

A MESSAGE FROM MRS FITCH AND MRS STACEY

BPTA SCHOOL DISCO'S - A huge thank you to Claire H and Rebecca C for bringing these fun events to life. We would also like to thank the many parent helpers and staff who supported them and the children at these events. A fun time was had by all. Of course, we also have to say a huge thank you to our very own Mr Herbert, DJ extraordinaire!

You will remember we wrote to you after parents' evenings in November to thank all parents and carers after receiving very positive feedback from the teaching team about how fruitful these conversations were. They reported how much they had enjoyed working directly with you in support of your children.

We are afraid that since then, we have had a number of reports of a small minority of parents speaking to staff in a manner which has left them feeling very upset. Unfortunately, some of these occasions have been directly before they are expected to teach their class and at times in front of children: this is never OK.

We understand that our children are the most important thing to us and accept that at times, as parents/carers, we can feel upset or frustrated by what we believe may have happened. Feelings of frustration when things go wrong are absolutely understandable but please can we ask you to consider how you address staff when raising concerns? We will always look into concerns that you have and try to do our very best for children and their families. That being said, please remember that all staff have a right to be spoken to in an appropriate manner at all times.

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK

YEAR R - Reception children have been collaborating between their 3 classes. Two afternoons per week the children are able to 'free flow' between the 3 classes to explore, alongside staff, a variety of activities. This week they were able to explore sand, water and a 'curiosity approach' role play. Please ask your child which activity they enjoyed best.

YEAR 2 - The children have been enjoying hearing and reading the story 'There's a RANG-TAN in My Bedroom'. A particular highlight was learning how 'the girl' wanted to save the rainforest. Why not ask your child to share their thoughts on how the rainforest and orangutan could be saved.

YEAR 4 - During science the children have been learning all about ears. Do you know how many inner and outer hairs surround the cochlea? Year 4 do! - 14,500. The children also tested a variety of materials (cotton wool, felt and paper) to see which would be best to create ear defenders. 4W were mixed on their result and spent time debating whether or not they thought it was cotton wool or felt.

YEAR 6 - Tuesday saw Year 6 create their very own prototype Anderson Shelters as part of their continued World War II studies. Staff were impressed by the children's architectural designs, many of which withstood the weight of a shotput ball being dropped from a height onto them! The shotput was used to simulate what a direct hit from a bomb would have been like.



SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

Congratulations to Matilda, Y4 who recently competed in a swim gala and came away with 6 medals! Matilda had a great time and was rightly very proud of her achievements. Her smile says it all!



Ethan and Finley, both Year 6 competed at the Surrey County National Championships last weekend and both came away with medals. Finley won Bronze and Ethan won Gold. What an amazing achievement for them both. We now look forward to hearing all about their achievements in a couple of weeks time, as they compete in more Surrey National Championship races. We will update you on their achievements once we know more.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Year 3 Feet First training
Tuesday	Year 3 Feet First training
Wednesday	INSET DAY (NO SCHOOL)
Thursday	Year 3 Feet First training
Friday	Uniform Shop



COMMUNITY

MINDWORKS ANXIETY WORKSHOP - CAMHS/Mindworks Anxiety Talk at Boxgrove Primary School, **Wednesday, 5 March 2025 at 9:00am**. We are looking forward to welcoming Holly Bloom, Primary Mental Health Worker from Mindworks to Boxgrove. We will be meeting at 9:00am for a talk and a chance to ask questions with Holly who will share her expertise in supporting children with anxiety. This is a great opportunity and if you have a child who experiences some anxiety we would encourage you to attend. The session will last around an hour, tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided. Please click [HERE](#) to let us know you would like to attend.



GUILDFORD FAMILY CENTRE NEWS - Parenting Puzzle: We offer two programmes to help parents and carers deal with the challenges of family life and create a calmer, happier environment. The Parenting Puzzle and the Nurturing Programme are tried and tested support programmes to help us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel. The Parenting Puzzle programme is a 4-week online or face-to-face course. You can read more details [here](#).

Before starting the Parenting Puzzle, we ask you to watch some foundation videos with top parenting tips. You can view those [here](#). The Nurturing Programme is a 10-week group course which takes place face to face. You can read how it's helped other parents [here](#).

FAMILY ADVICE SESSIONS - All families face difficulties at some point in life and knowing where to turn can be hard to navigate. Families First Guildford offer parents and carers a 30 minute telephone or online call with a Family Support Worker to discuss the issues you are facing and offer advice, support and signposting. These can be on any topic, however it's often around additional needs, children's behaviours or parental relationships.

Call 01483 510570 to book a session.



TEAM BOXGROVE

Surrey Schools Minibridge Tournament

Following the creation of a new bridge club at Boxgrove in the Autumn Term, 13 of our Year 5/6 pupils attended their first minibridge tournament kindly hosted by Tormead School and expertly led by Douglas Wright (3 Counties Bridge). Ms Mackay & Mrs Cadge have been impressed how quickly the children have picked up all aspects of the game including bidding and scoring. The children's ability to concentrate throughout the afternoon last Friday was most impressive. This was rewarded with juice and cookies in the interval. At the end of Friday's competition two Boxgrove pairs finished in the top 3 places. Special congratulations to Arthur D & Zac F (1st) and Thomas B & Adam K (3rd). All scores will go forward to the Surrey Schools Minibridge Tournament and we will find out in February our final placings across the county. Fingers crossed!



Surrey Schools Cross Country Championships

Last Saturday saw 9 of our top cross country runners take on the cold temperatures and the best in Surrey at the Cross Country County Championships in Reigate. With high quality competition and over one hundred competitors in each race, huge congratulations to all our runners.

Y6 Girls Annika E (11th), Isabelle E (52nd), Holly D (55th)

Y6 Boys Finlay P (4th), Henry H (30th)

Y5 Girls Cara J (7th), Isabel W (27th)

Y5 Boys Aaron T (42nd), Bailey K (49th)



Many thanks to Mr Killick for supporting the children and to all parents/carers taking on the cold and transporting children to and from the event.

Guildford High School Cross Country Relays

The running shoes were back on for 4 of our girls yesterday afternoon as the Boxgrove team competed in a relay format at Guildford High School. Think 4x400m from the Olympics but increase that to approx 4x1000m around Stoke Park in the mud and chilly temperatures! Congratulations to Annika E, Isabel W, Ella B & Cara J for their fantastic performance against a number of elite Surrey schools achieving a fabulous 3rd place and a medal. Mr Killick was very proud of the team and even more so as two of our girls were running a 'year up' against taller and stronger Year 6 athletes. Now we look forward to the restart of the Guildford Schools Cross Country races in February. Let's go Boxgrove!



BPTA



Your Next PTA Social Meeting - No ticket needed just come along! Come and join us on the 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.

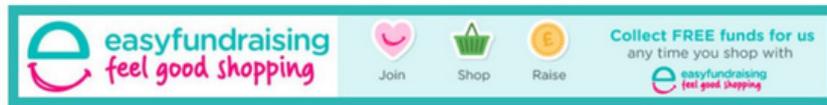
The Quiz Night - Saturday, 22 March 2025 - TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY! Join with your friends for an evening of quiz, chat, dinner and a great bar open throughout with a choice of quality wines, beers and soft drinks. Will one of the parents' tables beat the teachers' table this year??

Tickets are available on Monday to purchase for the Quiz Night via: www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta.

BPTA Event Dates for Your Diary!

- 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 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 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.

Reception	Our plans for the week - click here
Year 1	Our plans for the week - click here
Year 2	Our plans for the week - click here
Year 3	Our plans for the week - click here
Year 4	Our plans for the week - click here
Year 5	Our plans for the week - click here
Year 6	Our plans for the week - click here
Whole School	STAFF CAR PARK - Just a reminder to all parents/carers that the school car park is only for Boxgrove staff. Please could we ask that you not park your car in the car park to drop off or collect your child at any point during the day unless agreed with a member of the office staff. Could we also ask that you DO NOT walk through the car park.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 - 2025

27, 28 & 30 January	Year 3 Feet First Road Safety Training
29 January	Inset day
5 February	6K Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
5 February	Year 2 Bug Man Visit
6 February	Year 3 Woking Mosque visit
7 February	BPTA Painting and Prosecco
12 February	1B Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
17 Feb - 21 Feb	Half term
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
17 March	Rocksteady Concert (Invitation to be sent out via Rocksteady)
19 March	Rocksteady Concert (Invitation to be sent out via Rocksteady)
20 March	4CH Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
21 March	Rocksteady Concert (Invitation to be sent out via Rocksteady)
22 March	BPTA Quiz Night
24 March - 4 April	Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025
26 March	5CB Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
2 April	6H Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall



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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
5 May	May Day Bank Holiday
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
12 June	2T Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
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
30 June	Inset Day
2 July	3A Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
8 - 11 July	Year 6 Croft Farm Residential



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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
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)