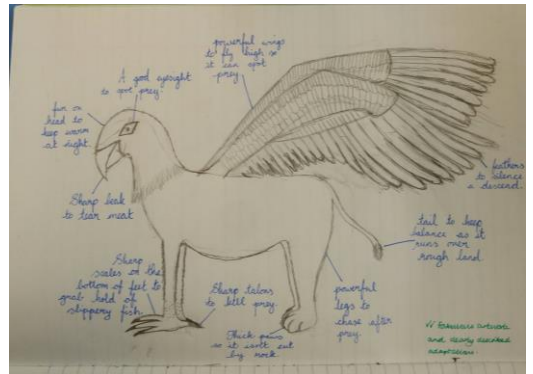




Boxgrove
Primary
School
& Children's Centre



NEWSLETTER
30 November 2018



AN UPDATE FROM MRS FITCH AND MRS STACEY

Friday saw the first of our many Christmas performances. For those of you who joined us, we hope that you enjoyed the children's performance as much as we did and that it has got you into the Christmas spirit. The children and staff work very hard preparing for these performances and are looking forward to sharing them with you all over the coming week. Thank you also for your kind donations at the end of the performance today for our chosen charities (please see below for further information). Once we have collected from all our performances we will announce how much we will send to our two chosen charities.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – It was lovely to see so many of you at the Fair on Saturday and share in the many festivities. Thank you to everyone who helped in the lead up to the Fair and on the day. Early calculations are that the Fair raised a staggering £7,000. Thank you one and all. Special thanks to Kristi and Marianne who spent so many hours ensuring that the day was the success that it was - they can now start organising Christmas for their own families!

SLIMY STUFF – Congratulations to Brianna and Bella (Year 6) who made over 100 pots of slime to sell at the Christmas Fair. The girls approached the Fair team to see if they could raise some funds for the school and raised £82. Brianna and Bella would like to thank everyone who purchased a pot of slime. We think we have some budding entrepreneurs in our midst!

MISS KELLY'S VISIT TO SHANGHAI – Miss Kelly was selected to take part in a prestigious teacher exchange organised by the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM) in Shanghai and is very much enjoying the experience. Miss Kelly is among 70 expert Maths teachers from schools across England. The purpose of the exchange is to further develop the understanding and implementation of 'mastery' approaches to teaching Maths in the partner schools she will be visiting. We very much look forward to hearing all about her visit upon her return and to welcoming 2 teachers from Shanghai to Boxgrove for a 2 week exchange in January.

GEP CONSULTATION ON ADMISSIONS FOR ALL GEP SCHOOLS – GEP Academies are holding an admissions consultation between the dates of **Monday, 3 December 2018 through to Friday, 25 January 2019**. Please [click here](#) to obtain more information and details on how to leave a comment.

TOP CAR PARK – Please can we ask that parents/carers do not use the top car park (nearest to Merrow Woods) for drop off or collection of children at any time. This space is for the use of staff only. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

STAFFING NEWS – This week we welcomed to Boxgrove Mrs Hams. Mrs Hams will be working as a Teaching Assistant in Early Years. On Monday, 3 December we will welcome Miss Pott. Miss Pott will be working as a Teaching Assistant in Year 3 and Early Years. We are sure when you meet them that you will give them both a great big Boxgrove welcome. We also delighted to welcome Mrs Winter, Teaching Assistant back to Year 5 next Tuesday.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY TEA PARTY – Next Friday sees us welcome to Boxgrove members of our local community for our annual tea party. Thank you to Sally A (Tia, Year 5), Helen B (Laura, Year 5) and Mrs White for all your arrangements to date. Please do have a read below of ways in which you can help to make the afternoon a success.

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Week Commencing: 3 December 2018

- Monday: No swimming for Year 1
Year 5 – **Tolkien** – RGS Workshop
- Tuesday: Year 6 – Height and Weight (School Nurse)
Reception Christmas play – 9:15pm – Kent Hall
Key Stage 1 Christmas play – 1:30pm – Kent Hall
Year 4 Strings Concert 2:15pm – 3:15pm – Kent Hall
- Wednesday: Key Stage 1 Christmas play – 9:15am – Kent Hall
Reception Christmas play – 2:15pm – Kent Hall
Walk to school
- Thursday: All Year 1 to swim in afternoon
- Friday: Community Christmas Party – Bull Hall – 1:00pm – 3:00pm

UPDATES FROM THE CHILDREN/CHILDREN CENTRE

KEY STAGE 1 / Children's Centre

Children's Centre

Thanks to all of you who have shown support and completed the consultation regarding Surrey CC's threat to close our Centre next year. There is still time as the consultation closes on 4 January 2019. If you can find the time before the Christmas rush, please go to surreycc.gov.uk/consultations

Your Centre, Your voice, Your say.

In the meantime, our services will continue as they always have done, so do please look at the www.boxgrovechildrenscentre.co.uk website or call the Centre on 540818 for full details of our all we do. If you know of a family with children under 5 who may benefit from our service, please pass on our contact details. On the website, we also put up flash announcements of group closures or changes, notably due to weather or staff sickness, so do check before you set out.

KEY STAGE 2

Year 6

This week Year 6 have edited and written up their favourite piece of their adventure stories. We are so proud of how they have used different techniques to make their stories exciting and to engage the reader. Maths has seen us apply our fraction adding and subtracting skills to mixed numbers, leading to multiplying fractions to improve our fluency. Each class has had a day of computing this week: building up to making their own driving game next week.

SCHOOL COUNCIL – CHOSEN CHARITIES FOR THIS YEAR

Many thanks to the school council reps for helping ask their class which charities to support this year. The chosen charities are;

Surrey Wildlife Trust; Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) is one of the UK's leading conservation charities. It is also dedicated to teaching future generations about wildlife and the importance of looking after the environment. Surrey Wildlife Trust cares for over 9,000 hectares of the county's countryside, including Guildford and the surrounding areas.

George and the Giant Pledge; Surrey parents, whose son, George, suffered from cancer, have founded this charity to help other children who also have this disease. They have pledged to raise £1,000,000 to help beat childhood cancers. All the donations will go to the children's team at The Royal Marsden Hospital to help fund much needed research into children's cancer as well as help The Royal Marsden team continue the outstanding work they're doing for children and families affected by cancer. Suggested by: parent from Chichester.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

This is a wonderful afternoon where we invite members of our local community, grandparents, aunts, uncles and family friends to come and celebrate the festive season at Boxgrove with our Year 6 students hosting an afternoon of sandwiches, tea, sherry(!), friendly natter, raffle and entertainment by our children and guest performer! There are lots of ways you can get involved:

Let people know about the party! - if you know of anyone who might like to come - please pop into the office and see Nicky White for invites.

Help people to get to the party! - some of our guests are not able to make their own way to the School, so if you are able to help with transport for some of our guests, please let Nicky White (School Office) know.

Help on the day - set up and clear up (in particular from 2:45pm onwards - help with clearing up!)

Help with sandwiches/savouries/cake donations - we'll have a table outside the hall on the morning of the 7 December ready to receive your kind donations.

If you can help on the day or donate food - please "click" here [Community Christmas Party Rota 2019](#) , once you have completed the simple form just select file, share and done ! - this will help us to know what help we have on the day.

It's a key date in the Boxgrove School calendar - we look forward to welcoming members of our community to our school for this special event!

HAPPY SCHOOL BAG

A huge thank you to everyone who bought bags of unwanted clothes etc for the Happy School Bag collection. We are delighted to be told that we raised an amazing £630 just for this one which has broken our record of £395 by far.

SPORTING NEWS

On Tuesday 27 November we took 40 children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to a swimming gala at Ripley Court School. The Year 3 children were very excited to be swimming in their first ever swimming gala for the School, all the children swam very well, and we WON with the scores being Ripley Court 182 and Boxgrove 190. Thank you to all the supporters/families who made it there in awful weather and traffic jams.

INTERNATIONAL STALL AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

A massive thanks to all parents who brought food to sell at our International Stall last Saturday. We raised over £100 pounds that will be put to good use to support a couple of our link schools. A big thank you also to all Boxgrove staff and International Ambassadors who helped on the stall throughout the event.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN CAFÉ B

WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER

Louise's Handmade Cards

School Mum Louise will be selling her lovely handmade Christmas and other occasion cards.

WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER

Sister's Preserves

Jackie will be selling her delicious handmade chutneys, jams, jellies, mustards & more. Stock up for Christmas and the New Year.

10% of the day's takings to the Hardship Fund for all stalls

WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER

LAST CAFÉ OF 2018! TRADCRAFT (FAIR TRADE) Christmas Decorations and stocking fillers are now available to buy in Cafe B.

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

*****PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S LUNCHES FOR NEXT WEEK*****

MEDICATION HELD IN SCHOOL

Please come and check any medication that we hold in school to ensure all medicines are in date.

PAYMENTS DUE/OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS:

If your child has been on a school trip, or had a workshop in school, please check your scopay account for any outstanding payments.

LETTERS / EMAILS SENT OUT

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

If dates are in **red** – they are new dates

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

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| 3 December | Year 1 NOT swimming |
| 3 December | Year 5 – Tolkien – RGS Workshop |
| 4 December | Year 4 Strings Concert 2:15pm – 3:15pm – Kent Hall |
| 4 December | Year 6 – Height and Weight (School Nurse) |
| 4 December | Reception Christmas play – 9:15pm – Kent Hall |
| 4 December | Key Stage 1 Christmas play – 1:30pm – Kent Hall |
| 5 December | Key Stage 1 Christmas play – 9:15am – Kent Hall |
| 5 December | Reception Christmas play – 2:15pm – Kent Hall |
| 5 December | Walk to school |
| 6 December | Year 1 to swim in afternoon |
| 7 December | Community Christmas Party – Bull Hall – 1:00pm – 3:00pm |
| 10 December | EYFS/KS1 – Carol Service at school – 10:00am – 10:30am – Kent Hall |
| 10 December | Year 5 – Luther King – RGS Workshop |
| 11 December | BPTA Meeting – 7:45pm - 9:00pm – Children’s Centre |
| 12 December | Key Stage 2 – Carol Service – St John’s Church – Fry & MacArthur |
| 12 December | Christmas lunch for all children (more details to follow) |
| 13 December | Key Stage 2 – Carol Service – St John’s Church – Redgrave & Grey Thompson |
| 13 December | Reception classes – Cinderella – Yvonne Arnaud |
| 13 December | Walk to school |
| 17 December | Walk to school |
| 19 December | SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR CHILDREN AT 1:10pm |

2019

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| 3 January | Inset Day – School closed for children |
| 4 January | Inset day - School closed for children |
| 7 January | School re-opens for children |
| 9 January | Additional Open Day for prospective parents – 10:00am -11:00am |
| 11 January | Carroll Class to Tornead |
| 18 January | Carroll Class to Tornead |
| 25 January | Churchill Class to Tornead |
| 29 January | BPTA Meeting – 7:45pm - 9:00pm – Children’s Centre |
| 1 February | Churchill Class to Tornead |
| 8 February | Churchill Class to Tornead |
| 11 February | Pedals Course (in school) – Dahl class |
| 12 February | Pedals Course (in school) – Blake class |
| 13 February | Pedals Course (in school) – Shakespeare class |
| 15 February | Anning Class to Tornead |
| 1 March | Anning Class to Tornead |
| 4 – 6 March | Happy School Bag – (recycling of clothes) |
| 5 March | BPTA Meeting – 7:45pm - 9:00pm – Children’s Centre |
| 6 March | Happy School Bag collection |
| 8 March | Anning Class to Tornead |
| 12 March | Parents’ Evening – 3:30pm – 5:30pm – Kent Hall |
| 13 March | Parents’ Evening – 3:30pm – 7:30pm – Kent Hall |
| 14 March | Class photographs |
| 15 March | Carroll Class to Tornead |
| 19 March | Year 1 – Pedals (class tbc) |
| 20 March | Year 1 – Pedals (class tbc) |
| 22 March | Year 1 Pedals (class tbc) |
| 22 March | Carroll Class to Tornead |
| 29 March | Carroll Class to Tornead |
| 23 April | BPTA Meeting – 7:45pm - 9:00pm – Children’s Centre |
| 26 April | Churchill Class to Tornead |
| 3 May | Churchill Class to Tornead |
| 7-10 May | Year 5 - Ironbridge Residential Visit |
| 21 May | BPTA Meeting – 7:45pm - 9:00pm – Children’s Centre |
| 3-7 June | Year 6 – Residential Trip - Chatsworth |
| 14 June | Churchill Class to Tornead |
| 15 June | BPTA Summer Fair |
| 17-19 June | Year 4 –Henley Fort Trip |
| 19-21 June | Year 4 Henley Fort Trip |
| 23 June | Anning Class to Tornead |

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| 28 June | Anning Class to Tornead |
| 3 July | Inset Day – School closed for children |
| 5 July | BPTA Family BBQ |
| 9 July | BPTA Meeting – 7:45pm - 9:00pm – Children’s Centre |