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TO: ALL BOXGROVE PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the academic year, we wanted to write a final letter to you to thank you for your support over the last twelve months.

As we welcomed all of the children back to school in September 2020, there was a feeling of elation to be back together again following a term of disruption. It felt wonderful to be able to resume teaching in classrooms again. We felt so fortunate that all of our bubbles could remain open throughout the Autumn. As Christmas 2020 approached we couldn't perform Nativity plays in the usual way but found a way to ensure the children could still wear their costumes and we know that you enjoyed watching the recorded Nativity plays.

In January 2021 the school had to partially close again. During this time many of you once again became teachers to your children and supported them with remote education online. We were so impressed by the way children, families and the staff team managed this challenging situation. We were so thankful for the words of support and encouragement that we received from so many of you during this time.

Thankfully March 2021 saw the school fully open again. We were able to educate children in the way that we are all familiar with! The children settled well and enjoyed playing with friends again.

During the summer term there has been some semblance of normality, with school trips being able to resume and we even managed a Sports Day, albeit with no spectators. The children in Key Stage 2 have been busy recording performances over the past few weeks and are looking forward to sharing them with their families.

The children have achieved so much during the last eighteen months. Developing their levels of resilience, learning to be self-motivated with remote education and learning to pursue their own interests and follow their creativity. Although it has been a challenging time for so many there are also positive changes and lots to celebrate.

We cannot believe that it is time to say 'Goodbye' to Year 6! Where has the last seven years gone? We are very much looking forward to sharing their Leavers Day next Wednesday with them. It will be an opportunity for us all to celebrate their time at Boxgrove and know that the children will really enjoy the new opportunities ahead of them as they move onto secondary school in September.

A final thought from our Head Boy and Head Girl - as this school year comes to an end, we wanted to say well done and thank you to all the students, teachers and staff at Boxgrove. This year has definitely been unlike most, but even with all the restrictions, we feel we have managed to achieve a lot and learn in different ways. The Boxgrove team spirit has definitely carried us through. We think we can speak on behalf of the Year 6 class of 2021, when we say that we are sad to be leaving Boxgrove but also ready for our new challenges, and we'll take with us lots of fantastic memories. We wish you all a wonderful summer break and all the best for the future - we know your children will love Boxgrove as much as we have.



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We will look forward to seeing all children in Years 1 to 6 on **Friday, 3 September 2021** and our groups of children starting in Early Years Foundation Stage the week after. We are relieved to let you know that the Department for Education has released new guidance for schools to operate under in September. Schools will no longer need to work in 'bubbles' and we can cease to use our one-way system. We have decided to keep a staggered start at the beginning and end of the day as some parents have liked having this flexibility.

START AND FINISH TIMES:

	DROP OFF FROM	PICK-UP BETWEEN
Reception and Key Stage 1 (Years R, 1 & 2)	8:40am – 8:50am	3:10pm – 3:20pm
Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)	8:35am – 8:45am	3:10pm – 3:20pm

As mentioned above, we will not be continuing with the one-way system in September; so you can use any gate. If you need to speak to someone at school in the morning or at pick up, there will be members of the team available at the main entrance and so please make your way there if you need us.

In terms of planning learning for the new academic year and building upon the successes of this year, we would like to let you know that the first half term's learning is being directed by their current teaching team. Since we welcomed all children back on Monday, 8 March 2021, the team has worked together to identify and fill any 'gaps' in learning. We were pleased to report this week to our governors, that whilst there has been some slower progress in some areas for some children, we have no broad concerns. What we have picked up from our progress meetings with staff that many said,

"If I had this class for another half term, I would..."

This prompted us to imagine they did and to work with next year's classteachers to plan the learning for September and October.

We are really keen to re-engage with parents in the year ahead and we are hoping to have many opportunities for you to come into school. We would like to invite you to an information afternoon to enable classteachers in each year group to share with you the curriculum and experiences that your child will have during the next year.

'SAVE THE DATE'

YEAR GROUP	CURRICULUM MEETING DATE
Reception	Monday, 18 October 2021
Year 1	Thursday, 21 October 2021
Year 2	Thursday, 14 October 2021
Year 3	Tuesday, 19 October 2021
Year 4	Monday, 11 October 2021
Year 5	Thursday, 7 October 2021
Year 6	Tuesday, 5 October 2021

Meetings will take place in the Bull Hall between 3:30pm – 4:00pm. Please feel free to bring your child/ren to these meetings with you. If you are unable to attend any of the above meetings in person all of the slides will be available on the school website.

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RESIDENTIALS– We are delighted to let you know that staff are currently in the process of arranging residential visits for children in Key Stage 2. They are:

YEAR GROUP	VENUE	DATE	APPROX COST
Year 3	Juniper Hall, Dorking	15 - 16 June 2022	£140
Year 4	Henley Fort, Guildford	18 – 20 May 2022	£170
Year 5	Ironbridge, Shropshire	3 – 6 May 2022	£195
Year 6	Ironbridge, Shropshire	28 June – 1 July 2022	£195

We will be writing to you in September with confirmed costs, suggested payment plans and full details of the above residential trips.

Year 6 will be sailing for a day in September at Hawley Lake, Hawley full details will be sent early in September. All other trips/visitors to school will be shared with year groups as and when arranged.

CLASS REPS – Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to date to act as class rep. We still need to fill the following posts:

RB, RGM, 2K, 2W, 4A, 4C, 5SM, 5W, 6H, 6K and 6R. If you would like to volunteer, please email Mrs Sharp via office@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk. Mr Wright would like to invite all class reps to a meeting on **Thursday, 9 September 2021 at 9:30am** to discuss the role and his plans to work with you in the year ahead.

TRANSITION WEEK - We have very much enjoyed seeing all that the children have been experiencing this week in their new classrooms. To the right is a little montage for you to see what they have been up to. We hope you have been able to say hello to your child/ren's new classteacher(s) over the week and we can't wait to visit the children throughout the academic year ahead to see their learning first hand.

Have a wonderful summer break and thank you again for your support and words of encouragement throughout this year.

Yours sincerely

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