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Newsletter
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A MESSAGE FROM MRS FITCH AND MRS STACEY

What a busy week it has been in school. On Wednesday, Fleur, Year 4 and Ella, Year 2, worked alongside us as 'Acting Headteachers' for the day. This was a prize won by their mum in the BPTA Summer Fair Auction. The girls were amazing, joining us as we met with Governors for our half termly meeting as well as visiting classrooms and, even giving out their very own 'Acting Headteacher' awards. We hope you both enjoyed your VIP morning and all the special responsibilities that came with it. Don't forget to keep those treasured Acting Headteacher badges safe in your memory boxes as a reminder of your memorable day leading Boxgrove School!





GOVERNOR TERMLY MEETING - On Wednesday, Governors joined members of the Senior Leadership Team for their half-termly meeting and had the opportunity to see first-hand a variety of learning taking place across the school. We are incredibly grateful to our dedicated Governors, who generously give their time, expertise and support throughout the year. Their commitment plays a vital role in helping us provide the very best opportunities for the children and staff at Boxgrove - thank you for all that you do.

READING QUIZ - Last Friday, two teams from Boxgrove took part in a Reading Quiz run by CWISL (Children's Writers and Illustrators for Stories and Literacy) at Tillingbourne Junior School. It was a celebration of books and reading with 5 quiz rounds and chances to win prizes, meet authors and hear different authors reading from their books. Our teams did very well with the Year 6 team coming second in the Year 5/6 category and 4th overall. The quiz rounds were multiple choice with themes such as 'Bestfriends and Sidekicks', 'Numbers' (for example how numbers appear in fiction), 'Under the cover' (Guessing the name of the book from just the cover), 'Superheroes and Beasts' and 'Book to Screen'. To top our brilliant score, Boxgrove also won a prize in the School's Raffle; a free author visit from one of the 6 authors will come to our school next year. We look forward to that. Well done to everyone that took part: Rex, Orla, Teddy and Salma from Year 5 and Emilia (who won two prizes), Dasha, Varun and Isaac, our winning team from Year 6. They definitely enjoyed it especially the cake! Huge thanks to Miss Phibbs for organising and supporting the children at the event.



AUTHOR VISIT - Continuing with reading we look forward to welcoming the author, Luke Temple to Boxgrove on the following dates. More information will follow shortly.

30 November 2026, 1:30pm - 1:55pm Years 1 - 2
30 November 2026, 2:05pm - 2:50pm, Years 3 - 6
1 December 2026, Book Signing (after lunch)

To find out more about Luke and his books, please visit his website - https://luketemple.co.uk/



PARKING CONES OUTSIDE SCHOOL - Please could we ask that on the days when the red cones are placed on the road outside school, they are not removed for parental/carer parking. The cones are positioned to allow the council access to collect our recycling and waste. Unfortunately, this week the council was unable to collect our recycling because some of the cones had been moved. We thank you for your support.



We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fair tomorrow. See below.



WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK...

YEAR 1 - This week Year 1 have begun their new art topic based on the artist Stephen Wiltshire. The children have been inspired by his remarkable ability to memorise landscapes and cityscapes before drawing them from memory. Staff have thoroughly enjoyed watching the children's creative sketches come to life.





YEAR 6 - On Tuesday afternoon Year 6 were delighted to be invited back to George Abbot to spend the afternoon being entertained by The Scots Guards Brass Band. There was a lot of toe tapping and clapping as the band play a rendition of popular chart hits played on a selection of French Horns and Tubas. It was definitely a 'top brass' afternoon!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Rocksteady KS2 concert (invite only)
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Cafe B and Uniform Shop Open morning for prospective parents
Thursday	4A class assembly 9:00am
Friday	Uniform shop



SPORTING NEWS

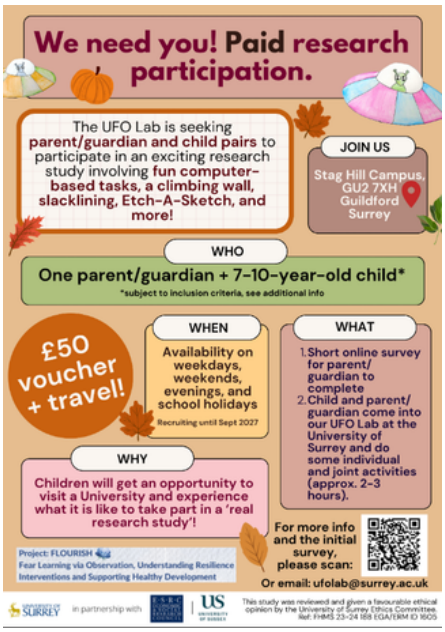


SWIMMING - On Tuesday 44 swimmers visited Guildford High School for a gala. It is always tough competition and despite not winning we are incredibly proud of everyone. Team Boxgrove showed off some fantastic swimming and diving. Our team of Yr3 children rose to the challenge brilliantly with the majority giving diving a go at their first competition! A special mention to Sophia M-N in Yr3 who not only competed at her first gala but swam up to Yr4, along with Belle D, Ella G, Sacha H, Guillem MdM and Juliette who also all swam extra races for the year group above. Our captains Leighton and Matilda K led the cheers to finish a wonderful afternoon of swimming, well done to everyone who took part.

COMMUNITY







ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT - St John's Community Support is offering free meals for families again - these will be delivered on Friday 18 December and you will need to be at home to receive them. The delivery time is between 9:30am - 1:30pm.

If you would like to take up this offer, please follow the link and fill in any dietary requirements/allergies, number of adults and children in the family. Families will be provided with two meals per person per household from a supplier such as Tesco or Cook.



BPTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

12:00 NOON - 3:00PM, SATURDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2026

Huge thanks to our wonderful Christmas Fair team - Nicholl G and Tanya H who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes for many months to bring this year's fair to life. We know that their dedication, creativity and hard work will help make tomorrow a truly magical event for our school community supported by members of the BPTA. We look forward to an afternoon filled with festive fun, laughter, delicious treats, exciting games and plenty of Christmas cheer. We can't wait to see you there!



CHRISTMAS CARDS - A huge thank you to Michelle (James' mum, Year 2) for the many hours she has dedicated to transforming the children's wonderful artwork into beautiful Christmas cards and gifts ready to be shared with family and friends. This is a huge undertaking each year, and Michelle works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly. We are incredibly grateful for her time, care, and commitment in making this special project such a success. If you have not already collected your order, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ACADEMIC YEAR 2026 - 2027	
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
30 November	Author visit - more information to follow
30 November	Y3 Local Walk
1 December	Y5&6 Orchestra concert 10:30am - invitation only
1 December	Author visit signing - more information to follow
1 December	Y4 Strings concert 2:00pm - invitation only
2 December	Reception Christmas performance 9:00am
2 December	No Cafe B or Uniform Shop
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 - Hamilton and Earps 9:00 - 10:15am
9 December	Y2 Christmas performance 2:00pm
10 December	KS2 Carol Concert - St John's Stoke - Storey and Murray 9:00 - 10:15am
11 December	Y2 Christmas performance 9:00am
16 December	Christmas lunch
18 December	School closes at 1:10pm for 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
4 March	4F Class assembly 9:00am
11 March	3W Class assembly 9:00am
18 March	2P Class assembly 9:00am
24 March	School closes 1:10pm for Easter holidays
12 April	School reopens for children
22 April	1CP Class assembly 9:00am
29 April	6S Class assembly 9:00am
3 May	Bank Holiday
6 May	5W Class assembly 9:00am
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