

# The Blue Letter: 23rd September 2024



Learning, Loving, Growing,  
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Start and end of School day

During Covid, we had to ask everyone not to wait on school property, this need is no longer there and we are starting to impact on the local community by blocking the pavements outside school while waiting for the gates to open.

- ◇ Squirrel Class: please try to wait between the double gates and the end of the drive, rather than on the pavement, where possible please.
- ◇ Fox and Owl Parents, please try and wait on the school path rather than the pavement.

Thank you to those who park and walk from the village hall car park, it helps keep the area outside the school safer for the children. Please do not stop on the zigzag lines outside school, block neighbours drives or block the bus stop, even to drop off or collect a child.

## School Uniform

A reminder, please, to label your child's uniform. We already have quite a few jumpers and cardigans unclaimed. Can I also ask that you check the ones your children bring home in case they are not theirs! One or two children are missing clothing that has been named.

PE kit should include trainers please. It is not ok for children to do PE in school shoes, even if these are 'trainer style'. Reception children are just changing into trainers this half term.

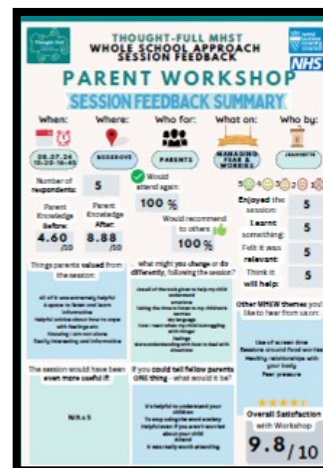
For health and safety, children should not wear earrings for PE. Please ensure children can remove these or don't wear them on PE days. Jewellery should not be worn as part of school uniform and hair accessories should be school colours please. Thank you for your support.

## 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 this 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.

## Mental Health in School

Boxgrove is a Thought-Full school, which means we work with the support of the Mental Health in Schools Team. As well as working with our Mental Health Ambassadors (see page 2), they offer parent workshops. We held a five session parent workshop in the summer term and the full page version of the feedback will be sent with the newsletter, do have a look.



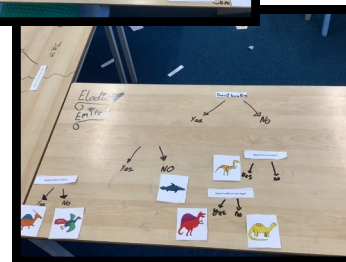
<u>Advance Dates</u> (new dates in Red)
Tuesday 1st October French Club starts
Tuesday 8th October - author visit Fox and Owl Class
Tuesday 15th October—phonics meeting Year R parents
Friday 18th October whole school walk
Monday 21st October—parents evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
Thursday 24th October—parents evening 4pm-6pm
Monday 28th October Half term
Monday 4th November INSET Day
Wednesday 6th November—Energy Sparks workshop
Wednesday 6th November—Year 4 forest school starts
Tuesday 17th December—Nativity play
Thursday 19th December—Theatre trips
Monday 6th January 2025 INSET Day
Monday 24th February 2025 INSET Day
Monday 2nd June 2025 INSET Day

Tues 24th Sept	Squirrel Class farm trip
Weds 25th Sept	Year 2 Forest School—bring change of clothes
Thurs 26th Sept	Knife and fork training reception and Year 1 Dance club
Fri 27th Sept	Create club
Mon 30th Sept	

## Fox Class Computing

Computing lessons don't always involve computers!

Fox class have started their computing unit learning about open and closed questions before creating a branching database. Hopefully, these skills will help them create a database on the computers this week.

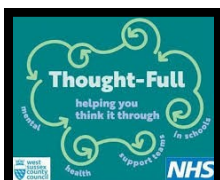


## Pupil Leadership

Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) states that every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. It's important that we ensure that every voice is heard, not just the louder ones. When we find ways to genuinely listen to what our children have to say, and act on this appropriately we put ourselves in the best possible position to create an environment and culture where our children and young people can enjoy and achieve. We have two new pupil leadership roles this year:

### Eco -Council

The school is working with Energy Sparks, A unique school-specific energy management tool and education programme, to become more energy efficient and fight climate change. One of our first steps has been to appoint an eco council, made up of one child, selected from each of Years 1 to 6. They will take part in a workshop in November led by Energy Sparks, but until then, their first role is to monitor that lights are turned off when there is no-one using a room.



**Mental Health Ambassadors** - Some of our Year 6 children have been trained by Thought-Full as Mental Health Ambassadors. They will meet with Mrs Dommett to talk about ways to share their view of the mental health of the children and ways forward as well as leading on mental health activities with the rest of the school. For example, promoting the Five Ways to Wellbeing. The Thought-full team will be back into school to support them too.

## Brilliant Boxgrove

Well done to those who were given certificates this week for showing one or more of our school values.

