

The Blue Letter: 16th September 2024



Learning, Loving, Growing,
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Photos

The photographer will be here on the morning of Wednesday 18th September for individual school photos. If you would like a photograph with pre-school siblings please arrive at 8.30am and these will be taken first. Any siblings in school will be photographed together during the morning. Please ensure your child has a school jumper or cardigan that day as they are photographed against a white background.

Census Day - Thursday 3rd October

Census Day is an important day in the Primary School Calendar as the government uses data gathered on this day to identify the level of funding each school receives.

As parents there are some things you can do to help ensure the school receives the highest level of funding possible.

1. The first is to ensure you have applied for free school meals status if you qualify (even if you don't want the meal or your child is in squirrel class and gets a free school meal). Children entitled to Free School Meals can access free holiday club places and get food vouchers in some of the holidays.

Free School meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits. If you are not sure, it takes moments to apply and at least one parent has tried and discovered their child qualifies. The form can be accessed here <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

2. The second is to order a hot school meal for your child. We have an American theme day, with beef burger or macaroni cheese on the menu. Even if children bring in a packed lunch on the day but try a little of each dish, as long as they have an order on ParentPay, we can count them as a meal taken. If you are taking this option please let us know, so that we can ensure they try the meal. Orders must be made on ParentPay by Thursday 19th September.

If you have any questions or need any help with this, please speak to Mrs Dommett or Mrs Sheehan.

Home-school partnership document

Parents are their children's first teachers and know them well. We know that you place your trust in us when you choose Boxgrove as your child's primary school. Working together with parents is important to us and with that in mind, we are reissuing our home school partnership document. Your child will bring this home during the week. Please take time to look at it with your child and ask your child to add their name and sign as parents before returning the slip to us. Thank you for your support.

After school clubs

We currently have dance club and create club available after school. Both need enough children to take part in order to run. If your child is interested but isn't sure, a taster session may be possible. If there are clubs that you would like to be available do speak to Mrs Dommett as we may be able to arrange them.

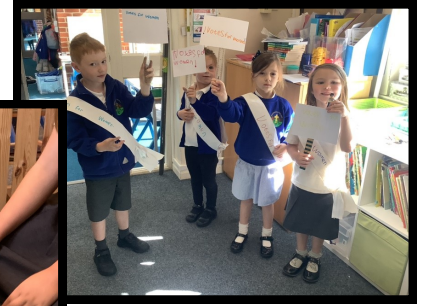
Tues 17th Sept	
Weds 18th Sept	School photographs Year 2 Forest School—bring change of clothes
Thurs 19th Sept	Dance club
Fri 20th Sept	Create club
Mon 23rd Sept	

Advance Dates

Tuesday 24th September _ Squirrel Class Farm Trip
Thursday 26th September - knife and fork training Year R
and 1
Tuesday 8th October - author visit Fox and Owl Class
Friday 18th October whole school walk
Monday 28th October Half term
Monday 4th November INSET Day
Monday 6th January 2025 INSET Day
Monday 24th February 2025 INSET Day
Monday 2nd June 2025 INSET Day

Year 1 and 2 History

Have been learning about significant people in history - Emmeline Pankhurst, Christopher Columbus, Henry VIII, and Rosa Parks.



Join Boxgrove C of E Primary School as a Parent Governor!

Are you passionate about education and eager to make a positive impact on our school community? Boxgrove C of E Primary School is seeking a dedicated Parent Governor to join our governing body.

As a Parent Governor, you'll:

- Have a voice in key strategic school decisions
- Support the development of our students and staff
- Represent the interests of parents and the wider school community

Why be a Parent Governor?

"Being a Parent Governor at Boxgrove C of E Primary School has been an incredibly rewarding experience. I've loved being part of a team dedicated to shaping the school's vision and ensuring the best outcomes for all our children. It's been fulfilling to represent the views of fellow parents and contribute to important decisions that help our school thrive.

Working closely with staff and governors has deepened my understanding of the education system and the challenges schools face, but most importantly, it's allowed me to make a real difference in our children's school experience."

No prior experience is necessary—just your commitment and enthusiasm. Training and support will be provided.

Help shape the future of our school. Email Head@boxgrove.w-sussex.sch.uk for more information!

Brilliant Boxgrovers

Well done to those who were given certificates this week for showing one or more of our school values. We also celebrated those children who had completed the reading challenge and brought their certificates to school as well as those who managed to visit all the owls over the summer and collected their medal!

