

The Blue Letter: 10th July 2020



Dear Parents/Carers ,

It hardly seems possible that we have one week of this school year left. Well done to all those families who have continued to follow the home learning - you are amazing!

If you are a family who has borrowed a school laptop, can I ask you to return it before the end of term please.

The school reports have been either sent home with your child or posted directly to you. Please can you either send back the reply slip or email us to let us know you have received it.

If your child will be in Year 1 or 2 in September please make sure you have replied to the email about school meals. Thank to those of you who have replied already.

We have been working hard this week on our plans for September. As you know, in September, school will be compulsory for all . There will be limited social distancing in classes but classes will be kept separate from each other as recommended by the government. Below are some extra details which will help us do this:

- Gates will be opened at 8.35am and close at 8.50am for all children.
- Squirrel class will enter and exit through the car park gate.
- Parents of children in year 1 and 2 are asked to drop their children at the gate rather than come to the classroom.
- Fox class will enter and exit through the side gate as usual; parents are asked to say goodbye at the main gate.
- Owl class will enter and exit via the main door and again parents are asked to say goodbye at the gate.
- Please try as much as possible to minimise the number of people who come to drop off and collect children. This helps us to minimise the number of people who are waiting around on the pavement at the start and end of the day. It makes it easier for adults to keep distance and is more considerate for people who need to walk past school.
- Children will continue to eat their lunch in their classrooms and have separate playtimes and lunchtimes for each class -there will be no whole school activities.
- We will return to sending books and reading records between home and school.
- We will continue to ask children to come to school in PE kits on PE days. This means we don't need to have PE kits in school.

Finally, a reminder that our Leavers' Service from Church will be streamed live on the Boxgrove Priory facebook page on Friday 17th July at 2.30pm. We know there is space in church for one parent to attend with each year 6 child. We are waiting for confirmation to see if this can be increased to two adults per year 6 child. Full details of all year 6 activities next week will be sent home with your child on Monday.

Summer Reading Bingo

We'd really like all the children to take part in summer reading bingo. It is an activity for children to complete over the summer holidays. The focus is on reading for pleasure experiences rather than specific texts, with activities like make a den and read inside, read in the dark using a torch and read to a pet or a soft toy. Children can choose what they read for the challenges.

When pupils return to school after the holidays there will be certificates and maybe even some prizes for a completed line or for a full house!

There is a choice of two boards, one with 25 squares and for the younger children, one with 9 squares. These the children next week or can be printed from the pages on the home learning section of the website. The planning on taking part too.

We'd love to see some photographs of you completing the challenge so that we can create a special newsletter in the autumn term to celebrate our summer of reading.



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Worship Wherever You are

Our theme next week will be vulnerability and our bible story is The story of the woman who pours oil onto Jesus (Matthew 26: 6-13)

Vulnerability is not weakness! It is not winning or losing, it is having the courage to show up, be seen when you have no control over the outcome. It is about asking for what you need, having hard conversations and talk about how you are feeling.

Christians believe, that being vulnerable means you are honest with who you are, how you feel and acknowledging the parts of yourself that you would rather keep hidden. It's not hiding behind an 'Instagram life', its about being real with God and people you meet. It is hard to be vulnerable, to feel out of control or anxious about situations. Christians are reminded throughout the Bible that God's power and grace is enough, that even in times of vulnerability, He is in control and we will not be left abandoned or alone.

Dear God, as I journey and dance through my life ... help me;

To be vulnerable

To know that I am beautifully and wonderfully made

To have courage to be myself

To connect with others

To live a life of joy and thankfulness

To remember that I am enough and loved by you. Amen



St Blaise Centre learning



Summer Reading Challenge



Have you joined the Summer Reading Challenge yet? Each year thousands of children across West Sussex take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at their library. This year the challenge is happening online and it's FREE to take part – register at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Children can read any books of their choice during the summer holiday and this year anything goes; books from home, books from school or choose from West Sussex Libraries fantastic collection of eBooks, eAudio or eComics! Try something new or re-read an old favourite. Record your reading online, unlocking rewards as you reach your target. There is no minimum number of books that children have to read to complete the challenge – it could be one or it could be 99! Joining the library is free and easy to do online and you can find out more about what West Sussex Libraries offers for all the family.



Owl Class Innovate

This week Owl class have been making Mayan themed board games. Mrs Halfacree and Mrs Dommett are looking forward to seeing more of them on Monday at the St Blaise Centre.

