

# The Blue Letter: 23rd February 2024



Learning, Loving, Growing,  
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

**World Book Day** - World Book day takes place on Thursday 7th March. We have decided this year that rather than dressing up for the day, we will take a different approach to celebrating books and reading. The children will all be given a paper plate next week to turn either into a book character or decorate in the theme of a particular book. The teachers will be sharing their ideas with the children at the start of next week to inspire them and give them some ideas. There will be book token prizes for some of the best designs - based on age and ability.

**After School Clubs** We will be starting a new ball skills and drills club in a couple of weeks time. This club will be aimed at the children in Fox Class initially and opened up to Owl Class if there are spaces. This club is being run by two students from the local secondary school as part of their work towards a nationally recognised qualification and will be supervised by Mrs Dommett. Mr Rogers has plans for more sports clubs in the summer term, including a club aimed at Year 1 and 2. We will share more details later this term.

**House Points** - Well done to Red House for collecting the most team points before half term. They enjoyed their treat with Mrs Dommett on Thursday morning.

**Church services** - We have two services to invite you to this half term. We have our Mother's Day service on Friday 8th March. At this service children are welcome to sit with their Mum, Grandma or other mother figure. Our Easter service will be on our last day of term - Thursday 28th March. Both services will start at 2pm.

**Squirrel wooden gate** - As part of our efforts to support the children with their independence and self-care, we do ask that parents of children in squirrel drop their children at the wooden gate rather than coming to the door of the classroom please. It also stops the area being too congested. We understand that occasionally you may need to speak to the teacher in the morning and so the fewer parents that go through the gate the easier it is for those that really do need to speak to Mrs Whittle or Mrs Pendle. Messages can also be passed through Mrs Dommett at the gate or Mrs Sheehan in the office.

**Mobile phones** - You may have heard in the news this week that there is new guidance for schools on children using mobile phones in school. There is no change for us at Boxgrove. We don't allow children to use mobile phones in school. If children bring in phones because they walk to and from school without parents, or for another reason, we do ask that they hand them into the office for safe keeping during the day.

**Goodbye and Hello** - Today is the last day in Squirrel Class for Mrs Arkinstall, who has been here on her teaching placement from the University. We want to thank her for her time and support this term. I know the children have loved working with her. We wish her well for her future teaching career. We also welcome Miss Lola Williams into Squirrel Class. She will be working alongside the staff on a Thursday and Friday as part of her college course.

**Fox Class Lush workshop** - Fox class took part in a workshop with Lush today. We'll share photos in the Blue Letter next week.

Monday 26th February	Fox Class PE
Tuesday 27th February	
Wednesday 28th February	Fox Class PE Key stage 2 Theatre trip - parents to collect from Festival Theatre @4pm
Thursday 29th February	Owl Class & Fox Class Swimming Squirrel Class PE Outdoor learning - Year 5 Dance Club
Friday 1st March	Owl Class PE Create Club

## Advance Dates

Friday 23rd February - Future Flyers - selected children  
 Wednesday 28th February - KS2 Theatre trip  
 Wednesday 6th March - KS1 cricket festival  
 Thursday 7th March - World Book Day  
 Friday 8th March - Mother's Day Service 2pm  
 Wednesday 13th March - parents evening 4.00pm - 6.20pm  
 Wednesday 20th March - parents evening 3.30-5.40pm  
 Thursday 21st March - last swimming session  
 Friday 22nd March - Future Flyers - selected children  
 Thursday 28th March - last day of term  
 Thursday 8th March - Easter Service 2pm  
 Monday 15th April - Summer term starts  
 Friday 26th April - Future Flyers - selected children  
 Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - half term  
 Monday 3rd June - INSET DAY  
 Tuesday 23rd July - end of term