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### MRS FITCH AND MRS STACEY

This week the children have been taking part in lots of outdoor learning:

- The children in Reception created some amazing nature pictures during their visit to Forest School with Miss Chambers this week
- Year 2 spent time making their own maps and then used them for orienteering
- Year 3 are currently reading 'The Secret of Black Rock' and as part of this they created outdoor landscapes of living books. If you haven't read this book it is a must read
- Following on from the dragon's visit last week to Boxgrove, Year 4 made some 'dragon traps' to see if it had left the school or was still lurking around the grounds!
- As part of their PSHE lesson the children in Year 5 worked in small groups outside to discuss how they could prevent or stop bullying. This links with Anti-Bullying Week next week
- Year 6 children have been building and lighting mini fires inspired by the survival themes in Kensuke's Kingdom

**YEAR 1** – On Monday, as part of their Topic, Year 1 stepped back into the Victorian times. Dressed in clothes from times gone by the children spent the day in their classes as they would have done during this era. They sat in rows and took part in drills, made jam tarts, peg dolls and created a cup and ball toy. A particular highlight for the children was the Punch and Judy show (hosted by Mrs Blakeway and Miss Quinlan) in the afternoon. Please do ask your child about what they got up to.

**RECEPTION AND KEY STAGE 1** - Christmas will be coming to Boxgrove early as the children start to prepare for their online recorded performances. Please do look out for a note from the classteachers in your child's book bag regarding what is needed or lines/songs which need to be practiced. We look forward to sharing these events with you via a secure page on our school website during December.

**MRS FITCH** - Thank you so much for the messages and good wishes over the last fortnight: they've really cheered me up! As you know, during half term I was most unexpectedly struck down by appendicitis. Having thought I was too old for it, I was certainly shocked when I was told I needed an operation and a short stay in hospital. I spent a couple of days socialising with some lovely elderly ladies in The Royal Surrey County Hospital and was then released to my family who have looked after me very well.

During my time in hospital, my children researched how to make the perfect cup of tea, so if anyone would like to know the secret to the perfect cuppa, please ask me next week when you see me on the playground again! I can't wait to see everyone! Lots of love, Mrs Fitch x

**REMOTE/HOME LEARNING** – Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that, as stated in our Remote Learning Information for Parents, that classteachers will acknowledge children's home learning by using the heart icon. Written feedback comments will not be given on pieces of work at this time. If we were to have a bubble closure or the school were to close and your child/ren were accessing 'remote learning', classteachers will, of course, provide some written feedback.

We recognise that some of you been leaving comments as to how your child has coped with the work set but we hope you will understand that classteachers currently do not have the capacity to respond to these

individual comments. If you have a question/query regarding remote/home learning, please email [office@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk) and your email will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff.

## **Boxgrove PTA – “Doing More Together”**

### **Important PTA Request**

We are looking for a volunteer who can carry out an independent examination of our PTA accounts for the Charity Commission. You must have a relevant accounting qualification and preferably have experience of charity accounts. Please email [boxgrovepta@gmail.com](mailto:boxgrovepta@gmail.com) if you can help. Thank you!

### **Fundraising Update**

Despite not being able to host our usual events this year, our wonderful school community has come together to help raise approximately £6,000 for the PTA since September! The PTA Committee would like to thank everyone who has donated their time and money this year, people's generosity has been heart-warming.

Fundraising so far has been from: Luke Bishop Marathon £1,500, Fun Run £1,738, Lottery £438, Virtual Quiz Night £344, Christmas Cards £1,185 and Happy School Bags £795. If you have any intuitive fundraising ideas, we'd love to hear from you. Please email [boxgrovepta@gmail.com](mailto:boxgrovepta@gmail.com).

### **Festive Hamper Donations**

You have probably seen the Hamper collection boxes dotted around school this week, thank you to everyone who donated an item or two! These items will be put together to form Festive Hampers and these will be displayed and sold for by auction on our new Events website [www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta) from Sunday, 23 November 2020. Our corporate sponsors for this event can be [found here](#), please take a look!

### **BPTA Dates for Your Diary!**

BPTA Meeting - 24 November 2020 - [Click here](#) for info.

**Boxgrove PTA – “Doing More Together**

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](http://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 Parents' Zone, [Letters Sent Home to Parents](#) tab in the event you are unable to open the link.

YEAR GROUP	ACTIVITY / NEWS / TRIP								
<b>RECEPTION</b>	• <b>Milne Class</b> 100 class point reward - Friday 20 November-- ' <b>Pyjama Day</b> '.								
<b>YEAR 1</b>	• No Update								
<b>YEAR 2</b>	• No Update								
<b>YEAR 3</b>	• No Updates								
<b>YEAR 4</b>	• No Update								
<b>YEAR 5</b>	• No Update								
<b>YEAR 6</b>	• No Update								
<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reception Places 2021</b> – this is a reminder for anyone who has a child who will be starting school in September 2021. The system is now open for applications and will close on 15 January 2021. For more information, please visit <a href="http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions">surreycc.gov.uk/admissions</a> or contact Mrs McManus in the School Office.</li> <li>• <b>Middy Supervisor Vacancies</b> – there are vacancies for Middy Supervisor positions in school. Please <a href="#">click here</a> for the information which can be found on our website.</li> <li>• <b>School Uniform</b> - The Uniform Shop is currently very low on PE t-shirt stock. The supplier has said they are delayed and unfortunately will probably not be here before the end of term. Good news though, the Zoodies have arrived, if you would like one, please email; <a href="mailto:dinners@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk">dinners@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk</a> with your order.</li> </ul>								
<b>HOUSE POINT TOTALS</b>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total this week: 433</td> <td>Total this week: 372</td> <td>Total this week: 349</td> <td>Total this week: 320</td> </tr> </table>					Total this week: 433	Total this week: 372	Total this week: 349	Total this week: 320
									
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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

If dates are in red – they are new dates

If dates are in **green** – they are amended or deleted dates

## 2020

18 November	INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN)
20 November	Milne Class – Pyjama Day
24 November	BPTA Meeting - Zoom
2 December	Christmas Lunch – deadline for lunch orders
9 December	Year 2 – Virtual Great Fire of London
9 December	Christmas Lunch
17 December	School Closes at 3:15pm / 3:20pm – Grovers available
18 December	INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN)
19 December – 1 January 2020	Christmas holidays

2021	
4 January	INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN)
5 January	INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN)
6 January	School re-opens for children
12 January	BPTA Meeting - Zoom
15-19 February	HALF TERM
2 March	BPTA Meeting - Zoom
24 March	School closed to Children from 1:00pm
24 March	Parents' Consultations - 1:10pm - (more details to follow)
1 April	School Closes at 1:10pm for Easter holidays
20 April	BPTA Meeting - Zoom
2-16 April	Easter Holidays
19 April 2021	School re-opens for Pupils
3 May	Bank Holiday (School closed)
28 May	INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN)
31 May - 4 June	HALF TERM
8 June	BPTA Meeting - Zoom
13 June	BPTA Meeting - Zoom
21 July	School closes at 1:10m for Summer holidays