The Blue Letter: 19th July 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

<u>Monday 22nd July</u> - 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. As usual for our walks days, please send your child in wearing clothes and shoes appropriate for a walk. Do send uniform as spare for when we get back to school including shoes. We are looking forward to our picnic lunch together.

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.

<u>Jumpers and Cardigans</u> - We have a large box of lost property by the front door, please take a look if you are missing anything. Could you also look at the uniform that you have at home as one or two people are missing items that are named. With the changing weather, it's easy for someone to accidently pick up the wrong jumper or cardigan.

<u>Painting</u> - thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with the painting in the holidays. It should be a productive and fun few days. If anyone has any spare paintbrushes, rollers and trays or dustsheets they could lend us, either let Mrs Dommett know that you will be bringing them with you when you come to help or bring them to school on Tuesday.

<u>Read Write Inc. Book amnesty</u> - please check at home and send in any books that you have please. The success of the scheme in supporting your children is down to us having the books to support the children. Thank you!

<u>Supporting Good causes</u> - Sophia in Fox Class is taking part in a "Pretty Muddy Race for Life" on 20th July in memory of her Aunty Ruthie. If you'd like to sponsor her, you can do so via her justgiving page. <u>https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/sophias-race-for-life-8832058</u> Good Luck Sophia!

Elsie's Dad is taking part in a charity cycle ride of 1100km to raise money for a friend's daughter, and in memory of Elsie's brother Jack. If you'd like to sponsor him, you can do so via this link <u>https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/RidingforjackandScarlett?</u> <u>utm_term=da8KPjYYP</u>

<u>Pallets</u> - we have half a dozen wooden pallets in school that need new homes. Speak to Mrs Dommett if you would like one.

Attachments to the Blue letter

<u>Picture News</u> is a resource that we use for our Tuesday Collective Worship. Their parent information leaflet is attached. We will start sending the weekly take home resource for families that would like to continue the discussion at home. <u>Supporting your summer holidays</u> contains links to various websites that might be helpful over the summer.

Advance Dates

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

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Year 6 Parents

Walk your child to school one last time this week. Even if they don't want you to. Laugh about the sticks they used to collect or the paintings they so carefully carried. Reminisce about their sports days and how funny they were in their nativity. Tell them how proud you are of them and how excited you are to see them grow. Remember how little their hand was when you held it on the first day of reception. Hold that hand again as you walk with them one last time.

You've done a great job.

In School this week

House team fun!





<u>Chestnut tree House</u> - The Big Hoot Owl trail is now live, with all the sculptures large and small in place across Chichester and Arundel. Maps are available from Chestnut Tree House charity shops, as well as Libraries and museums in Chichester and Arundel. The app is available to download on <u>https://thebighoot.co.uk/app-download/</u>. Our Owl is inside Richard Tildesley Practice Opticians on West Street. Do go and look. Send any photos of children with our Owl to Mrs Dommett and we can include them in a future Blue Letter. We will still be fundraising in the Autumn as we are yet to reach our target. The Farewell event is early September after which the Owl returns to us to keep.

Achievers

Well done to this week's achievers.





Well done to Freya on achieving her purple belt in mixed martial arts

<u>Squirrel Class</u>: Chloe, Jasmine, Sienna, Jacob, Robyn and Freya

Fox Class: Joey, Sophia, Georgia, Hattie, Mark and Theo

<u>Owl Class</u>: Eirinn, Lucas, Illia and Tilly. Well done to Gracie and Eirinn for being awarded their pen licence.

