



Newsletter 8 November 2024

A MESSAGE FROM MRS FITCH AND MRS STACEY

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn term. We have much planned so please keep an eye on the 'Dates for your Diary' below to ensure you don't miss anything!

Friday saw us welcome Headteachers from local primary schools for a morning of collaboration as well as working alongside Will Ryan, Education Consultant. This was a fantastic opporunity for us to come together to share best practice.

PARENTS' CONSULATION - Staff are looking forward to meeting with parents/carers next week **(Tuesday, 12 November 2024 (3:30pm - 5:20pm)** or **Wednesday, 13 November 2024 (3:30pm - 6:50pm)**. Bookings are now closed. If you have had problems with booking, please contact Mrs Mhani, via the School Office/Studybugs. Consultations will take place in **Year Group classrooms** on the Tuesday and the **Kent Hall** on Wednesday.

STAFFING NEWS - This half term we welcome to Boxgrove Mrs Barbara Horvath, Teaching Assistant. Barbara will support in Reception and Year 2; Mrs Jackie Foley will work alongside Nicki Woodward, HSLW and brings a wealth of experience having worked in local primary schools; Mrs Alice Thompson, Assistant Headteacher returns from maternity leave (Wednesday/Thursday) and Mr Alexander Woodcock, who will be working alongside Miss Watts in 4A as part of his Teacher Training placement over the Autumn and Spring terms. We also say goodbye to the following staff members this term. Mrs Loukia Nicolaou, MDS who leaves us to take up an administration role at George Abbot and Mr Connor Tidy who leaves at the end of the Autumn term to begin his big adventure of travelling the world. We are sure you will give our new staff a warm Boxgrove welcome and thank those leaving for all the support they have given the children.

MOVEMBER - Male staff are taking part in the charity fundraiser Movember which supports men's health. If you would like to help them reach their £500 team total please <u>click here</u>. We will share their progress over the coming weeks as their tashes develop further.

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK

YEAR R - This week Reception had a special visit from Mrs Bhandari, Higher Level Teaching Assistant here at Boxgrove who shared with them how she celebrates Diwali with her family. The children enjoyed looking at photographs she had brought in as well as learning why Hindu's celebrate the Festival of Light and its meaning to them.

YEAR 2 - On Friday Year 2 headed off to the Kent Hall for a very special day as part of their History learning of the Great Fire of London. The children had the opportunity to learn what life would have been like living in 1666 and enjoyed making candles, weaving, sewing, leather making, lavender pouches and creating their own clay pots. Please do ask your child about what they got up to.

YEAR 4 - This week saw Year 4 commence their Tag Rugby unit as part of their PE lessons. The children have enjoyed learning the basic skills of how to hold and pass a rugby ball - it really isn't as easy as it looks! That said, the children quickly grasped the 'W' technique shown. Please do ask your child to show you.

YEAR 6 - As part of DT the children have been tasting different breads from around the world. The smells from 6H and 6K were highly tempting as they sampled which tastes they would like to use as they start to think about creating their own Stollen breads later in the term. Please do ask your child what their favourite one was. The children have also been working hard on their fraction skills - hopefully these skills allowed them to share the bread equally!













THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Individual Photos (Children to come in with School uniform)
Tuesday	Sibling Photos (Siblings to come in with school uniform) Parents' Consultations Teacher led clubs CANCELLED
Wednesday	Cafe B - Uniform Shop Parents' Consultations
Thursday	
Friday	Uniform Shop

COMMUNITY

LEARNING PARTNERS ACADEMY TRUST CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION - Supermarkets are now selling their festive sandwiches which means it is time for the Trust to kick off their annual Christmas card competition! Remember, there is a prize for the best design in each category. Designs can be in pencil, felt tip, photographs, painted or multi-media.

Please hand your completed design to your classteacher and make sure to include your first name and surname on the back, along with your class. Closing date for entries is **Friday, 22 November 2024**.

BOXGROVE COMMUNITY TEA PARTY - **TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2024.** Can you help us share our **invites?** If you have a senior neighbour or family member who would enjoy an afternoon tea, whilst being entertained by some of our pupils on Tuesday, 10 December 2024, please let us know by <u>CLICKING HERE</u>. Simply add their name(s) and address to the form and we will send them an invite, alternatively paper invites can also be collected from the School Office. Please remind your guest(s) to let us know they are coming to help us plan our catering as well as if they need transport.

GUILDFORD SANTA FUN RUN – Sunday 8 December 2024! Challengers are very excited to be bringing all the festive family fun to Stoke Park with Guildford Santa Fun Run in aid of Challengers on **Sunday, 8 December.** They would love to see you there! Bring along friends and family and choose between three brilliant routes – a 2.5km, 5km, or 5km fun run! This 'no pressure' event is perfect for families to take part in together, or regular runners that are looking to get in the festive spirit. As Kelly's Storage is kindly covering all the costs of this event, every penny from this amazing day will go straight to Challengers, meaning 100% of all donations, including your entry fee, will provide fun, play and smiles at Challengers! For more information or to sign up please CLICK HERE.

PAEDIATRICS PARENTING SUPPORT SERVICE – This is a new resource available to parents and carers of children aged 5 and under who may be experiencing challenging behaviours potentially linked to neurodiversity. To find out more about their 6 week programme where families gain practical strategies and support to navigate these challenges and ensure the child thrives please <u>CLICK HERE</u>.









SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE:

Congratuations to Rosie (Year 4) who recently wowed her gymnastics instructor as she completed her front somersault first time with no help! We are so proud of you Rosie and thank you for bringing in your lovely trophy to share with us all.

Ethan's (Year 6) swimming continues to go from strength to strength. Just prior to half term Ethan swam in another competition. Ethan swam 8 races resulting in 6 gold medals and 2 silver and managed 7 PB's - his PBs are getting shorter and shorter! We are all so proud of his accomplishments, especially considering he has been representing Boxgrove in a number of other sporting events in addition to his intense swimming schedule. Ethan has lots of swim competitions coming up in the next couple of months and we can't wait to hear how he gets on. Well done Ethan.

Rocco from Year 2 recently took part in a martial arts competition and won second place in the "5 kicking" combination category. We think Rocco's smile says it all. Well done Rocco, we look forward to hearing more.







TEAM BOXGROVE

FOOTBALL - Football Fireworks! Tuesday afternoon saw our Year 5 Boys football team travel to Shawley Primary, Epsom for the 1st round of the Surrey Schools FA Cup. A combination of some great teamwork and technique enabled the boys to come away with an outstanding 8-0 win. Many thanks to Mr Agombar and Mr Hughes for supporting the team and our fantastic parents for transporting the children. Good luck to the boys in Round 2!

INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOS



On **Monday 11 November** children will have individual photos taken and on **Tuesday 12 November** siblings will have their photos taken.

Please can all children come in wearing full school uniform (Polo shirt and Jumper or Cardigan), if your child has PE, please send PE kits in a bag for them to change into later.

A few days after the photos are taken you will receive a contact sheet with your login details to order, we will let you know via Studybugs when these arrive so that you can keep an eye out for them in school bags.





BPTA

Your Next Event, - The Boxgrove Christmas Fair, Saturday, 30 November 2024 - The Boxgrove elves have started preparing for this year's Christmas Fair – you won't want to miss this popular event so please save the date! If you are having a clear out over the coming weeks we will be collecting the following items:



- Soft toys only
- Kids dressing up outfits (not Halloween themed please)
- Christmas jumpers

Please donate any of the above items to the drop off point outside the entrance to the School Office. Please note – we would love any of your unwanted board games, puzzles or toys for our 'bring and buy' toy stall however due to lack of space we can only accept these on the morning of the fair please.

Hamper Donations - Your class reps are co-ordinating donations for our hamper auction. We are looking for suitable new but unwanted items to fill a variety of themed hampers. Donations should be placed in the box by your classroom door for the collection. Final day for donating towards the hamper has been extended to Wednesday 13 November.

BPTA Christmas Cards and Gifts - Thank you to all parents who ordered Christmas cards and gifts, they will be sent home with your child over the next few days. Please note you may receive your order in stages. To ensure there are no breakages, mugs will be handed out outside the School Office next week so please keep an eye out. If you have any issues with your order please email bpta.cards@gmail.com.

Your Next PTA Meeting - Your next PTA meeting will take place on the Friday, 22 November 2024, in the Buzz Room at 9:00am. All are welcome so please come along! There are many ways for you to make a meaningful contribution to the school community, whether through volunteering, sharing your expertise, or simply attending meetings. By working together, parents and teachers can create a supportive and enriching school experience for all students. Please email boxgrovepta@gmail.com if you would like to know more.

BPTA Event Dates for Your Diary!

30 November 2024 - Christmas Fair 21 & 22 January 2025 - School Disco 7 February 2025 - Painting & Prosecco 3 & 4 March 2025 - Sponsored Pancake Flip 22 March 2025 - Quiz Night 21 June 2025 - Summer Fair 11 July 2025 - Summer Family BBQ

PTA Events - Register Now! - We use the PTA Events website throughout the year to simplify ticketing and payments for our events, auctions, and raffles. To purchase tickets, merchandise, or even make a donation to the PTA, you'll need to create an account. Simply visit www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta and click on "Register" to get started.

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YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

Below you will find all the latest events, information and letters from each year group for this week:

- All the letters are available on our school's website <u>www.boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk</u>
- The links highlighted below will take you straight to the location where you can view, download and print the letters that are relevant to your child's year group
- Please be advised that all letters are available under the Parent tab, Parent Hub in the event you are unable to open the link.

Year group	Activity / news /trips
Reception	Our plans for the week - <u>click here</u>
Year 1	Our plans for the week - <u>click here</u>
Year 2	Our plans for the week - <u>click here</u>
Year 3	Our plans for the week - <u>click here</u>
Year 4	Our plans for the week - <u>click here</u>
Year 5	Our plans for the week - <u>click here</u>
Year 6	Our plans for the week - <u>click here</u>
Whole School	Please have a look at the picture on the right for lost unnamed coats. Can we remind Parents/ Carers to label items clearly as we are unable to return items to children if they are not named. CLUBS - On Tuesday 12 November the following school run clubs will be CANCELLED as teachers will be holding Parents' Consultations. Please collect children at normal pick up. Year 1 Netball Year 3 and 4 Ultimate Frisbee Year 5 and 6 Running Club Year 5 and 6 Art Club COATS - As temperatures start to drop, please could we remind Parents/Carers to send children into school with (named) coats. CHRISTMAS CARD SHOP - Ordering for the BPTA Christmas cards will reopen next week Monday 11 November to Friday 15 November. For any queries please contact bpta.cards@gmail.com





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11 November	Individual School Photographs	
12 November	Sibling Photographs	
12 November	Parents' Consultations 3:30pm - 5:45pm	
13 November	Parents' Consultation 3:30pm - 7:30pm	
20 November	3HU Class assembly - 9am in the Kent hall	
20 November	Year 1 Haslemere Museum Trip	
22 November	BPTA meeting 9am (Buzz Room)	
22 November	Mufti in Exchange for a Merry Mug	
25 November	Year 3 Natural History Museum Virtual Workshop	
28 November	4W Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall	
27 November	Years 5 & 6 Rocksteady Concert - Rocksteady to notify Parents	
29 November	Year 4 Roman Day (NO DRESS UP REQUIRED)	
29 November	BPTA mufti day in exchange for bottle or box or chocolates	
29 November	Years 3 & 4 Rocksteady Concert - Rocksteady to notify parents	
30 November	BPTA Christmas Fair	
3 December	String Christmas Concert (Details to follow)	
3 December	Reception Christmas Play - 9:15am	
4 December	Christmas Lunch (Deadline to book on Ipay is 27 November)	
4 Decemeber	Year 1 Christmas Play - 2pm	
4 December	Year 2 Christmas Play - 9:15am	



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5 December	Year 1 Christmas Play - 2pm	
5 December	Reception Christmas Play - 9:15am	
5 December	Year 2 and 3 The Travelling Crib - (More details to follow)	
6 December	Year 1 Christmas Play - 9:15am	
6 December	Year 2 Christmas Play - 2pm	
9 December	Reception health screening and NCMP	
10 December	Year 5 and Year 6 Orchestra Christmas Concert	
11 December	KS2 Christmas Service (Details to follow)	
12 December	KS2 Christmas Service (Details to follow)	
20 December	School closes at 1.10pm for Christmas holidays	
6 January	School re-opens for children	
15 January	2T Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall	
21 - 22 January	PTA School Disco	
22 January	5M Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall	
27, 28 & 30 January	Year 3 Feet First Road Safety Training	
5 February	6K Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall	
7 February	BPTA Painting and Prosecco	
12 February	1B Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall	
17 Feb - 21 Feb	Half term	
4 March	Sponsored Pancake Flip	



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10 - 17 March	Year 4 - Level 1 Bikeability	
12 March	2W Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall	
20 March	4CH Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall	
22 March	Quiz Night	
26 March	5CB Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall	
2 April	6H Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall	
4 April	School closes at 1.10pm for Easter Holidays	
22 April	School re-opens for children	
23 - 25 April	Year 4 Henley Fort Residential	
30 April	5E Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall	
7 May	3L Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall	
12 - 16 May	Year 5 Ironbridge Residential	
12 - 15 May	Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 SATs week	
14 May	1LP Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall	
26 May - 30 May	Half Term	
2 June	School re-opens for children	
5 June	4A Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall	
11 June	2S Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall	
10 - 13 June	Year 6 Ross-on-Wye Residential	
18 June	1S Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall	
21 June	BPTS Summer fair	



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25 June	6W Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
2 July	3A Class assembly -9am in the Kent Hall
11 July	BPTA Family BBQ
16 July	Meet the teacher 3:30pm - 5pm
18 July	School closes at 1:10pm for Summer Holidays
21 - 22 July	Inset days

