

# The Blue Letter: 5th January 2024



Learning, Loving, Growing,  
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Happy New Year!** - Welcome back. Hopefully everyone has had a lovely break over Christmas and is refreshed and ready to learn. This is a busy term with lots planned - advance dates are at the bottom of the page. The topic letters and homework grids have been sent home with your child. They can also be found on the school website [https://www.boxgrove.w-sussex.sch.uk/web/topic\\_overview\\_letters\\_and\\_homework\\_grids/438452](https://www.boxgrove.w-sussex.sch.uk/web/topic_overview_letters_and_homework_grids/438452)

**Rights Respecting School Ambassadors** - we want to push forward with our plans to regain our Bronze Rights Respecting School Award this year. The new ambassadors have been chosen and were awarded their badges yesterday. They will be working with Mrs Dommett to lead their house teams to a greater understanding of The United Nations Conventions of the Rights of the Child. They will be sharing more details through the blue letter for parents too.



**Swimming** - The children in Fox and Owl start their swimming sessions on Thursday. Swimming is part of the P.E National Curriculum and therefore it is not possible for your child to opt out. Please make sure you have signed and returned the permission slip. If there are any issues with the payment towards swimming, please make sure you speak to Mrs Dommett or Mrs Sheehan in confidence. The payment deadline is 31st January.

**Outdoor Learning** - Year 3 will have their outdoor learning sessions this half term. Due to other events taking place these will be on a mixture of Wednesdays and Fridays, so do keep an eye on the diary each week so that the children remember to bring the appropriate clothing. They need to bring warm clothes to change into - long trousers and a long sleeve top. They will need a waterproof coat and boots or trainers that can get muddy. They work outside for the afternoon in most weathers - making use of the gazebo when it's very wet. The dates are: Wednesday 10th, 24th, 31st January and Friday 19th Jan, 9th Feb.

**Reading Volunteers** - We are really keen to increase the number of volunteers who come into school and listen to children read. If you have the time to hear a child read once a week that would be fantastic, if you have time to hear a few children read - even better! You might be able to stay at the start of the day and hear someone or come early at the end of the day. We would like to pair volunteers with specific children to enable you and the child to develop a relationship to make the reading experience a positive one. This role will involve completing a safeguarding check (DBS) and completing some short safeguarding training. Please speak to Mrs Dommett or your child's teacher if you would like to volunteer to support reading or if you think you are able to support the school by volunteering in another way.

**St Blaise Fair** - We would like to have a stall at the St Blaise Fair on Saturday 2nd February. The proceeds from our stall will be shared between PTFA fund and The Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Trust, Kwa Mkono, Tanzania. If you are able to offer any time between 11am and 2.30pm to help set up, run the stall or clear away, please speak to Mrs Dommett. We will be giving each child a jar to decorate and fill - these will then be available to buy at the fair.

Monday 8th January	Selected children visit Chestnut Tree House
Tuesday 9th January	
Wednesday 10th January	Fox Class PE Outdoor learning - Year 3
Thursday 11th January	Owl Class & Fox Class Swimming Squirrel Class
Friday 12th January	Owl Class PE Squirrel Class Teddy Bears Picnic

## Advance Dates

Wednesday 10th January - Outdoor learning Year 3  
 Thursday 11th January - Swimming starts for Key stage 2  
 Thursday 11th January - Dance club starts  
 Friday 12th January - Create Club starts  
 Friday 19th January - Outdoor learning Year 3  
 Wednesday 24th, 31st January - Outdoor learning Year 3  
 Friday 2nd February - whole school walk  
 Friday 2nd February - Valentines Discos  
 Wednesday 7th February - Tag Rugby Festival for year 3/4  
 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  
 Wednesday 22nd March - parents evening  
 Thursday 21st March - last swimming session  
 Thursday 28th March -last day of term  
 Monday 15th April - Summer term starts