

A MESSAGE FROM MRS FITCH AND MRS STACEY

Wednesday saw us come together for staff training. Our focus for the day was Read Write Inc. The day was very informative and taught us all how important phonics teaching is at the very start of our children's school career. It also highlighted the importance of inspiring a love of reading and sharing good quality texts at home as well as school. We look forward to implementing changes to our phonics teaching across the school.



WALK TO SCHOOL ART COMPETITION - As part of our initiative to promote healthy and safe travel to and from school, the children will be taking part in 2 walking and cycling challenges this academic year. This term the children will be designing a Walk to School badge for a competition run by Living Streets and Surrey County Council. This competition has been launched during today's assembly. The children will be designing their badges with their classteachers over the coming weeks. The winning badge design will be printed on the reward badges given to children throughout the UK during Walk to School week 19 - 23 May 2025. For more information, please click on the badge image to the right of this page.



The above is in addition to the planned Big Walk and Wheel initiative (24 March 2025 - 4 April 2025) where families are encouraged to walk, cycle and scoot to and from school. More information about the Big Walk and Wheel will follow shortly.



WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK

YEAR 1 - This week Year 1 finished their story of 'The Koala Who Could', the story of Kevin who was too scared to come down from his tree. With some encouragement from his friends (and a broken branch!) Kevin came down and enjoyed adventures and games with other Australian animals. Following this story the children and staff discussed the qualities of our own friends and then went on to create friendship posters.



YEAR 3 - During science the children used the story of the 'Pied Piper of Hamelin' to investigate whether magnets work at a distance and also through objects! Through their investigations the children discovered that different sized magnets have a different force. Why not ask your child what they discovered?



YEAR 5 - This week, the children have been understanding the features of a diary entry and have begun to create a shared 'written' diary entry from the viewpoint of Stella (from their classreader, Polar Bear Explorer's Club) on the night before her birthday. The children have also been honing their Sportshall Athletic skills during PE as well as learning how to support our friends and be kind during PSHE.

SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

Well done to Isaac, Year 2 and Oscar, Year R who took part in their first hockey festival last weekend with Guildford Hockey Club. They competed against clubs from around the South West of London and Surrey area and had a great time. Both boys are exceedingly proud of their certificates - something tells us that there will be lots more to come!



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	6K Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall Year 2 Bug Man Visit Year 3 - Feet First Cafe B
Thursday	Year 3 Woking Mosque visit
Friday	BPTA Painting and Prosecco



TEAM BOXGROVE

DODGEBALL - Our Y3/4 team of 10 dodgeball players attended the Spectrum to experience their first dodgeball tournament on Tuesday afternoon. The event hosted by Merrow Junior School saw our team taking on local schools. With each match the team developed their tactics and confidence, thoroughly enjoying the afternoon. Many thanks to Miss Leal & Miss Jones for supporting the team.



FOOTBALL -

ESFA Pokemon Primary School Cup - Girls Football County Finals

After qualifying by winning the Guildford schools tournament before Christmas, our girls football team were very excited to attend the County Finals in Dorking yesterday. Playing against high quality teams the girls showed great resilience and determination scoring a number of goals. Many thanks to the parents/carers for transporting the girls and Miss Watts & Mr Agombar for managing the team. The girls will be straight back in action next Tuesday with a fixture at St Thomas'!



Y3/4 Boys Football v St Thomas of Canterbury

After much work and repair of our main field we were excited to host our first football match of the season at Boxgrove on Tuesday afternoon. Luckily the rain held off and the field was playable. After a competitive match with our neighbours St Thomas' a final score draw 2-2 was a fair result. Thanks to Mr Agombar & Mr Hughes for supporting the team.



BPTA

Boxgrove PTA (BPTA) plays a vital role in supporting the school by organising events, fundraising initiatives, and community activities. Funds raised are then thoughtfully allocated to enable the school to acquire equipment and educational resources that enhance the learning experience and overall enjoyment for all the children attending Boxgrove.



Sponsored Pancake Flip - Year 1 - Monday, 3 March 2025 and Years 2-6 - Tuesday, 4 March 2025

During school hours, we'll find out just how many times your little ones can flip a "pancake" in 60 seconds! Parents/Carers can sponsor their child per flip – it's like a pancake flipping marathon, but with less syrup and more giggles! More details coming soon.

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.

NAMETAGS - Looking to buy nametags so your child/ren never lose another thing? Click on either of the companies to the right and school will receive a commission.

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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.

NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY - Please click the flyer for more information

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](#).

FEBRUARY HALF TERM CLUBS



Andrew Lawrence Basketball Camp



Autism Information Session

For Parents and Carers

Join the National Autistic Society at Boxgrove School, Boxgrove Lane, Guildford, GU1 2DT on Wednesday, 12th February 2025 at 9:30am for information, advice and support. For more information please email: rwwoodward@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk

Please register to attend at: <https://forms.office.com/e/m025wkR2BA>

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	SPARE CLOTHES - As the weather has been extremely wet and children seem to love falling over in puddles, we have run out of spare socks, skirts and trousers in the office. If your child has borrowed any last week, please could we ask that you send these back. If you do have any spares at home that your child has outgrown, we would be happy to them off your hands.



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

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
25-27 February	Scholastic Book fair - Details to follow
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
28 March	Year 4 Marwell Zoo
2 April	6H Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
3 April	School Council Bake sale for Shooting Stars. More information to follow.



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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)