

A MESSAGE FROM MRS FITCH AND MRS STACEY

CHANGES TO THE WAY IN WHICH WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU - As you are aware, we currently use StudyBugs for communicating information to and from parents/carers, along with holding child/parent information on our School Information Management System (SIMS). We have recently migrated to a new system - **Bromcom**. Bromcom will become the overall umbrella for our school information management system and eventually our preferred payment system.

Within Bromcom there is a parent portal called MyChildatSchool (MCAS). As of **Monday, 24 February 2025** we will be transferring from Studybugs to MyChildAtSchool (MCAS). Effective from the 24th, MCAS will be our method of communication with you, so please ensure you have set-up your account before this date. **From the 24th, Studybugs will no longer be monitored.** Today we have sent a letter home via Studybugs to share more about our change in systems, along with instructions of how to sign-up. Please can we ask that you read this important information.

This week was Children's Mental Health Week and we wanted to share some resources which parents/carers may find useful at home:

[Know Yourself, Grow Yourself](#)

[50 Ways to Feel Happy](#) (This site is also holding a talk on Wednesday, 12 February 2025)

[Supporting Children's Mental Health](#) - 10 Conversation Starters for Parents

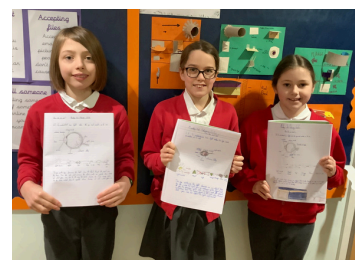
WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK

YEAR R - This week the children have been looking at the different variety of pets people have in their homes. Lots of the children have shared photos of their pets and used their language to share what is special about their pet and the positives they bring to their lives. What do you think was the most popular pet for children in Reception?

YEAR 2 - As part of their Brazil topic Year 2 invited 'The Bugman' to join them on Wednesday. During his visit the children learnt lots of amazing facts about the animals who inhabit the Rain Forest, as well as meeting some of the animals he brought along. Mrs Sheath was very brave when holding Sally the Tarantula! Please ask your child to share the different animals they saw.

YEAR 4 - Monday saw the children in Year 4 find a 'Dragon' hiding on the school site! Throughout the week they have been writing instructions on how to train it and have come up with some innovative ideas, including how not to burn the school down!!

YEAR 6 - The children have been looking at light during science and created their very own pin cameras. They have also been learning all about how our eyes work and how light is collected and processed by the brain.



SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

Congratulations to Henry and Joshua, Year 2 who took part in a Rugby Festival at Guildfordians on Sunday. Both played brilliantly alongside their team mates, demonstrating great sportsmanship and each scoring several tries in the chilly sunshine - perhaps England could have taken some tips from them for their game last weekend!



Last weekend saw Ethan and Finley back in the pool at the Surrey County Annual Championships. Finley swam exceedingly well in all his events achieving PB's in lots of his races. Ethan achieved 7 golds, 1 silver and was also awarded the Surrey Championship Age Group Winner. What amazing achievements. We are so proud of you both.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Cafe B 1B Class Assembly Uniform Shop
Thursday	
Friday	Uniform Shop



What will the PTA be Funding?

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent PTA social meeting. We had some great discussions around our events and fundraising. Mrs Fitch presented Funding Requests on behalf of the teachers, totalling just over £10,000. All attendees discussed and unanimously voted to fund the following: phonic books, a diving block, online safety talk for parents and children, outdoor reading dens, overhead projector ("visualiser") for live modelling, a poet to attend on World Book day, additional semicircle tables for each class in Reception, arts and craft materials and visual house point collectors.

Additionally, a further £14,000 has been allocated for OPAL and IT equipment, but this is pending further information to be presented at the next meeting on the 11 March 2025, 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.

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 ARE ON SALE NOW! 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!

- 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.

Please click on the image below to find out more about how you can recycle unwanted clothing at Boxgrove, whilst helping raise funds for the school.



BOXGROVE PTA – "DOING MORE TOGETHER"

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Reception have been enjoying making bird feeders as part of their outdoor learning.



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](#).

FREE ONLINE COURSES - [Understanding your baby, child or teenager](#) :: Children and Family Health Surrey (childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk)

Some of the courses available listed below:

- Moving up to secondary school for children with additional needs
- Understanding your child
- Understanding your child's feelings
- Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Understanding your teenager's brain
- Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)
- Understanding your feelings (for teenagers only!)
- Understanding your child with additional needs/learning disabilities
- Understanding your relationships
- Understanding your own trauma.

The link below takes you to the Surrey County Council website with the link to register on the courses listed above or you can use the other link.

[Register for free online guides for families - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#)

AI FOR EVERYONE - On Wednesday 12 February, Russell Whitworth, of u3a's national "AI for Everyone" project, will deliver a talk entitled Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities, Threats, Hints and Tips. Hosted by George Abbot PTA, this event will be free to attend. The talk will take place at 7 pm in Elmslie Hall, George Abbott School, with refreshments being served from 6:30 pm. Further details are available at tinyurl.com/pta-ai-talk.



TEAM BOXGROVE

Year 6 Netball v Holy Trinity

Two Y6 netball teams enjoyed a trip to Holy Trinity Junior School last Friday for their 1st matches of 2025. For some of the girls it was their first competitive netball match and a great learning experience ahead of a busy netball period. All the girls worked hard and despite two defeats all the girls finished in good spirits. Many thanks to Mrs Hind and Miss Warren for supporting the girls.

Year 5 Boys Football v Holy Trinity

Boxgrove welcomed Holy Trinity Junior School for some Tuesday night football on the main field. Mr Agombar and Mr Hughes were very pleased with the boys dominant performance culminating in a 4-0 victory. Special congratulations on a debut goal for Arthur E alongside debut assists for Isaac M and Aaron T. Well done boys!

Year 5/6 Girls Football v St Thomas'

Back on the pitch following their trip to the county finals, our girls football team joined in the Tuesday night football with a trip to our neighbours St Thomas of Canterbury. The girls played well, showing some great positioning and passing play. Shout outs to Jess G, Chloe G & Annika E all hitting the back of the net contributing to a fantastic 7 - 0 victory. These girls definitely can!



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	<p>WORLD BOOK WEEK - Please click here for letter.</p> <p>SCHOOL GATES - The entrance gates to school will be open from 8:30am and again at 3:10pm. Please can we ask that you do not access the school site prior to these times during drop-off and pick-up. For Breakfast club the main pedestrian gate will open at 7:25am to allow you to drop off from 7:30am. We ask parents NOT to walk through the car park.</p> <p>CLUB PICK UP - Please could we remind parents/carers that pick up from teacher led after school club is 4:15pm unless stated otherwise. parents/carers are not able to stay onsite to wait for their child to finish the club.</p> <p>PICK UP POLICY - How to notify the school if someone else is collecting your child.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In KS1 and Early Years, please let the teacher know in the morning at drop off, or notify a member of staff at Breakfast Club.• In KS2, as long as your child knows who is collecting them, you do not need to notify the teacher. Please only notify the School Office if there is a change of collection that your child was unaware of in the morning. <p>SCHOOL DINNERS - Please be aware that there is a little glitch in the lunch ordering system next Tuesday and the vegetarian option is a vegetarian pizza, NOT the burger. If you have ordered the burger, your child will get the vegetarian pizza option instead.</p>



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

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
3 & 4 March	5M Parents' Consultation (3:30pm - 4:30pm)
5 March	Parents' Consultations (3:30pm - 7:30pm) All classes
6 March	Parents' Consultations (3:30pm - 5:30pm) All Classes except 5M
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.
4 April	School closes at 1.10pm for Easter Holidays



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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
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)