

# The Blue Letter: 26th January 2024



Learning, Loving, Growing,  
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Whole School Walk** - On Friday, we will be going for our first whole school walk this year (weather permitting). The plan is to leave by 9.30 in the morning. Children will need wellington boots or footwear such as walking boots that can get muddy. Please ensure your child has their shoes to put on when we return to school. They also should wear suitable trousers for the walk and bring in their uniform bottom trousers/ skirt to change into when we return to school. Children will not need their book bags on Friday.

**St Blaise Fair jars** - your child will have come home today with a small glass jar. We would like them filled, decorated and returned so that we can sell them at the St Blaise Fair, next, Saturday 3rd February. The proceeds will be split between the school and The Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Trust, Kwa Mkono, Tanzania. A poster with more details will be sent with the Blue Letter. Mrs Dommett would welcome any parents who would be able to help run the stall. Please return the jars by Thursday 1st February

**School discos** - The Valentines Discos take place next Friday, 2nd February, 5-6pm for Squirrel class and 6-7pm for Fox and Owl class. The deadline for returning the slip and money for tickets is Wednesday 31st January.

**Strep A/Scarlet Fever** - Just to make parents aware that there are some children in school who have shown symptoms of Strep A. We do not have any confirmed cases but, if your child has a temperature and a sore throat, you might wish to take advice from the GP and keep them at home until the temperature is lowered.

**Swimming Payments** - thank you to those of you who have paid for swimming or spoken to Mrs Dommett about payment. A reminder that the deadline for paying is Wednesday 31st January.

**School Values** - We talk regularly with the children about our school values of Respect, Resilience, Wisdom and Compassion. We are currently focusing with the children on the value of Respect and how this is reflected in the way we speak to each other, both adults and children in school. You may find that your child's class teacher needs to speak to you if your child is not talking to others in a respectful way. Rudeness is not something that we want to be part of our school culture.

Monday 29th January	
Tuesday 30th January	
Wednesday 31st January	Fox Class PE <b>Outdoor learning - Year 3</b> Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 1st February	Owl Class & Fox Class Swimming Squirrel Class PE Dance Club
Friday 2nd February	<b>Whole school walk</b> Owl Class PE Create Club School Discos 5pm and 6pm

## Advance Dates

Friday 2nd February - whole school walk  
 Friday 2nd February - Valentines Discos  
**Saturday 3rd February - St Blaise Fair**  
 Wednesday 7th February - Tag Rugby Festival for year 3/4  
**Tuesday 6th February - Fox Class Greek Day**  
 Friday 9th February - Outdoor learning Year 3  
 Monday 12th- Friday 16th February - half term  
 Monday 19th February INSET day  
 Friday 23rd February - Future Flyers - selected children  
 Wednesday 28th February - KS2 Theatre trip  
 Wednesday 6th March - KS1 cricket festival  
 Thursday 7th March - World Book Day  
 Wednesday 13th March - parents evening 4.00pm - 6.20pm  
 Wednesday 20th March - parents evening 3.30- 5.40pm  
 Thursday 21st March - last swimming session  
 Friday 22nd March - Future Flyers - selected children  
 Thursday 28th March -last day of term  
 Monday 15th April - Summer term starts  
 Friday 26th April - Future Flyers - selected children  
 Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - half term  
 Monday 3rd June - INSET DAY  
 Tuesday 23rd July -end of term

Calling all parents and carers, West Sussex County Council needs your feedback! Starting from April 2024, existing childcare support will be expanded in phases. By September 2025, most working families with children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare support.



The changes are being introduced gradually to make sure that providers can meet the needs of more families. This means that:

- From April 2024, eligible working parents of 2 year olds will be able to access 15 hours childcare support.
- From September 2024, 15 hours childcare support will be extended to eligible working parents of children from the age of 9 months to 3-year-olds.
- From September 2025, eligible working parents of children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare a week.
- By September 2026, all primary schools should be able to offer wrap around care, both before and after school.

As part of the Local Authorities statutory duties around sufficiency we are required to have an understanding of the supply and demand of childcare places and any gaps in provision, including how these gaps will be addressed.

We are looking for views from all parents and carers of children aged 0-14 years (and up to 18 for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) about how you currently use childcare, and how this may continue to change in the future. To support this knowledge and understanding it is important that we include the voice of the families so we can better understand if the childcare available is meeting your needs.

The questions and length of the survey will vary depending on the age of your child/children but should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Importantly your feedback will help us to shape improvements to the future of childcare delivery in West Sussex and support the availability of childcare provision to meet continuing demand.

The survey will be open from 10 January 2024 to 2 February 2024 and is located [here](#)

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this survey and help us understand the needs of families in West Sussex

## **Achievers**

Well done to all our achievers this week:



Squirrel Class: Eddie, Dylan, Gigi, Jack, Madison, Penny

Fox Class: Xanthe, Aubrey, Lilly, Georgia

Owl Class: Bella, Michael, Freya and Elise

