term-time Monday to Friday. Further details of the job can be found here: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/school-jobs/>

Special Needs Coordinator Role (SENCO) - Mrs Dommett remains the SENCO for the school but is now being supported by Mrs Pendle who is working as Assistant SENCO. If your child needs some SEN support in the form of an assessment or checklist to be carried out, this is likely to be completed by Mrs Pendle. She will also be completing a lot of the paperwork linked to Special Needs. If you need to discuss Special Needs, you may be offered an appointment with Mrs Pendle rather than Mrs Dommett. Mrs Pendle usually spends Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons working on special needs.

Supporting your child with Fears and Worries - We are very lucky as a school, to have the support of the West Sussex Mental Health in Schools Team, Thought-Full. As well as working with children and staff, they offer parent support. We will be hosting a 5 week course for parents to help with supporting your child with fears and worries. The course will run on 5 Mondays starting 10th June from 3.15pm for just over an hour. Childcare for school age children will be available. The course is also open to parents of children due to join us in September. Feedback on the course from parents in other schools has been really positive and parents say they were pleased they joined. This course is for all parents. It will provide ideas to enable you to support your child with transition as well as any other worries and fears your child may have.

Frozen Fridays - Our weekly ice lollies sales start today. They will cost just £1. Hopefully the sun will begin to shine and we will be able to start our weekends with a refreshing treat! Profits will be split between the Friends PTA and our fundraising for Chestnut Tree House.



Little Hoot Design Competition - Don't forget that the deadline for entries for the Owl Design is Tuesday 7th May. We are also planning to have a non-uniform day on Friday 17th May in return for donations towards our fundraising for Chestnut Tree House.

Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May	
Wednesday 8th May	Fox Class PE
Thursday 9th May	Fox Class PE Owl Class PE Squirrel Class PE Outdoor learning - Year 1 - bring change of clothes Cricket Club ends 4.15pm Dance Club ends 4pm
Friday 10th May	Owl Class PE Create Club ends 4.20pm

Advance Dates

Monday 13th May - Year 6 test week
Friday 17th May - non uniform day - donations for Chestnut tree house
 Wednesday 22nd May - class photographs
 Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - half term
 Monday 3rd June - INSET DAY
 Tuesday 4th June - Year 4 multiplication check week
 Wednesday 5th June - new parents meeting
 Monday 10th June - Year 1 phonic check week
 Monday 10th June - Parent workshop, Supporting your child with fears and worries session 1
Friday 21st June - non uniform - tombola donations
 Monday 24th June - Diocese Leavers' Service - Cathedral
 Thursday 27th June - GAS sports (selected children)
 Friday 28th June - Summer Fair
 Wednesday 3rd July - transition day
 Thursday 4th July - Sports day
 Friday 5th July reserve sports day
 Friday 19th July end of year discos
 Monday 22nd July Year 6 BBQ
 Tuesday 23rd July End of Year and Leavers' Service 2pm
 Tuesday 23rd July -end of term

Boxgrove Green Gardeners

This week saw our Green Team getting truly stuck in with some heavy duty seasonal gardening activities. Our budding young gardeners made a valuable contribution to the preparation of beds that will soon be home to a variety of flowers and vegetables. They helped to dig the soil and worked as a team to transfer weeds and turf by wheelbarrow to the composting bins. Next they planted up hanging baskets, generously donated by Brick Kiln Garden Centre in Chichester, with strawberry plants and a variety of flower seeds. Some of the children started their hanging flower garden project, painting tins they brought in from home with bright acrylic colours that will soon be planted with herbs and flowers for our quiet garden. We are really looking forward to seeing this area come alive with aroma and colour over the coming weeks. If your child has been taking part in gardening on a Wednesday afternoon and have yet to bring in a clean baked bean tin (or similar tin), please can they bring one this coming Wednesday; we don't want anyone to miss out on contributing to this fun project!

Meanwhile, a big 'thank you' to Mr Ryder our Caretaker for his trusty DIY skills that are enabling areas around our school to be transformed with hanging blooms!

Outdoor Learning

Year One had another fun afternoon outside.



"We toasted marshmallows on the fire. They were tasty! It was tricky to keep them on the stick. Freya and Penny made a tree collage using leaves and sticks" - Brielle and James



"I played with the mud kitchen" - James

"I did some colouring and a bit of playing" - Brielle

Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week:



Squirrel Class: Emily, Mary-Kate, Elanya, Sienna, Maddison and Dylan

Fox Class: Alex, Arham, Isla, Mark

Owl Class: Eli, Mason, Gracie, Jonathan

