



AN UPDATE FROM MRS FITCH AND MRS STACEY

Welcome back to the Spring term. We hope that you enjoyed spending time with your families over the Festive break. It has been lovely chatting with some of you and, of course, the children and hearing all about what you all got up to. On behalf of all the staff, we would like to thank all our families for your gifts and kind words at the end of last term.

We have much planned for the Spring term so once again, do keep yourself up-to-date via the 'Dates for your Diary' section below. This information is also available on the front page of our school website and via our mobile app.

You probably heard from your child/ren about our end of term panto Aladdin and we thought we would brighten your new year with a selection of photos taken on the day. As you can imagine the staff loved dressing up and entertaining the children. A particular highlight was a visit from a real Shetland pony.

STAFF INSET – Last Thursday saw us gather together with the other member schools of GEP Academies at GLive in Guildford. This included both Primary and Secondary school teachers and support staff. Key note speakers were Sir John Dunford and Sir David Carter along with Chris Tweedale who has now been appointed as permanent CEO of GEP Academies. The intention was to promote and encourage collaboration within schools and promote the benefits of being a member of a multi-academy trust. We were also very proud of our Boxgrove pupils who performed at the event alongside students from George Abbot. The children all attend Access Dance, led by Karen Palmer and pupils from George Abbot. For more information please contact Karen Palmer at karen@access-dance.co.uk

SHANGHAI MATHS TEACHERS - Next week we welcome to Boxgrove Miss Wang and Miss Zhu as part of the Department for Education's Excellence in Maths Exchange programme. We are sure you will give them a warm Boxgrove welcome when you meet them. Please remember that as we will be welcoming many visitors to the school over the next couple of weeks parking may be tighter than usual at morning drop off. If at all possible, please walk or park and stride.

INSET DAYS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019 - 2020 – We know that many of you have been asking about Inset Days for the next Academic Year to enable you to book holidays. To date we have secured training for the following Inset Days and will advise you of the remaining dates later in the Summer term.

Wednesday, 4 and Thursday, 5 September 2019

(children in Years 1 – 6 will return to school on **Friday, 6 September 2019**)

Monday, 6 January 2020

(children return to school on **Tuesday, 7 January 2020**)



EVENTS NEXT WEEK
Week Commencing: 14 January 2019

Monday: School run clubs start
Potter class – pyjama day
Andersen class – pyjama day

Tuesday:

Wednesday: Walk to school
Milne class – pyjama day

Thursday: ****REMINDER****Mr Stephenson’s football club – Years 5&6

Friday: Uniform shop CLOSED
Carroll class – Tormead school

UPDATES FROM THE CHILDREN/CHILDREN CENTRE

KEY STAGE 1 / Children’s Centre

Year 1

What a great start to the new year! Year one have been ‘shaping up’ well this week. In Maths we have had great fun describing and sorting 2D and 3D shapes. You can test us at home by asking us to describe different shapes to you! The children have also written great descriptions of modes of transport to go in our transport dictionary. In Science we talked about which animals would make suitable pets and why wild animals should remain ‘wild’ so please, don’t invite any Tigers in for tea! We look forward to starting Forest School next week with Oak group.

KEY STAGE 2

Year 4

Our Maths learning in Year 4 this week has focussed on geometry. We have learned about different types of quadrilaterals and triangles and reasoned about how we can identify them by exploring their properties. Our English learning this week has been inspired by Philip Pullmans's book "Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp". We are so impressed with how many of the techniques that we learned in the Autumn term the children are now independently using in their writing. We started our Spring term "India" topic by creating beautiful sunset silhouettes of the Taj Mahal, which are on display in the classrooms.

BPTA – SUMMER FAIR – AN EARLY PLEA FOR HELP

The Summer Fair Committee would welcome a few new members this year – if you would like to join our friendly group or at least find out more about what’s involved, we would love to hear from you asap – see contact details below.

Do you have any unwanted Christmas Presents that we could use for the Gifts and Goodies stall? There will be a collection box just inside the office. Do you have any suggestions for **new stalls or attractions?** If so, please let us know asap – contact details below. Does your employer offer **£ for £ charity matching?** Or can your employer **sponsor a stall or attraction**, or give any kind of **donation?** Here are some of the companies that offer match-funding schemes: -

Alliance & Leicester	Asda	BAA	Bank of England	BP
British Telecom	Centrica	Cornhill Insurance	Debenhams	DHL
HSBCJ Sainsbury	Kelloggs	Kingfisher	Littlewoods	
Natwest Group	Peugeot Motor Co	Marks & Spencer	Aviva Royal Bank of Scotland	
Stagecoach	Tesco	Unilever		

If you work for one of the above companies, please do check out the £ for £ charity matching and let the Summer Fair team know asap if you can offer this – leave a note with the School Office for the PTA tray, speak to one of the Summer Fair team, or contact Zoe on zozporter@yahoo.co.uk. Similarly, please let us know if your employer can make a donation – everything helps. **Thank you!**

This year’s Summer Fair Team – Zoe Kollov, Katie Kelly, Lisa Barley and Tracey Fletcher

BPTA SCHOOL DISCOS

Dancing, lights, DJ & fun! Get the party clothes ready for the BPTA School Disco on Thursday 7 February. Please look out for ticket application forms in book bags today for Years 1-6. Deadline for tickets is Friday 18 January. Please return forms to the BPTA mailing box ASAP! Reception children will have their disco during school hours – more information to follow.

FRIDAY MORNING – ADULT SWIM - CANCELLED

Due to the low numbers using the swimming pool for our Friday morning adult swim, this has now been cancelled. The time will now be allocated to Boxgrove children.

FLUTE OR PIANO LESSONS

Sally Werry has a couple of vacancies for both flute and piano lessons. For further information, please contact Sally Werry on sallyawerry@gmail.com. Lessons take place during the school day.

FLUTE OR PIANO LESSONS

Caroline Blount has spaces for piano students from January 2019. Lessons are fun, creative and enjoyable while providing a solid musical and technical foundation. Please contact caroline@surreymusicschool.co.uk to find out more or to book a free trial session.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

If your child was born between the 1 September 2014 and the 31 August 2015. Please don't forget to apply for a school place by 15 January 2019 which is the cut of date for applications.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCIES

We have two vacancies for midday supervisor's positions available. The vacancies are for a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday between 11:30am – 1:15pm. If you are interested, please contact Cathy Barns via email on admin@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk.

SURREY ARTS ORCHESTRA – OPEN REHEARSAL

Surrey Arts would like to invite all young musicians to come along and try out some of the local ensembles at our open evening on Wednesday 16 January 2019.

5:15pm – 6:30pm

South West Winds - Woodwind, brass and percussion players (beginner to grade 4)

Prima - String players (beginner to grade 2)

Opus - String players (grade 2- 4)

6:45pm – 8:45pm

South West Surrey Youth Orchestra - Strings, Wind, brass and percussion (grade 5+)

All rehearsals take place at Tillingbourne School and the open rehearsal and first term is free. Expert tutors will be on hand to help, just bring along your instrument! For more information, please contact Alison Harding - Alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

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

HEADLICE

We have had notifications from a few parents regarding their children having headlice. Please check all children for headlice. Many thanks.

FOOTBALL CLUB – YEARS 5 & 6 BEFORE HALF TERM (YEARS 3&4 AFTER HALF TERM)

Mr Stephenson's football club is starting next Thursday, 17 January and will be for Years 5 & 6. After the February half term, it will be for Years 3 & 4.

UNIFORM SHOP

Please note due to the Bull Hall being unavailable on Friday, 18 January 2019, the School uniform shop will **NOT** be open.

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

Year 5 – Mary Rose & Hampton Court
Year 3 – Winchester Science Centre and Library visits
Year 2 - Spring term visits/Pedals
Year 1 – Brookland visit
Earhart - Shanghai maths visitors
Blake - Shanghai maths visitors

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

2019

14 January	Potter Class – pyjama day
14 January	Andersen Class – pyjama day
16 January	Walk to school
16 January	Milne class pyjama day
18 January	No uniform shop
18 January	Carroll Class to Tornead
21 January	Walk to school
24 January	Boxgrove Prayer Group @8:45am - (venue tbc)
25 January	Churchill Class to Tornead
29 January	Year 2 – Bug Man (in school)
29 January	BPTA Meeting – 7:45pm - 9:00pm – Children’s Centre
31 January	Year 3 – Winchester Science Centre
1 February	Walk to school
1 February	Churchill Class to Tornead
6 February	Carroll class assembly – parents /carers welcome
6 February	Walk to school
7 February	Years 1-6 School disco
8 February	Year 5 – Mary Rose – children to be at school for 8:15am
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
13 February	Tolkien class assembly – parents/carers welcome
14 February	Walk to school
14 February	Boxgrove Prayer Group - @8:45am – (venue tbc)
15 February	Anning Class to Tornead
18-22 February	Half term – School closed
26 February	Year 1 – Brooklands
26 February	Walk to school
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	Cook class assembly- parents/carers welcome
6 March	Happy School Bag collection
7 March	Walk to school
8 March	Anning Class to Tornead
12 March	Walk to school
13 March	Sharman class assembly – parents/carers welcome
12 March	Parents’ Evening – 3:30pm – 5:30pm – Kent Hall
13 March	Parents’ Evening – 3:30pm – 7:30pm – Kent Hall
14 March	Boxgrove Prayer Group - @8:45am – (venue tbc)
14 March	Class photographs
15 March	Carroll Class to Tornead
19 March	Year 1 – Pedals (class tbc)
20 March	Year 1 – Pedals (class tbc)
20 March	Shakespeare class assembly – parents/carers welcome
20 March	Year 5 – Hampton Court visit
21 March	Walk to school
22 March	Year 1 Pedals (class tbc)
22 March	Carroll Class to Tornead
25 March	Walk to school
27 March	Chichester class assembly – parents/carers welcome

29 March	Carroll Class to Tormead
1 April	Walk to school
5 April	Last day of Spring term – school finishes at 1:10pm
23 April	BPTA Meeting – 7:45pm - 9:00pm – Children’s Centre
26 April	Churchill Class to Tormead
28 March	Boxgrove Prayer Group - @8:45am – (venue tbc)
3 May	Churchill Class to Tormead
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 Tormead
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 Tormead
28 June	Anning Class to Tormead
3 July	Inset Day – School closed for children
5 July	BPTA Family BBQ
9 July	BPTA Meeting – 7:45pm - 9:00pm – Children’s Centre
24 July	Last day of Summer term – school finishes at 1:10pm
4 September	Inset day – school closed for children
5 September	Inset day – school closed for children
6 September	School reopens for children Years 1- 6

2020

6 January	Inset day – school closed for children
7 January	School reopens for all children