

The Blue Letter: 13th October 2023



Learning, Loving, Growing,
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents Evening thank you to those parents who came to the first of our parents' evenings this week. It's really important to us as a school that we are working together to support your children. In order that we don't keep other families waiting too long, we might ask you to make another appointment to continue a conversation if you have reached the end of your slot and everything hasn't been covered fully. Don't forget that we are happy to discuss your child at other times - not just parents' evening. If you have any worries or concerns at other times, please speak to your child's class teacher and arrange a convenient time for you both to talk. We are looking forward to next week for our second parents' evening. If you haven't booked a slot yet - please do contact your child's teacher or the office to see if there are any slots available.

Head lice We have another reported case of head lice in school. Don't forget that if you have treated your child before and miss just one egg, it will mean that you haven't eradicated the problem and you need to be alert and continue to check and potentially treat your child's head for the next few weeks. It is always a good idea to check your child's hair weekly as a preventative measure. Having hair tied up will also help prevent the spread. Do read the information leaflet sent with the blue letter.

Walking Home - There is a growing number of children in Owl Class who are starting to walk home by themselves. It's great to see their growing independence. If you are happy for your child to walk home alone, please make sure that you have let us know either by speaking to the class teacher or emailing the office. If you have already told us, you don't need to let us know again.

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.

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| Monday 16th October | Parents joining reception phonics Fox Class PE Squirrel Class PE JOLF club finishes 4pm |
| Tuesday 17th October | 8.45am Parent Workshop- supporting children with anxiety |
| Wednesday 18th October | Parents joining reception phonics Fox Class PE Parents evening 3.30pm-5.30pm |
| Thursday 19th October | Parents joining reception phonics Owl Class PE Squirrel Class PE Football Club Owls and Foxes finishes 4pm |
| Friday 20th October | Parents joining reception phonics Owl Class PE |

Advance Dates

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

Outdoor learning

Year two have finished their five sessions of Outdoor learning. After half term outdoor learning will be on a Thursday afternoon for Year 4. Sessions will take place on Thursday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th November. Children need to bring a change of clothes, we suggest old trousers and a long sleeve top. They also need to bring a coat and suitable footwear (wellies are best). As it gets colder they may also want hat and gloves. If children don't bring a change of clothes, they may not be able to take part in the session fully. Children with bare arms or legs are not able to use the tools and equipment or be involved in the fires. Sessions take place in most weather conditions.



Boccia

Mr Rogers took some of the children from Owl Class to take part in the Boccia Competition this week. Boccia is a game similar to bowls that is played on a court indoors. The idea is to get your ball as closest to the 'jack' ball. They had a brilliant time experiencing a different sport coming 9th in the competition. Well done! (thank you Mr Rogers for organising for the children to go, and going with them).



Achievers

Well done to our achievers this week:



Well done Aria for getting your 5 metre swimming badge.

Bikeability - well done to all of Year 6 for completing your level 1 and 2 bikeability courses this week.



Squirrel Class: Jacob, Lily, Nancy, Jack, Leon and Madison

Fox Class: Aubrey, Lucia, Bell and Izy

Owl Class: Michael, Tilly, Freya and Jonathan

