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Newsletter
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A MESSAGE FROM MRS FITCH AND MRS STACEY





On Wednesday, we came together to mark Remembrance Day with a thoughtful and respectful act of remembrance led by Mr Hunt. The children and staff took time to reflect on the sacrifices made by servicemen and women, both past and present, and to remember those who gave so much for the freedoms we enjoy today. It was also lovely to see so many children proudly wearing their Cub, Scout, Brownie and Guide uniforms to mark the occasion. Children also honoured the two-minute silence in their classrooms at 11:00am showing great maturity and respect.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS - Christmas is in the air in Years R to 2 as the children and staff prepare for their performances for parents/carers/grandparents during early December. To ensure we comply with health and safety regulations, tickets are limited to 4 per family (this includes pre-school siblings) for each year group. Your tickets can be used all on 1 day or over the 2 performances. Please click on the Year Group links below to book your tickets. Once we reach 200 guests the performance will be closed to further bookings. From the rehearsals we have seen to date, you are definitely in for a treat.



RECEPTION
YEAR 1
YEAR 2

Wriggly Nativity
Whoops-a-Daisy Angel
Lights Camel Action







COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY - Don't forget to sign-up Grandma, Grandpa, your elderly neighbour and local senior residents to join us at our Community Tea Party. It really is a very special afternoon where they get to enjoy an afternoon tea, whilst being entertained by some of our children. To book a place(s), please click here. Alternatively, invitations can be collected from the School Office - please remind your guest(s) to let us know they are coming. Thank you in advance for your support in bringing a little festive cheer to the senior members of our community.



NATIONAL YEAR OF READING - As part of the National Year of Reading, The Queen marked her birthday with a renewed commitment to supporting children's literacy through the announcement that every Year 6 child across the UK would be gifted a special edition of the bestselling book *Impossible Creatures* by award-winning author Katherine Rundell. On Friday Mr Herbert shared this exciting book with our Year 6 pupils, who were delighted to receive their copy. The programme, in partnership with the National Literacy Trust, of which Her Majesty is Patron, aims to help inspire a lifelong love of reading. Happy Reading, Year 6!

SPARE CLOTHES - Outdoor play is a really important part of the children's day here at Boxgrove, whatever the weather! Now that the colder weather has arrived, to help keep everyone warm, comfortable and ready for the elements, please ensure all children wear a named coat to school each day and they are dressed appropriately for the weather. We also ask that you pop a spare pair of socks/tights and a skirt or trousers (named) in their day bag in case they need a change of clothes. We thank you in advance for your support.



WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK...

YEAR R - This week the children have been looking at the numerous forms of land transport. They have enjoyed using a variety of fact-finding tools to discover what parts and components are required to make a car work, as well as learning all about the importance of transport networks. Next week they will be looking at the various forms of air, rail and sea transport.



YEAR 5 - The children have been investigating multiples and factors in maths. They have been systematic in finding their answers with a bonus of creating 'Factor Bugs' outdoors. This new found knowledge allows the children to discover patterns, make links and apply their multiplication and division knowledge.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Y6 Bikeability this week
Tuesday	Y6 George Abbot trip
Wednesday	Cafe B and Uniform Shop Rocksteady KS1 concert (invite only) 9am
Thursday	Y2 Great Fire of London workshop
Friday	Uniform shop Chocs and bottle mufti



SPORTING NEWS



SWIMMING - RIPLEY COURT GALA - On Monday we had our first swimming gala of the academic year, with 15 children from Yr4 and Yr6 visiting Ripley Court School. We were so impressed with everybody's diving that we have been working on in swim squad, as well as some fantastic swimming. We would also like to give two special mentions, firstly to Charlie, Y6 who stepped up to swim butterfly, and secondly to Sacha, Y4 who swam in every relay race back-to-back! He not only swam for Y4 but also Y6 as we were a team member short! Our team captains Seb and Eliza led the cheers for a Boxgrove win! Well done to everyone who took part.

GIRLS FOOTBALL - GPSSA GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT - Boxgrove hosted a Guildford Primary Schools Sports Association qualifying tournament on Thursday after school. With temperatures dropping, the girls competed against four other schools. Following a draw and a loss (0-0 Sandfield, 0-2 Burpham) the girls enjoyed a 6-0 victory over Merrow and a critical 1-0 win over St Thomas'. This placed us second in the table and provided qualification alongside Burpham for the finals to be held at George Abbot next Friday. Huge congratulations to all of our players, with an extra shout out for hat-trick hero Rosie K-D. Good luck in the finals!



HOCKEY - GHC HOCKEY FESTIVAL AT CHARTERHOUSE - Boxgrove attended the first Yr5/6 hockey festival of the year at Charterhouse this week. Two teams of Yr6 children enjoyed playing in their first festival. Across a series of fast paced matches they grew in confidence showing great sportsmanship and encouragement to each other. Huge thanks to Mr Hunt and Mrs Keating for supporting our teams.

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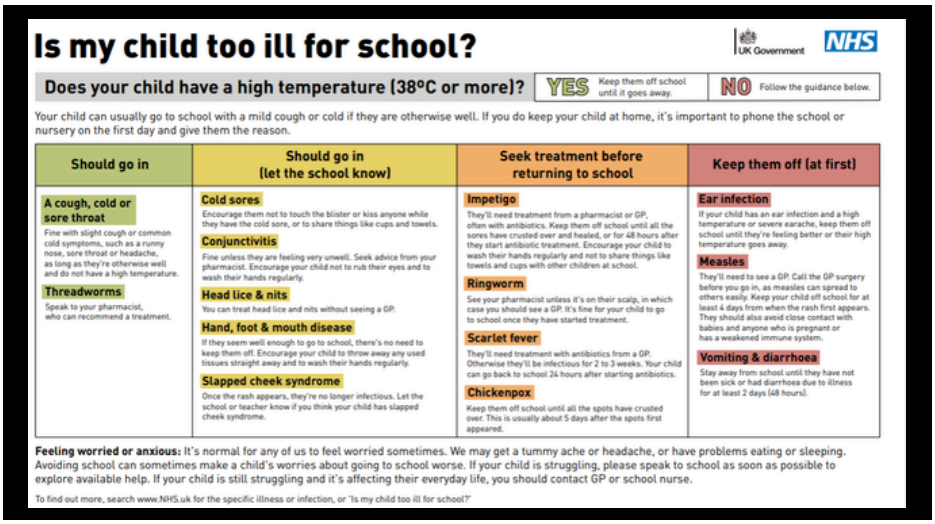


SCITT South Farnham
Outstanding Teacher Training

TRAIN TO TEACH WITH SOUTH FARNHAM SCITT - Have you ever considered a career in teaching, or know someone who might? South Farnham SCITT, our local teacher training provider, is hosting a series of free information events this autumn for prospective primary, secondary and SEND teachers.

Whether you're exploring a career change, returning to work, or taking the first step towards teaching, these sessions will provide practical advice on training routes, entry requirements, funding and the application process. With a personalised, school-centred approach to teacher training and opportunities to gain school experience before applying, South Farnham SCITT can help you decide whether teaching is the right career for you. To find out more, book an event place, or speak to the team, visit the South Farnham SCITT website www.sfscitt.org.uk. Please feel free to share this opportunity with family and friends.

HEALTH



Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

NHS GUIDANCE - Please have a look at this useful chart of common childhood illnesses and conditions for information on when to seek medical advice and when to keep your child out of school.

NHS



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 - 2026	
16-20 November	Y6 Bikeability
17 November	Y6 George Abbot Scot's Guards visit
18 November	Rocksteady KS1 concert (invite only)
19 November	Y2 Great Fire of London workshop
20 November	Chocs and bottle mufti
21 November	BPTA Christmas Fair
23 November	Rocksteady KS2 concert (invite only)
26 November	4A class assembly 9:00am
30 Nov-4 Dec	Y6 Bikeability
30 November	Y1 Christmas performance 9:15am
1 December	Y5&6 Orchestra concert 10:30am - invitation only
1 December	Y4 Strings concert 2:00pm - invitation only
2 December	Reception Christmas performance 9:00am
3 December	Y1 Christmas performance 2:00pm
3 December	Flu immunisation
4 December	Reception Christmas performance 9:00am
7 December	Deadline for Christmas lunch booking
9 December	Key Stage 2 Carols - St John's Stoke - Earps and Hamilton
9 December	Y2 Christmas performance 2:00pm
10 December	KS2 Carol Concert - St John's Stoke - Storey and Murray
11 December	Y2 Christmas performance 9:00am



16 December	**Christmas lunch**
18 December	**School closes at 1:10pm for Christmas holidays**
21 December	**Christmas holidays**
4 January	**Start of term**
21 January	**3L Class assembly 9:00am**
28 January	**2H Class assembly 9:00am**
4 February	**1B Class assembly 9:00am**
11 February	**6B Class assembly 9:00am**
15-19 February	**Half term**
25 February	**5CB Class assembly 9:00am**
24 March	**School closes 1:10pm for Easter holidays**
12 April	**School reopens for children**
3 May	**Bank Holiday**
31 May - 4 June	**May half term**
28 June	**Inset day (school closed for children)**
23 July	**School closes at 1:10pm for summer holidays**
1-2 September	**Inset days (school closed for children)**
3 September	**School reopens for children**