

### A MESSAGE FROM MRS FITCH AND MRS STACEY

Welcome back to the first half of the Spring term! Whilst it doesn't much feel like Spring, we have enjoyed seeing the children out and about around school and catching up with them to hear all about what they got up to over the festive period.

This week we welcomed 3 new members of staff to our Boxgrove Team. Mrs Sarah Gearing and Mrs Anne-Marie Groom will jobshare the role of classteacher in 2T and Miss Fran Roberts takes up the post of Teaching Assistant in Years 3 and 4. We are sure that when you meet them you will give them a warm Boxgrove welcome.

We wanted to share some wonderful news regarding an early Christmas gift we received. With the support of one of our parents we were awarded a substantial donation from [Cargill](#). This wonderful donation will allow us to further develop our Outdoor Learning Project (OPAL) and will be used to create a calm outdoor reading space. This will support reading for pleasure and we hope, in turn, it will develop a lifelong love of reading amongst our children and improve their reading outcome. On behalf of the children and staff, thank you Katya for supporting us with this funding application. We will, of course, show you photos as this project comes to life. Can you help with a similar application? We would love to hear from any parents/carers who work for companies who make donations to schools. Please email Mrs Sharp via [office@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk).

We have much planned over the coming weeks ahead in the lead up to Easter so please keep an eye on the dates for your diary below. Welcome back!

### WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK

**YEAR R** - Did you know animals who are awake during the day are called diurnal? Reception have been learning all about the difference between diurnal and nocturnal animals. They are currently studying nocturnal animals and have enjoyed learning facts about why they are more active at night. Linked to their learning, the children have created some amazing artwork. Please ask your child/ren to share their learning with you.

**YEAR 2** - This week Year 2 have been learning how to 'rap' during their music lesson. They have also added actions to their rap 'Grandma Rap'. Why not ask your child to show you their 'shake, shake, shakedy, shake' rap and moves.

**YEAR 4** - It's only been 4 days and Year 4 have already been to Sicily and back! During English, the children have been looking at everything Sicily has to offer to help them create their own persuasive holiday brochures. If you are thinking of holidaying in Sicily this year, why not stop by Year 4 - they have lots of facts to share!

**YEAR 6** - This week Year 6 have been debating appeasement as part of their World War II topic. The children split themselves into two groups within their classes to create their own House of Commons debate. The children gave coherent arguments on both sides and came to their own conclusions.



### NEW INITIATIVE - BIKE BUS

A group of parents would like to start a 'Bike Bus' route as a way children can travel to and from school and they would appreciate your views on this new initiative and potential route.

A bike bus is a group of people riding together on a pre-arranged route with designated points for other riders to join. (Children would need to be accompanied by a responsible adult). It's a fun way to meet others, keep active and travel safely. The group is more visible to cars, and less confident cyclists can benefit from the support of the group.

We would be grateful if you could take 2 minutes to complete a survey/register interest by [clicking here](#).



### THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Monday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Cafe B Uniform shop
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	Uniform Shop



# COMMUNITY

## Family matters

Happy New Year from Surrey Family Information Service



### Back to school

No matter how young your child is, it's never too early to think about what will happen when they start primary or infant school. Our guide can help answer your questions, explain the application process and give you information and tips on how you can help your child prepare for school. See the links below for hints and tips on going back to school after a long winter break and how you can best support your child in Primary or Secondary school.

### Spotlight on services



#### With You, NHS Talking Therapies

We all face mental health challenges at times, and how we experience and cope with them varies. If you find yourself constantly worrying, have panic attacks, obsessive thoughts or behaviours, or often feel hopeless and low, then Talking Therapies could be the right support for you.

[Read More](#)

#### Heads Together

WACA East Surrey's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health team provides free and confidential counselling to young people aged 11 to 24 in East Surrey and works in partnership with local schools. We can offer counselling sessions and other school-based and community services to all children and young people in Reigate & Banstead.

[Read More](#)



#### Recovery College

Recovery College offers a wide range of free courses to help people better understand and manage their mental health needs, recover and stay well.

[Read More](#)



### Youngs Career support

Surrey Young Carers, part of charity Action for Careers Surrey, has been supporting young carers since 1996.

Support is available for young carers aged 11-17 who are providing ongoing care for a brother or sister, parent, or other family member. They need help because of an illness, health, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction and cannot cope without support. The young carer may help by doing physical tasks, like getting someone out of bed, or helping give medication, provide emotional support or do practical things to help the household run, like cleaning, cooking and shopping.

Surrey Young Carers offer free, impartial information and support to young carers and their families on recognizing the impact of their caring role. As well as tailored support, they provide free information workshops, and our lots of fun activities, giving young carers a little time out as well as the chance to meet other young people in similar situations. We want to reduce the impact of caring, and help young carers achieve their full potential.

We also offer training to health, social care and educational professionals on best support for young carers, including significant support to children and staff in schools where.



## Family matters

**MATRIX TRAINING HUB**

SELF-HELP PARENT WORKSHOPS  
Starting 13th February  
9.30am - 10.30am  
The evening C&A, Farnham Gardens  
Guildford, GU10 2AZ

Let us empower parents from the charity East to West, this workshop offers parents support, training and practical strategies. This event's cost free of charge.

Scan QR Code to Book or contact  
www.matrix-traininghub.org

**matrix** SCAN HERE

**CHALLENGERS WORKSHOPS** - Challengers is a charity which transforms the lives of disabled children, young people and their families through the power of play. All sessions and events can be booked on Ticket Tailor webpage [Buy tickets - Challengers - The Hub](#) Please have a look at the flyers below for more information.

**The Hub Family Fun Day**

Come and enjoy our soft play and outdoor playgrounds with all the family!

Guildford and Farnham  
Various Sundays 10am to 3pm

SCAN TO BOOK

CONTACT US [www.disability-challengers.org/thehub](http://www.disability-challengers.org/thehub)

Challengers 01483 961962

**Challengers** COUNCIL FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

**EXPERT PARENT WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN AGED 0 TO 13 YEARS** FREE

Join our free workshop and learn how to get the best outcomes for your child. The Expert Parent Program maps out the current health system specifically to the needs of children and young people with additional needs or disabilities (long-term or undiagnosed) with a focus on our children up to the age of 13 years.

Workshop topics include:

- Making the most of appointments
- Using language effectively
- Making friends at school
- Health, rights, views and laws
- Looking after yourself as a carer

This workshop is written and delivered by parent trainers with lived experience.

"I found the course so invaluable and insightful, thank you for organising it for your child. The Expert Parent Program maps out the current health system specifically to the needs of children and young people with additional needs or disabilities (long-term or undiagnosed) with a focus on our children up to the age of 13 years."

Workshop Dates

- Tues 21st Jan - The Hub, Challengers, Guildford
- Mon 27th Jan - The Bandrooms, Guildford
- Weds 19th Mar - Farnham Challengers

9.30am to 2.30pm

[www.disability-challengers.org/thehub](http://www.disability-challengers.org/thehub)

Email: [thehub@disability-challengers.org](mailto:thehub@disability-challengers.org) or call 01483 961962

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**TRANSITION AGE 14 YEARS + EXPERT PARENT WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND CARERS** FREE

Join our free workshop and learn how to get the best outcomes for your child. The Expert Parent Program maps out the current health system specifically to the needs of children and young people with additional needs or disabilities (long-term or undiagnosed) with a focus on our children as they approach adulthood.

Workshop topics include:

- Making the most of appointments
- Using language effectively
- Making friends at school
- Health, rights, laws and laws
- Looking after yourself as a carer

This workshop is written and delivered by parent trainers with lived experience.

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Transition Age Workshop Date

- 25th Feb - Transition Age 14 to 19 years - Guildford

9.30am to 2.30pm

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Email: [thehub@disability-challengers.org](mailto:thehub@disability-challengers.org) or call 01483 961962

**Challengers The Hub** Parent Workshops

Positive Family Relationships	Mon 3rd February - Farnham
Toilet Training	Tue 20th January - Guildford Thurs 2nd March - Farnham
Education - How to get what you need	Weds 12th March - Farnham
Sleep	Weds 12th February - Guildford
Supporting Parents of Children with Anxiety	Tue 4th March - Farnham
Healthy Parent Carer	From Friday 31st January for 6 weeks - Farnham

For more information and to book on to our sessions, head to our website or scan the QR code

[www.disability-challengers.org/thehub](http://www.disability-challengers.org/thehub)  
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**Healthy Parent Carer Programme** FREE

Starting Friday 31st January  
Running for 6 weeks (not running this year)  
Come along from 9.45am for a 10am start. Finishes at 12.30pm  
Farnham Play Centre, St James Avenue, GU9 9DF

Parent carers often put the needs of their children before their own wellbeing. The Healthy Parent Carers programme is designed to help you focus on your own health and wellbeing. The programme promotes empowerment, confidence and resilience, and gives you some time to focus on your own needs in a realistic way!

Sessions are delivered by Maddie and Becky, who are both parent carers and have attended the workshop themselves.

If you're interested and want to know more, please get in touch: [thehub@disability-challengers.org](mailto:thehub@disability-challengers.org)

Scan or visit to book your place

Email: [thehub@disability-challengers.org](mailto:thehub@disability-challengers.org) or call 01483 961962

**NHS PHARMACY FIRST SERVICE** - Pharmacy First Service have asked if we could share the below information with our parents/carers:

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

**SURREY UNIVERSITY PUBLIC PHYSICS TALK** - Parents/carers may be interested in the below event at Surrey University:

The next Surrey IOP Public Talk:



It's Not a Mess: It's Science  
6:00pm, 21 January 2025, LTG, Lecture Theatre Block, University of Surrey  
Speaker: Alexia Beale, PhD Student, University of Surrey



<https://www.iop.org/events/its-not-mess-its-science>

What's special about slime, jelly, cornflour and paint?

In this 45-minute interactive talk, we will explore a variety of materials and the science behind them. Aimed at children aged 7-11, this talk will include demonstrations with the chance for audience participation.



## EXTERNAL CLUBS

**TAEKWANDO** - A new before school club will be starting next Friday at Boxgrove for Year 2-6. For more information please click [here](#). To book click on the Special Joining offer below.

www.london-tkd.co.uk  
**LONDON TKD**



**Boxgrove Primary - GU1 2TD**

**Description**

**SPECIAL JOINING OFFER: 2 WEEKS FOR £10**

- No Commitments
- Try our programme with confidence
- Just let us know if you do not wish to continue after the 2 week trial.

**Years 2 - 6**



**BOOGIE PUMPS** - Free Trial sessions available. Please see the leaflet attached.



## BPTA

A warm welcome back, and a Happy New Year, from your PTA Committee! We hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting half term ahead. We have some exciting events lined up. First up are the School Discos, where all the children can enjoy some fun dancing with friends.

To stay connected, we warmly invite all parents/carers to our PTA Social Meeting on 28th January, where you can meet fellow parents/carers and discover how to get involved whether by volunteering, sharing your skills, or simply participating in discussions. And finally this half term is our popular Painting and Prosecco evening, a great chance to unwind and mingle with other parents. More information can be found below. We can't wait to see you at these events!

### The School Disco's - Tuesday, 21 January 2025 and Thursday, 23 January 2025 - TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

The Reception Disco will take place during school hours, so no ticket is required; however, voluntary donations are welcome. For all other year groups, the events will be held over two days, and tickets are required if you haven't purchased one yet.

**Your Next PTA Social Meeting** - No ticket needed just come along! Come and join us on **Tuesday, 28 January 2025**, in the Buzz Room at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome, so please pop along. This is your chance to make a meaningful impact on our school community — whether by volunteering, sharing your skills, or simply participating in discussions. Together, parents and teachers can help shape a supportive and enriching environment for all children.

### Painting and Prosecco - Friday, 7 February 2025 - TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Come and create a masterpiece while enjoying a glass of bubbly, whilst catching up with friends, and mingling with other Boxgrove parents. Tickets include your first glass of Prosecco or a soft drink!

**Tickets are available now to purchase for the School Disco's and our Painting and Prosecco evening via: [www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta).**

### BPTA Event Dates for Your Diary!

- 21 and 23 January 2025 - School Disco
- 7 February 2025 - Painting & Prosecco
- 3 and 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](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta) and click on "Register" to get started.

**BOXGROVE PTA – "DOING MORE TOGETHER"**

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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 [www.boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk)
- 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

<b>Reception</b>	Our plans for the week - <a href="#">click here</a>
<b>Year 1</b>	Our plans for the week - <a href="#">click here</a>
<b>Year 2</b>	Our plans for the week - <a href="#">click here</a>
<b>Year 3</b>	Our plans for the week - <a href="#">click here</a>
<b>Year 4</b>	Our plans for the week - <a href="#">click here</a>
<b>Year 5</b>	Our plans for the week - <a href="#">click here</a>
<b>Year 6</b>	Our plans for the week - <a href="#">click here</a>
<b>Whole School</b>	<p><b>PRIMARY SCHOOLS APPLICATION</b> - If your child is due to start school in Reception next September, you will need to make an application before the deadline of 15 January 2025. <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information.</p> <p><b>TEACHER LED CLUBS</b> - Clubs will start next week, please let us know if your child no longer requires the space so that we can remove them from the registers. If your child will not be attending on a specific day please let us know via Studybugs. There will be no clubs during the week of Parents' Consultation and also on 21 and 22 January 2025.</p> <p><b>MEDICATION IN SCHOOL</b> - If your child needs medication for an issue that has been diagnosed by a medical professional, please can you drop this into the front office, and fill out a medication request form. This would be for non-temperature related issues such as regular headaches, allergies, or post medical attention such as dental work or fractures. We can give paracetamol-based products, and antihistamine. We cannot administer ibuprofen products. Please see our policy on Administration of Medicines <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>SWIM INVOICES</b> - The Spring Term swimming invoices are now available to view and pay online on Scopay.com</p>



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

IF DATES ARE IN **RED** THEY ARE NEW DATES. IF DATES ARE IN **BLUE** THEY ARE AMENDED DATES.

<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 - 2025</b>	
21 January	Reception, Year 1,2,3 and 4 PTA School Disco
22 January	5M Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
<b>23 January</b>	<b>Year 5 and 6 BPTA School Disco</b>
27, 28 & 30 January	Year 3 Feet First Road Safety Training
<b>29 January</b>	<b>Inset day</b>
5 February	6K Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
<b>5 February</b>	<b>Year 2 Bug Man Visit</b>
6 February	Year 3 Woking Mosque visit
7 February	BPTA Painting and Prosecco
12 February	1B Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
<b>17 Feb - 21 Feb</b>	<b>Half term</b>
4 March	BPTA Sponsored Pancake Flip
5-6 March	Parents' Consultations
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	BPTA Quiz Night
26 March	5CB Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
2 April	6H Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
<b>4 April</b>	<b>School closes at 1.10pm for Easter Holidays</b>



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<b>22 April</b>	<b>School re-opens for children</b>
23 - 25 April	Year 4 Henley Fort Residential
30 April	5E Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
<b>5 May</b>	<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>
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
<b>26 May - 30 May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>2 June</b>	<b>School re-opens for children</b>
5 June	4A Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
11 June	2S Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
12 June	2T 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
25 June	6W Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
<b>30 June</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
2 July	3A Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
11 July	BPTA Family BBQ



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16 July	Meet the teacher 3:30pm - 5pm
18 July	School closes at 1:10pm for Summer Holidays
21 - 22 July	Inset days
2 September	Inset Day
3 September	Inset Day
4 September	School Re-opens for Pupils in Years 1 - 6 (Reception will be a staggered start)