

# The Blue Letter: 28th June 2024



Learning, Loving, Growing,  
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Mobile Phones in School** - If your child brings a mobile phone to school, please remind them to hand the phone to the office when they arrive. If a phone is discovered in your child's bag or locker, we will ask that a parent collects it from school rather than hand it back to your child directly. We will call you and notify you of this in case you wish to collect it at the end of the school day rather than it remain at school overnight.

Events this week - It's been another busy week with some lovely opportunities to join with other schools. On Monday, our Year 6 children joined with Year 6 children from other Church Schools at the Cathedral for the Diocesan Leavers' Service. Yesterday, we hosted the Goodwood Area Schools (GAS) sports event here. The children not only competed well in their events but were so supportive of each other, no matter where in a race they finished. Thank you to Miss Jennings for organising and running the event. Thank you also to the children who helped out with setting up and clearing up as well as to the other staff who supported the event.

**Staffing News** - There will be a few changes to where some members of staff are working in September as we say goodbye to Mrs Martin and following the departure of Mrs Squires. Mr Rogers has also made the decision to reduce his hours.

**Squirrel Class** - Mrs Whittle, Mrs Pendle (mornings and cover for Mrs Whittle's planning time) and we welcome Mrs Ford as Teaching Assistant. She comes with a wealth of experience with this age group. She is unable to spend time with us until September but we look forward to welcoming her to Boxgrove and getting to know her.

**Fox Class** - We welcome Mrs Turner to Year 3 and 4 for the first half of the week. She is an experienced teacher with an interest in science. She will be with us on Wednesday next week and possibly one more visit before the end of term to start to get to know the children. We are looking to appoint a teacher to work with her for the second half of the week. Mrs Goodchild who all the children know well, will be the teaching assistant in this class all week. Mrs Dommatt will cover the planning time in Fox Class.

**Owl Class** - Miss Jennings will be the teacher for Year 5 and 6. Mrs McIntyre will be the teaching assistant in Owl Class at the start of the week and Mrs Brackley at the end of the week. Mr Rogers will cover the PPA in Owl Class.

**Forest School Sessions** will be lead by Mr Rogers and Mrs McIntyre. Mrs Brackley will continue to support ELSA and nurture needs.

**Special Needs** - Mrs Dommatt supported by Mrs Pendle

The Children will spend Wednesday morning in their new classes (after they have registered in their normal rooms). Mrs Pendle is at a conference, so those moving into Year 2 will not spend time with her this week. This will happen next week but the children know her well from being in Squirrel Class. Current Reception and Year 1 children will spend a short time with Mrs Green (a supply teacher who they know well) while our 'soon to be Reception' have their first visit.

Monday 1st July	Fox Class PE Supporting your child with Fears and Worries session 4
Tuesday 2nd July	
Wednesday 3rd July	Fox Class PE Transition Day
Thursday 4th July	Sports day - see over the page for details Dance Club ends 4pm
Friday 5th July	Owl Class PE

## Advance Dates

Friday 19th July end of year discos  
Monday 22nd July - whole school walk and picnic lunch  
Monday 22nd July Year 6 BBQ  
Tuesday 23rd July End of Year and Leavers' Service 2pm  
Tuesday 23rd July -end of term  
Wednesday 14th August - Saturday 17th August - school decorating - volunteers wanted  
Monday 2nd September INSET Day  
Tuesday 3rd September school starts for year 1 upwards  
Wednesday 4th September New Reception Children start  
Monday 4th November INSET Day  
Monday 6th January 2025 INSET Day  
Monday 24th February 2025 INSET Day  
Monday 2nd June 2025 INSET Day

## Sports day

- All children need to come to school dressed for sports day (We would like the children to wear the same colour T shirt as their house team please. If your child doesn't own the right colour, please can they wear a white t-shirt (a normal school top is fine). Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed or taped over. The children will need their water bottles and a sunhat.
- We will open the side gate at 1.15pm and close it just before 1.30pm. After this time no one will be able to enter the school site as everyone will be out on the field. We also ask that once you have arrived that you stay on site until the end of the sports and a member of staff has re opened the gate. If there is an emergency and you need to leave, please find a member of staff on the field who can make sure you are able to leave.
- We ask that you sit on the opposite side of the track to the school. You might want to bring a blanket or chair to sit on.
- During first part of the afternoon, the children will rotate round some activities in their house teams, please go with them and support them. These points will be added together and the team with the most points declared the winner.
- After this the children will return and sit with their class for some track races. Please stay on the parent side of the track for these races and support your children from there.
- At the end of the races, the children will return to their classes to collect their things and then you will be able to collect your child from the classroom. As always, if someone different will be collecting your child from the classroom, please let us know.
- In the event of poor weather we will notify you as early as possible and move the event to our reserve date of Friday 5th July.

## End of Term Events

Friday 12th July - Your child will bring home their end of year report. These will include SATs results for Year 6, times table results for Year 4 and phonic screening results for year one

Monday 15th July - Teachers will be available at the end of the school day, if you have any questions about your child's report. There are no appointments for this. Just wait at the end of the day if there is anything you wish to clarify or discuss.

Thursday 18th July - Summer house team day. The children will spend the day in their house teams and rotate round the classes where each teacher will have planned a summer themed activity.

Friday 19th July end of year discos. As with previous discos, there will be two sessions - one for Squirrel Class, and one for Fox and Owl Class. A letter will be sent out shortly with more details. Please return the slip and the money to book your child's place.

Friday 19th July - please send your child to school with a bag to bring home their books and work from this year

Monday 22nd July - whole school walk and picnic lunch - We are hoping for fine weather on the last Monday of term for our final whole school walk of the year. When we return to school, we plan on having a picnic lunch together on the field as a school. This will be a rare chance to sit and eat our lunch as a whole school instead of being separated into three rooms. From Tuesday 2nd July If your child is entitled to free school meals or infant free school meals, you can select the packed lunch option for this day, or choose to send your child in with a packed lunch. There will be no option to book a hot meal. Packed lunches need to be ordered by Sunday 7th July.

Monday 22nd July - Year 6 BBQ 5.50-7.30 a letter and permission slip for this will be sent out shortly. **If anyone has a BBQ that we could borrow for this, we'd be really grateful.** Please speak to Mrs Dommett.

Tuesday 23rd July End of Year and Leavers' Service 2pm - Everyone is welcome to come and mark the end of term in Church with us. We will reflect on the year as a school before we celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 Leavers and mark the end of their primary school journey. At the end of the service, children will be able to go home - after coming back to collect their belongings from school. The Year 6 children may like to bring in an extra school top to be signed by everyone. Or wear the shirt they would like signed and bring a spare one to wear to the church service.