

The Blue Letter: 6th October 2023



Learning, Loving, Growing,
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you thank you for your generous donations for UNICEF this week. We raised £130 which is really fantastic. Thank you as well for the harvest gifts and for supporting our harvest service.

School Photos - The deadline for ordering school photos online with free delivery to school is Wednesday 11th October. If you want to send your order through school the deadline is Friday 13th October.

Parents evening Meetings. - Our first parent evening meetings take place on Wednesday 11th and Wednesday 18th October. Sign up sheets will be available outside your child's class. Do contact the office to make an appointment if you can't get to school to sign up.

Reception Parents meeting Wednesday 11th October - We'd love to invite all parents of children in Reception to a "6 weeks in" meeting at 2.30pm next week. We will take the opportunity at that meeting to share with you our phonics programme and answer any general questions about settling into school. There will also be the opportunity to sign up to join your child in a phonic lesson on one of the mornings the following week. Specific questions about your child's progress can be asked at parents' evening.

Starting School September 2024 If you have a child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, they are eligible to start school in September 2024. Parents need to apply for their child's school place using the online system at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. Applications must be submitted by the national closing date of Monday 15 January 2024 to be considered as on time. The online system opened on Monday 2 October 2023 at 9.00 am. We have two open days on Tuesday 14th November and Thursday 23rd November. To book to look round the school on one of these days, please contact the office.

Monday 9th October	Bikeability week for Year 6 - all week Fox Class PE Squirrel Class PE JOLF club finishes 4pm
Tuesday 10th October	
Wednesday 11th October	Fox Class PE Outdoor learning- Year 2. Bring a change of clothes and suitable footwear 6 week in meeting for Reception parents 2.30pm Parents evening 4pm-6.30pm
Thursday 12th October	Owl Class PE Squirrel Class PE Football Club Owls and Foxes finishes 4pm
Friday 13th October	Owl Class PE

Advance Dates

Week beginning 16th October Reception parents invited to a phonic session
 Tuesday 17th October Parent Workshop- supporting children with anxiety
 Wednesday 18th October- Parents evening - 3.30pm - 5.30pm
 Monday 23rd -Friday 27th October - half term
 Monday 30th October - INSET day
 Monday 13th November - start of anti-bullying week
 Tuesday 14th November - Open day for prospective parents September 2024 entry
 Friday 17th November - Children in need
 Tuesday 21st November - Influenza vaccination day
 Thursday 23rd November - Open day for prospective parents September 2024 entry
Friday 1st December - non uniform day - donations for tombola
Friday 8th December - School Christmas Fair
 Wednesday 13th December - Nativity performance
 Thursday 14th Decembers Chartwell Christmas dinner
 Friday 15th December Squirrel Class Theatre trip
 Friday 15th December - last day of term
 Tuesday 2nd January - INSET day

Chestnut Tree House fundraising

We want to take on a larger charity fundraising project this year to support the Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice. We have signed up to decorate a "Little Hoot" to be part of the Big Hoot Wild in Art trail in Chichester and Arundel next July and August. Our smaller Owl will join the 30 large Owl Sculptures on display. This is a big undertaking for a small school as we need to raise around £800 to take part. It's an amount we are sure we can raise and we have several ideas planned across the year for fun and fundraising. If anyone would like to make a specific donation to this project, please do speak to Mrs Dommett.



This week, Nicky, who works as part of the fundraising team, came and brought Chester (the ready decorated Owl) and an example of the Owl we will decorate for us to see.

Bookfest

Children in Year 1 and two really enjoyed their visit and book from Ruth Doyle. Fox and Owl Class were challenged by Helen Peters with some code cracking inspired by her book 'Friends and Traitors'. Both authors commented on the behaviour and attitudes of the children, saying how much they had enjoyed working with the children.



Achievers

Well done to our achievers this week:



Squirrel Class: Stella, Aria, Gigi, Mary-Kate and Penny

Fox Class: Emily, Albert, Mark and Elisia

Owl Class: Gracie, Emily, Freddie and Annie



Skiptember - well done to everyone for their skipping efforts. Mr Rogers thinks there were over 4,000 skips! These children were awarded certificates for the amount of skipping they did.

