

The Blue Letter: 12th January 2024



Learning, Loving, Growing,
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Squirrel Class PE During this colder term, children in Squirrel Class might find it useful to have plain, grey, black or navy leggings or jogging trousers in their PE bags - especially for Thursday PE as this will be an outdoor PE lesson where possible. Their PE units for this half term are Yoga and Fitness Skills. Fox Class and Owl Class both have indoor PE units this half term alongside their swimming lessons.

Collective Worship - This term, our Monday Collective Worship has the theme "Wise Words" They are all from the Bible giving ancient advice about how to live, but in our modern world, they often sound surprisingly up to date! We will be linking this ancient wisdom to stories from across the world and across cultures in the first half of the term. On a Tuesday, we will continue to use Picture News to help us talk and reflect on current issues - we link these to our Rights Respecting Schools work as well as British Values and Protected Characteristics. Year 5 sometimes help lead on a Tuesday.



Reading Volunteers - Thank you to those who have offered to come and support reading in school. It will be a great help to so many children. Please see Mrs Sheehan to arrange completion of your DBS check.

St Blaise Fair - We would like to have a stall at the St Blaise Fair on Saturday 2nd February. The proceeds from our stall will be shared between PTFA fund and The Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Trust, Kwa Mkono, Tanzania. If you are able to offer any time between 11am and 2.30pm to help set up, run the stall or clear away, please speak to Mrs Dommett. We will be giving each child a jar to decorate and fill - these will then be available to buy at the fair.

Instrument lessons - If your child would like to learn to play a brass instrument, the West Sussex Music Service teacher is in School on a Thursday afternoon. See the last page of this blue letter for more details.

Monday 15th January	
Tuesday 16th January	
Wednesday 17th January	Fox Class PE Outdoor learning - Year 3
Thursday 18th January	Owl Class & Fox Class Swimming Dance Club
Friday 19th January	Owl Class PE Squirrel Class PE Outdoor learning - Year 3 Create Club

Advance Dates

Friday 19th January - Outdoor learning Year 3
Wednesday 24th, 31st January - Outdoor learning Year 3
Wednesday 31st January - deadline for swimming payments
Friday 2nd February - whole school walk
Friday 2nd February - Valentines Discos
Wednesday 7th February - Tag Rugby Festival for year 3/4
Friday 9th February - Outdoor learning Year 3
Monday 12th- Friday 16th February - half term
Monday 19th February INSET day
Wednesday 28th February - KS2 Theatre trip
Wednesday 6th March - KS1 cricket festival
Wednesday 13th March - parents evening 4.00pm - 6.20pm
Wednesday 20th March - parents evening 3.30- 5.40pm
Thursday 21st March - last swimming session
Thursday 28th March -last day of term
Monday 15th April - Summer term starts
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - half term
Monday 3rd June - INSET DAY
Tuesday 23rd July -end of term

Visit to Chestnut Tree House

A group of children visited Chestnut Tree House on Monday. They discovered that it costs £15 million a year to run the hospice which works out at about £10, 000 a day! The children enjoyed looking around the Woodland Walk, and their special wheelchair adapted path, which like all the facilities at Chestnut Tree House is available free of charge to the families who need the support it offers. As a reward for signing up to support them this year, the children were lucky enough to touch and hold some beautiful Owls. Over a drink and an Owl shaped biscuit they starting thinking about the fundraising events they might like to organise - watch this space...



Achievers



Well done Penny on your Learn to Swim badge 3!

Well done to all our achievers this week:



Squirrel Class: Forest, Lilly-Rose, Theon, Jacob, Elanya, Alexis

Fox Class: Bella, Elisia, Theo, Isla and Alex

Owl Class: Annie, Gio, Emily, Gracie





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